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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

between

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

and

INSTITUTE OF WILDLIFE SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW

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and Nehru Foundation for Development,
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(Registered office / Head Quarter)
acting through its Northern Regional
Cell (CEE North)
11/80, Indira Nagar, Lucknow
(Hereinafter called "CEE") of the other part

(Hereinafter called "IWS – University of
Lucknow) of the First Part

IWS and CEE may hereinafter be referred to Party or Parties.

Recalling the Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE) is endorsed by the United Nations University (UNU). It brings together key educational, community, NGO, government, business and council groups in a specific region to link and leverage work that they have, hitherto, been undertaking in parallel.

Further recalling that the Global RCE network was set up by the UNU to achieve the goals of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005 - 2014). The Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development is the follow-up to the DESD, which seeks to generate and scale up concrete actions in Education for Sustainable Development.

Recognizing that the renewed focus for RCEs is now to contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Recalling that, RCE Lucknow was recognized as one of centres in 2007. Currently there are over 180 RCEs now operating around the world, of which 16 are in India – namely RCE Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, East Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Guwahati, Jammu, Kodagu, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Srinagar, Thiruvananthapuram and Tirupati. This network provides a rich resource of ideas and strategies for engaging people with the challenges of social, cultural, economic and environmental sustainability.

Considering that CEE is the Centre of Excellence in the field of environmental education recognized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. CEE is a national institution with offices across the country with a mandate of promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). CEE North is one of the regional offices of the CEE located in Lucknow, which is also host institution for RCE Lucknow.

University of Lucknow is one of the oldest government owned institutions of Indian higher education. Institute for Wildlife Sciences (IWS) was established in 2016 as an independent body under the University of Lucknow. The institute offers courses in the field of wildlife and biodiversity conservation, animal sciences etc.

Both IWS of University of Lucknow and CEE have agreed as follows:

Objective

The Objective of the MoU is to establish and provide a framework of cooperation between University of Lucknow and CEE on planning, coordinating and executing RCE Lucknow activities.

Areas of Collaboration

The signatories agree that the following is non-exclusive statement of activities they may undertake under this MoU, singly or together, in furtherance of their common purpose.

1. Cooperate to promote the development and implementation of educational strategy and plans of action that are supportive of the objectives of the RCE and of the objectives of education for sustainable development (ESD).
2. Collaborate to engage relevant partner and stakeholder including local, regional, national and international educational initiatives for wider sharing of information, learning and implementation.
3. Collaborate on innovative concepts and practices to educate stakeholders, particularly children and youth, such as Handprint and the ESD related initiatives, in order to advance their objectives and strengthen their implementation and effectiveness

4. Collaborate to jointly develop new projects and programmes to promote RCE activities in the region.
5. Collaborate to encourage participation of local communities, children and youth and other stakeholder groups in decision making processes and implementation of action related to biodiversity and other related issues;

Dispute Settlement

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the MoU should be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation.

Financial Aspect

Activities under this MoU are subject to no funds. Both the Parties may mutually agree to raise funds for activities.

Entry into Effect, Amendment and Termination

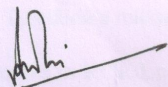
This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect upon signature by the key authorities of University of Lucknow and Centre for Environment Education.

Any amendments to this MoU will be affected through consultations and only on the basis of written consent of both the parties.

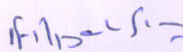
This MoU will be reviewed by both the institutions, and may be revised and reviewed, three years after its entry into effect. It may be terminated by either Party by giving three months written notice to the other.

THE PARTIES HEREBY EXECUTE THIS MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION,
EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE

Signed this December, 2021 at Lucknow/Ahmedabad

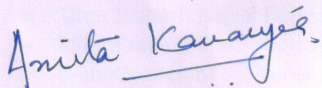
IN AFFIRMATION

Shri Alok Kumar Rai
Vice Chancellor
University of Lucknow
Lucknow

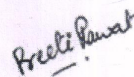


✓ Shri Kartikeya V. Sarabhai
Director
Centre for Environment Education (CEE)
Ahmedabad

Signatures of Witnesses - RCE Lucknow Coordinators of LU and CEE:



Dr. Amita Kanaujia
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Department of Zoology
In-charge/ coordinator at Institute for Wildlife Sciences
University of Lucknow



