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DRAFT PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

No. : 00001- /2025/MINRESI - ISM

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
abbreviated "MINRESI"

PO Box: 1457 Yaounde, Cameroon

AND

HIGHER INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH
abbreviated "ISM"

PO Box: 5797 Yaounde, Cameroon



THE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (MINRESI)

Hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry" on the one hand

**Represented by Dr Madeleine TCHUENTE,
Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation**

AND

HIGHER INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH (ISM)

Corrigendum of the ASSOCIATION DECLARATION RECEIPT 00001330/RDA/J06/SAAJP/BAPP of
7 October 2022

Hereinafter referred to as "ISM" on the other hand.

**Represented by Prof. KAMGNO Joseph,
Founder and Director General of ISM**

Jointly referred to as "the Parties"

Considering the Constitution;

Considering Decree No 2019/002 of 4 January 2019 to reorganise the Government;

Considering Law No. 2008/009 of 16 July 2008, to lay down the fiscal, financial and accounting system applicable to partnership Agreements;

Considering Decree No. 2008/0115/PM of 24 January 2008 to specify conditions for implementing Law No. 2006/012 of 29 December 2006 to lay down the general regime of partnership contracts;

Considering the partnership strategy of Cameroon's 2035 long-term development vision;

Considering the objectives and orientations of the 2020-2030 National Development Strategy (NDS30), on the structural transformation of Cameroon's economy;

Considering the esteemed directives of the President of the Republic aimed at encouraging a dynamic approach to public-private partnerships (PPPs);

Conscious of their commitment to establishing strong and effective public-private partnerships between the parties, with a view to promoting and increasing their contribution to the socio-economic development of Cameroon;

Considering the missions of the Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation to develop and implement government policy in the field of scientific research and innovation;

Considering the achievements of the ISM, earning them several international awards and the appreciation of the President of the Republic, Head of State;

Considering the strategic vision of the Higher Institute for Scientific and Medical Research, which focuses on research and training in order to contribute to the social and economic development of Cameroon;

Considering that the two (2) Parties wish to promote the implementation of a framework for scientific and technical cooperation between them, and to strengthen development, science, and innovation;

Desiring to promote the implementation of an effective partnership between the Parties with the aim of promoting and strengthening the development of science and innovation.

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:



CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Framework Agreement is to establish the overall framework for cooperation between the Parties in the area of training, scientific research and Innovation.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

1- General Objectives:

This Framework Agreement aims to implement training, research, and innovation activities with a view to ensuring the socioeconomic development of Cameroon.

2- Specific Objectives:

More specifically, the parties agree to:

1. Contribute to capacity building for students and researchers;
2. Promote the exchange of scientific, technical and academic experience;
3. Set up Joint Research Units (JRU);
4. Promote technology transfer and information sharing.

ARTICLE 3: SCOPE OF APPLICATION

In order to achieve the objectives mentioned in Article 2 paragraph 1 above, this Framework Agreement covers the following areas of cooperation:

1. Professional and academic supervision and internships;
2. Capacity-building for students and for researchers;
3. Scientific and technical research within the framework of Joint Research Units (JRU);
4. Pooling of resources between the Parties;
5. Mutual search for partners and research funding;
6. Design and implement joint research projects;
7. Co-organise scientific events (seminars, trainings, conferences, etc.) aimed at disseminating research results and scientific information.



CHAPTER II

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

ARTICLE 4: JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Parties to this Framework Agreement undertake to pool their human, material and financial resources in order to promote the implementation of joint projects and / or activities as defined in the specifications or specific agreements.
2. All information and results arising from activities/projects carried out under this Agreement shall remain confidential. Disclosure of such information and results is subject to the prior written approval of the other party.
3. The Parties undertake to implement this Agreement in good faith.

