

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

The African Academy of Sciences, hereafter referred to as AAS.

AND

The International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development, hereafter referred to as IOCD

WHEREAS

IOCD was established in 1981 under the auspices of UNESCO, as the first international non-governmental organization devoted to enhancing the role of the chemical sciences in development work and involving chemists in low- and middle-income countries, including those in Africa, enabling them to contribute to key science and technology areas for development;

AAS was created in 1985 through the initiative of the Third World Academy of Sciences (later the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World) to serve, first, as an honorific society with the primary function of honouring African science and technology achievers and, second, as a development-oriented mobilizer of the entire African science and technology community with the fundamental role of facilitating the development of scientific and technological capacity for science-led development in Africa, promoting excellence and relevance in doing so;

Both IOCD and AAS have a shared interest and common purpose in strengthening the development of scientific and technological capacity for science-led development in Africa, including in the chemical sciences, and wish to reinforce the impact of their work through taking advantage of opportunities for collaboration;

Both AAS and IOCD now recognize the potential synergy of collaboration between the organisations, to add value to the separate but complementary strategic programmes that they are pursuing on science-based development in Africa;

NOW THEREFORE WE AGREE TO

Start a process of strategic collaboration that is open ended between IOCD and AAS;

Initiate the following concrete actions with immediate effect:

- * Produce joint publications on topics that are mutually agreed, including materials co-authored by members of IOCD and AAS and published either by the organizations themselves or jointly submitted for publication in books, journals and other media, either in paper or electronic formats;
- * Highlight information about each other's organizations, including missions, programmes and events, especially through their respective web sites;
- * Share strategic information on forthcoming events, initiatives and funding opportunities that may be beneficial to each organization in pursuing its mission;

- * Explore opportunities for jointly organizing events that help to promote science and technology for development and facilitate the interface between researchers, funders and policy-makers;
- * Where practical, seek opportunities to apply for joint funding for activities that will assist each organization in pursuing its mission and where there will be synergy and value added in working jointly;
- * Provide annuals report to the governing bodies of AAS and IOCD, respectively, about progress in the collaboration between IOCD and AAS, and to make recommendations for the year ahead;
- * Where appropriate, jointly seek collaboration with other organisations with interest and expertise in science-based development in Africa.

This Memorandum of Understanding:

- * will remain in force for a period of five years from the date of signing and may be renewed for further periods of time upon the decisions of the governing bodies of AAS and IOCD;
- * does not in itself constitute a commitment for either organization to contribute to the funding of the other or be responsible for any programmes, activities, expenses or liabilities of the other – any future funding of specific collaborative actions to be the subject of mutual agreement expressed in writing and subject to the normal approval processes of each organization.

SIGNED:

For

African Academy of Sciences

President	Prof.Ah.Lamine Ndiaye
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International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development

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