Ms. Preeti R. Kanaujia
Senior Programme Director
CEE North
Lucknow

Annexure

RCE Lucknow

RCE Lucknow was recognized in January 2007 by the United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). RCE Lucknow is located in northern part of India. Lucknow is the capital city of Uttar Pradesh, which has population of about 3,445,000. City being in Indo Gangetic plain is very rich in biodiversity and known for its cultural and historical heritage. Lucknow is an urban centre which is growing at fast pace which has direct impact on the city's environment. The population growth and rapid urbanization is interlinked with all the problems related to environment and development such as poverty, pollution, deforestation, overuse of natural resources, large amount of waste generation, etc. The city is one of the popular tourist destinations of India.

RCE Lucknow was established to bring together like-minded institutions to work together for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). RCE Lucknow started its work ESD project on biodiversity and indigenous community from a national park Dudhwa National Park. Focusing its work on natural resource management and biodiversity conservation, over 12 RCE Lucknow partner institutions are implementing various initiatives.

Goals and Objectives of RCE Lucknow

To motivate and involve various stakeholders in promoting education for protecting environment, managing natural resources and conserving biodiversity for sustainable development.

Objectives:

1. To enhance and strengthen, evolve and co-create a space for communication, cooperation and knowledge sharing among all stakeholders involved in ESD.
2. To build capacity of school, community group and partner institutions towards ESD
3. To analyze and assess knowledge, attitude, policies and practices related to protection of environment and natural resource management in the region
4. To educate masses towards sustainable living and livelihood

Partners in RCE Lucknow

RCE Lucknow is made up of over 12 partners from different areas, institutes, organizations, community groups, local governments etc. The following bodies and groups have indicated their support for and willingness to participate in RCE Lucknow and work together on a range of projects.

- Institute of Wildlife Sciences, University of Lucknow
- Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow
- Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board
- Uttar Pradesh Forest Department
- Uttar Pradesh Forest Corporation
- State Council of Educational Research and Training, Uttar Pradesh
- WWF Terai Arc Office

- Regional Science City
- Vigyan Foundation
- Lucknow Zoo
- Schools

Governance System of RCE Lucknow

Steering Committee - Composition and operation

The RCE LKO Steering Committee constitutes the central leadership of the RCE LKO network and represents the interests of the participating members.

- Centre for Environment Education will host the operation of RCE LKO jointly with IWS, University of Lucknow
- The steering committee will meet a minimum of three times per year
- University of Lucknow will provide the administrative support for the RCE Steering Committee and to the coordinators of each of its action groups during its tenure via an RCE Secretariat

Functions

- Determine key directions and the use of widespread community input
- Report, guide, facilitate and monitor work of RCE related programmes and projects
- Ensure that the achievements of the RCE are widely and effectively promoted
- Identify and endorse new RCE LKO members or associate members
- Identify potential RCE partner projects for students to become involved in

Secretariat Services

These services are provided by CEE as the host institution of RCE LKO. The key functions of the secretariat are to:

- Provide support for the Steering Committee to meet and deliver its functions
- Assist members in monitoring and supporting their project(s) as necessary
- Act as a clear, single, point of contact for the LKO community with the RCE
- Provide periodic monitoring reports to the members of the Steering Committee on relevant projects
- Keep record of communication mediums

Theme Groups

RCE LKO members can join one or more theme group. All working groups need to be consistent with the UNU-endorsed areas of focus for ESD in LKO to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Agenda set by the United Nations. If members find other partners interested in a common project; and if, in combination, partners have the capabilities and time to pursue it they can suggest the formation of a new projects to the Steering Committee.

Each group will decide on a coordinator who will be their contact with the Secretariat, Chair and members of the Steering Committee. Theme groups will seek to identify grants to fund their work or operate on a pro-bono basis, especially if joint projects are part of their core business.

Members

RCE LKO members can join and actively participate in one or more thematic groups

RCE LKO members are expected to attend all forum meetings, or send a representative in their place

Grant applications and accountability

When applying for a grant the members of each action group will decide on one partner to be the key grant applicant and the body to receive and account for funds' deployment. The RCE cannot be the recipient of grants funds, as it is not incorporated.

Role of the United Nations University

The United Nations University coordinates the activities of the Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) in Education for Sustainable Development around the world.