ARTICLE 5: PARTIES' COMMITMENT

MINRESI undertakes to:

1. Provide scientific and technical support for research activities carried out in collaboration with ISM;
2. Promote the dissemination and exploitation of research results;
3. Foster researcher and student mobility between research institutions;
4. Allow ISM staff, students or interns to conduct internships or specific experiments related to their research work in laboratories of institutes under MINRESI's supervision.
5. Enhance the visibility of ISM at national and international level.

The ISM undertakes to:

1. Contribute actively to the design and implementation of joint research projects;
2. Share its facilities, equipment, and expertise to support joint research activities;
3. Foster researcher mobility within research institutions;
4. Take part in the dissemination of knowledge and training of young researchers;
5. Welcome MINRESI researchers for internships or participation in specific projects in its laboratories or training programmes;
6. Enhance the visibility of MINRESI as a scientific and technical partner.



CHAPTER III

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 6: IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT PROJECTS

1. Joint activities and projects under this Agreement shall be implemented in conformity with the specifications and specific agreements, where applicable.
2. Joint Research Units (UMR) may be set up in order to carry out joint projects.

ARTICLE 7: MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES

Material and technical resources provided by the Parties for the implementation of scientific projects may vary depending on the joint project.

ARTICLE 8: TECHNOLOGIES AND EXPERTISE.

1. Technologies, methods, expertise and data of any kind made available to one Party by the other, as part of activities covered by this Framework Agreement, shall remain the property of the donor and may not be published or transferred in any form without the donor's prior written consent.
2. Unless they are the exclusive property of one of the Parties, the use of scientific results arising from work carried out under this Framework Agreement shall be subject to the formal authorisation of the Parties.

ARTICLE 9: PUBLICATION AND USE OF RESULTS

1. All publications or communications of results obtained jointly through the joint use of human, financial and material resources by the Parties as part of implementing this Framework Agreement shall be made by mutual agreement.
2. All work, publications or publicity relating to this Framework Agreement's implementation must mention the cooperation between the Parties. Moreover, the names or logos of the Parties shall be clearly and prominently displayed in any scientific publication or communication resulting from this cooperation, along with the names of the researchers involved.
3. Results from joint projects shall be used for economic purposes in accordance with Article 8 of this Framework Agreement.

ARTICLE 10: MONITORING AND EVALUATION

1. Both (02) Parties shall set up an evaluation committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Framework Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
2. The Committee shall be chaired on a rotating basis.
3. In addition to monitoring and evaluation, the Committee shall be responsible for drafting reports for the Parties and making proposals to them.
4. Meetings shall be held annually (once a year).



CHAPTER IV MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 11: PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

Exceptions to the confidentiality clause contained in this Framework Agreement shall be made by mutual agreement and shall be approved by representatives of each Party. However, the Parties may make such information available to third parties for their own research purposes or for the evaluation of agents or programmes, subject to the same confidentiality conditions.

ARTICLE 12: CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. Any disputes arising from the implementation of this Framework Agreement or the interpretation of one or more of its clauses shall be settled amicably.
2. For any matters not covered by this Framework Agreement, the Parties agree to be bound by the laws and regulations in force in Cameroon.

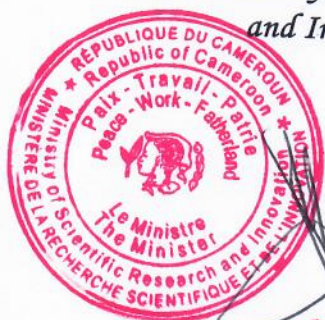
ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

1. This Framework Agreement is concluded for a period of five (05) years, renewable by tacit agreement from the date of its signature.
2. This Framework Agreement may be revised by mutual agreement at the request of either Party. Any amendments made shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1 of this article.
3. Each Party may at any time notify the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Framework Agreement. In this case, this Framework Agreement shall terminate six (06) months from the date of notification to the other Party.
4. If the Agreement is terminated, any projects and frameworks that are already underway will still be valid unless the Parties agree otherwise.

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Done in Yaounde, on in two copies in French and English, both of which are considered originals.

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