MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

RCMRD

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and

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The Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development with registered office in Nairobi – Kenya and hereafter referred to as “RCMRD” represented by Dr. Hussein O. Farah as Director General, on the one hand and;

The Future University-Sudan with registered office in Khartoum – Sudan and hereafter referred to as “FU-Sudan” represented by Dr. El Tayeb Mustafa as University President on the other hand; together referred to as "The Parties".

Firmly convinced of the need to reinforce their relations and cooperation in order to encourage the use of earth observation data in Africa;

Mindful of RCMRD was established under the auspices of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa as a premier centre of excellence in the provision of geoinformation and allied information technology applications in Africa and beyond;

Mindful of FU-Sudan as a premier higher education institution offering ICT-specialized courses with centres of excellence in academic, research and outreach programs for the community in Africa and worldwide;

Mindful of the importance of coordination and mobilization of capacities in order to strengthen efforts in academic, research, training programs in the field of geographic information systems, remote sensing, global navigation satellite systems, and other ICT-related courses;

Have hereby jointly agreed as follows:

Article 1
OBJECTIVES
This memorandum aims at establishing an appropriate framework to facilitate and coordinate cooperation between The Parties in the areas of mutual interest, taking into consideration the principles and objectives of The Parties.

Article 2
AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. The Parties will endeavour to offer joint offering of postgraduate courses, and sharing of learning materials for training in GIS, GNSS/GPS, remote sensing, and other space technology application courses;

2. The Parties will collaborate in capacity building and in training technical and specialized professionals.
3. **The Parties** will also collaborate in conducting studies and research on issues of mutual interest.

4. **The Parties** will explore the adaption of applications developed jointly for implementation in other African countries.

5. **The Parties** will consider mutual arrangements to meet the financial obligations for programs initiated between them or with a third party in accordance with the agreement drawn between the parties.

6. **The Parties** will endeavour to develop joint proposals for presentation to funding agencies.

7. **The Parties** will exchange open earth observation data that are needed in academic, joint research and other outreach activities for the benefits of African communities and worldwide.

**Article 3**
**AMENDMENTS**

1. **The Parties** may conclude additional arrangements and instruments through letters of agreement in accordance with this memorandum and its objectives.

2. This memorandum may be subject to review or amendments at any time and upon the request, in writing, of one of the two parties through letters of exchange.

**Article 4**
**SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any disputes that may arise from application, interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably between **The Parties** through consultations or negotiations or both.

**Article 5**
**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This memorandum shall enter into force on its signature by **The Parties** for an initial term of five (5) years with option for possible renewal/extension for duration as will be mutually agreed.
Article 6
TERMINATION

In the event of termination of the MoU, either party will be required to present a notification of six (6) months with consideration to joint (pending) ventures/activities.

For RCMRD

[Signature]

Dr. Hussein Farah
Director General

For FU-Sudan

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Dr. El Tayeb Mustafa
University President