

Memorandum of Understanding

between



Centre for Sustainable Rural Development & Research Studies (CSR D&RS)

VIT UNIVERSITY

(Estd, u/s 3 UGC Act 1956)

Vellore, India

and



Young Professionals' Platform for Agriculture Research for Development (YPARD)

LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITY HANNOVER

Hannover, Germany

Preamble

VIT University apart from offering various Under-graduate, Post-graduate and Doctoral level programs is also actively involved in various out reach programs. In order to serve the rural community it started the **Centre for Sustainable Rural Development & Research Studies (CSR D&RS)**, which was inaugurated by **His Excellency Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, President of India** on December 1, 2006. Since its inception the centre has been carrying out various social welfare activities & research resulting in sustainable Rural Development.

The **YPARD** was officially launched in November 8, 2006 during the Global Forum on Agricultural Research in New Delhi, India. YPAR D is facilitating and supporting activities of Young professionals in the field of Agricultural Research and Rural Development.

The **CSR D&RS** located at VIT University, India and the **YPARD** with its head quarters located in Leibniz University Hannover, Germany are desirous to establish linkages and contacts through a formalised MOU between the two organizations for starting the **YPARD Tamil Nadu Chapter**.

The following are the responsibilities / activities to be carried out by either side for the effective functioning of the chapter:

The CSR D&RS - VIT University

1. To house the **Tamil Nadu chapter of YPAR D** and promote its activities.
2. To Organise periodical Workshops/ Seminars/ Training Programs for Young Professionals and rural youth as a part of YPAR D Tamil Nadu chapter activities, in turn connected with Indian chapter and coordinated with South-Asia YPAR D office.

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3. To undertake preparation of the course material to start courses in Diploma/ Graduate/ Post-Graduate/ Doctoral level related to Agricultural research and Sustainable Rural Development.
4. To nominate and depute resource persons as and when required towards various activities.
5. To Network various Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Institutions with similar interests under one umbrella for promoting YPARD activities through out the state of Tamil Nadu.
6. To facilitate starting of the YPARD chapter in each district to promote its activities.

The YPARD – Leibniz University Hannover

1. Exchange of young professionals and students between YPARD and VIT University whenever and wherever needed for successful endeavour of the chapter activities.
2. Support the YPARD Tamil Nadu chapter activities and innovative projects by mobilizing funds and technical resources across the globe.
3. To facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge among young professionals across disciplines, professions and age.
4. To broaden opportunities for young professionals to contribute to strategic Agricultural Research Development policy debates and sustainable Rural Development.
5. To promote interest in agriculture among young people.
6. To facilitate the access to the resources and capacity building opportunities to the Rural Youth.
7. To support YPARD Tamil Nadu chapter to start a **Centre of Excellence for Research** as a part of YPARD Tamil Nadu chapter activities.
8. To support students with in internships and opportunities related to YPARD objectives.

Both parties hereby agree that the terms and conditions for the above activities shall be mutually agreed and reviewed and updated from time to time.

This MoU will be in force for an initial period of three years and can be extended for further periods before the expiry of this MoU.

This agreement shall become effective from today the 16.02.07 upon signing of this MOU.



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