MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

B & B LIMITED, ASOKORO - ABUJA, NIGERIA

The B & B LIMITED and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this memorandum of understanding effective as of the date both parties affix their signatures.

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in collaborating in training, capacity development, research and consultancy services for the benefit of Nigerian Public/Private Sectors, in the belief that the operational scope and corporate objectives of both organizations will be enhanced up what that and that mutual understanding between their respective set objectives will be increased by the establishment of such collaboration.

1. Both organizations agree to encourage the development of the following joint activities based on their respective organizational needs/interests:
   • Provision of Training & Capacity Development Programs
   • Joint cooperation in specified areas of research & Professional Consultancies
   • Exchange of Training & Research information and materials
   • Exchange of periodicals and other publications
   • Organization of joint research programs
   • Organization of joint conferences and Workshops
   • Other Institutional collaborative activities/program/exchange involving other Nigerian academic/research institutions in Nigeria.
   • That where the need arises, and upon mutual written consent, both collaborating organizations shall develop a “joint activity” framework (proposal) for tripartite collaboration with donor/international development partner organization towards the implementation of:
     a. Training and capacity building
     b. Research
     c. Project Implementation

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any joint activity will depend upon the specific interests and expertise of the respective collaborating organization and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each joint activity based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both organizations, and set out in writing as an addendum to this agreement.
3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either organization, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both organizations affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of five years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either organization may terminate the agreement with at least 3-months prior written notice to the other party, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other organization.

5. For Virginia Tech, Onwubiko Agozin, and for B & B Limited, Emesiabum N. Fred and Mrs. Omolara Akinwale, shall serve as liaison officers for this agreement.

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