



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ANKARA UNIVERSITY, TURKEY
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE
DRY AREAS

I

WHEREAS Ankara University, a comprehensive public University established in 1946, its Rectorate located at De Gaulle Cad. 06100 Tandoğan Ankara, Turkey and,

WHEREAS the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), an autonomous non-profit international research center established in 1977 with headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, is a member of the CGIAR Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers whose mission is to contribute to the improvement of livelihoods of the resource-poor in dry areas by enhancing food security and alleviating poverty through research and partnerships to achieve sustainable increases in agricultural productivity and income, while ensuring the efficient and more equitable use and conservation of natural resources

Ankara University and **ICARDA** agree with this Memorandum of Understanding, to cooperate in areas of mutual collaboration.

II

The two parties agree, subject to the availability of financial and human resources, to take steps to enable the following:

1. Sharing knowledge and experiences in order to find solutions to the scientific problems of mutual interest
2. Selecting, developing, planning and jointly implementing collaborative research for development activities in fields of mutual interest

3. Sharing and exchanging books, publications, and materials to be used for education, training and research purposes

4. Facilitating joint scientific meetings in the fields of common interest

III

Details concerning collaborative activities will be defined through separately prepared agreements.

IV

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain valid for five years after it has been signed by the authorized signatories of both parties. The Memorandum of Understanding will be deemed prolonged for another five years, unless one of the parties requests termination in the form of a written notice, at least three months prior to expiry. In case of termination, the programs or the activities that have already been approved by both parties by the date of the written notice shall be allowed completion under the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

V

1. This Memorandum of Understanding does not affect the ownership of any intellectual property that the parties had before this Memorandum of Understanding ("Background Intellectual Property") and such Background Intellectual Property shall remain the property of the party that contributes it to the collaboration.

2. The parties agree to grant one another, non-exclusive, royalty-free licenses to use their Background Intellectual Property which will need to be shared and exchanged to allow themselves to carry out the collaboration.

3. The parties shall agree the way in which any intellectual property developed from any collaboration between the parties shall be owned and shared.

4. The parties agree that the results of ICARDA's research are available as international public goods to the international research community for research and education purposes for the benefit of developing countries. As a member of the CGIAR Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers, ICARDA's intellectual property is managed in accordance with the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets (http://www.cgiarfund.org/intellectual_assets).

5. The parties agree that to ensure that ICARDA complies with its international obligations like the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) all germplasm transferred from ICARDA to the other party shall be accompanied by a Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA).

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This Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared in English, as two copies. Both copies are the same in content and equally valid.

On behalf of

Ankara University



Prof. Dr. Erkan İbiş
Rector

Date: MARCH 5th, 2015

On behalf of

**International Center for
Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas**



Dr. Mahmoud Solh
Director General

Date: 8 March, 2015