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In accordance with the goal of ISTIC is increase the capacity for management of science, technology and innovation throughout developing countries by, among others, fostering cooperation among governments, academia and industry in order to facilitate the transfer of knowledge between the public and private sectors, and the development of well-planned and relevant knowledge-based programmes and institutions in participating countries; developing networks and collaborative R&D and training programmes at international level; supporting the exchange of researchers, scientists and technologists among developing countries; and facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information.

Recognizing the noble intention of FU-Sudan to be the first specialized University in ICT and related areas in Africa with the aim for excellence in academies and research through collaborations with regional and international institutions.

In light of these respective objectives and goals, ISTIC and FU-Sudan desire to explore bilateral exchanges and cooperation in respect of the exchange of information of common interest, the exchange of personnel for cooperative activities, the undertaking of joint projects and to pursue broad cooperation in the areas of science, technology and innovation.

Bearing in mind their fields of competence and responsibilities conferred upon ISTIC and FU-Sudan in those fields;
With a view to developing harmonious and continuous collaboration between them and to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to set forth the framework of their cooperation in respect of the foregoing;

Have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE – 1

FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION

1.1 ISTIC and FU-Sudan agree to work together to advance the capabilities of their respective constituencies in the areas of science, technology and innovation by developing FU-Sudan as the principal ISTIC hub in Africa and undertaking work in respect of, but not limited to the following:

1.1.1 Development and review of relevant policies in respect of science, technology and innovation;
1.1.2 Development and conduct of relevant capacity building activities, including training of human resources in traditional and cutting edge technologies for containerable development;
1.1.3 Promotion of networks and linkages between government, academia and industry between Africa and the rest of the developing world through South-South Cooperation in science, technology and innovation;
1.1.4 Supporting the exchange of researchers, scientists and technologists universities and research institutions in the South; and
1.1.5 Facilitation of information transfer by both the public and private sectors in the South.

1.2 ISTIC and FU-Sudan may jointly develop programmes and projects to achieve the objectives stated in Clause 1.1 above and undertake to make available to each other, where desirable and/or possible, the relevant facilities or resources conducive to the accomplishment of such programmes and projects. Such projects may include the organising of symposia and seminars in areas of science, technology and innovation for the benefit of their respective member countries.
1.3 Where ISTIC and FU-Sudan individually conduct symposia and seminars outside the framework of this Memorandum, they may nevertheless invite a selected member of each other’s members to participate in and contribute to such symposia and seminars.

1.4 ISTIC and FU-Sudan will act in close cooperation and consult each other on a regular basis, to review the progress under this Memorandum, on issues of common interest, including joint projects and other activities at the international, regional and national levels, in order to coordinate their work and strengthen cooperation.

1.5 ISTIC and FU-Sudan may enter into separate agreements to document each of their rights, benefits and obligations in respect of each specific project that they may wish to jointly undertake during the term of this Memorandum.

**ARTICLE – 2**

**TERM AND TERMINATION**

2.1 The term of this Memorandum shall commence on the date hereof and shall continue in force until terminated by either Party pursuant to Clause 2.2 below.

2.2 Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by giving the other Party at least 3 months prior notice in writing of the intended date of termination.

**ARTICLE – 3**

**GENERAL**

3.1 No variation of this Memorandum shall be effective unless in writing and signed by or on behalf of each of the Parties.

3.2 ISTIC and FU-Sudan may agree upon such complementary arrangements as they may find suitable in the light of experience in order to improve or develop a particular aspect of their cooperation. They may also introduce
any such modification or amendment as they deem necessary to the provisions of this Agreement.

In witness whereof the Parties done at Khartoum, Sudan, on this day of 19th May 2012, in duplicate the English language, both of them being equally authentic.

For the International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation Under the Auspices of UNESCO (ISTIC)

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