

COOPERATION AGREEMENT



Between

WaterCampus Leeuwarden, represented by:

- Centre of Expertise Water Technology (CEW), Oostergoweg 9, 8911 MA Leeuwarden, Netherlands, represented by its director Jeroen Rijnhart; and
- WETSUS, European Centre of Excellence for sustainable water technology., Oostergoweg 9, 8911 MA Leeuwarden, Netherlands, represented by its executive board Cees Buisman and Johannes Boonstra; and
- Water Alliance, Agora 4, 8934 CJ Leeuwarden, Netherlands, represented by its director Hein Molenkamp;

And

NET-WATER (RES-EAU), network supporting pan-African multidisciplinary research excellence to address African challenges related to drinking water supply, environmental protection and biodiversity. As well as the five (5) African Centres of Excellence for Development Impact (ACE Impact) involved in NET-WATER.

Net-Water and the 5 African Centers of Excellence are represented by:

- NET-WATER, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), Institut International de d'Ingenierie l'Environnement et de L'Eau (2iE), represented by NET-Water project coordinator Faissal R. Ouedraogo; and
- West African Centre for Water, Irrigation and Sustainable Agriculture-University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana, represented by its director Prof. Felix Kofi Abagale; and
- African Centre of Excellence on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture (CEA-CCBAD), Ivory Coast, represented by its director Prof. Daouda Kone; and
- Africa Center of Excellence for Water and Sanitation (C2EA) of the University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin, represented by its director Prof. Daouda Mama; and
- 2iE Institute is an African Center of Excellence, Rue de la Science – 01 BP 594 Ouagadougou 01 – Burkina Faso, represented by its director Prof. Harouna Karambiri
- Regional Center for Water and Environmental Sanitation (RWESCK), College of Engineering, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana, represented by its director Prof. Sampson Oduro-Kwarteng

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Preamble

The Parties herein jointly agree to co-operate within the framework of mutual partnership and this Agreement defines the areas and modalities for coordination and cooperation. This partnership is set based on mutual respect, reciprocity and trust during the period of implementation of activities related to this agreement.

Broad Scientific Areas of Cooperation include:

- Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- Water Hygiene Sanitation (WASH)
- Environmental Engineering
- Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Scientific and Expert Exchanges

Agree as follows

The Parties further agree to co-operate specifically through:

- Exchange of pre-existing know-how or knowledge: scientific, technical or commercial information gathered outside the Project, and more especially the results and know-how obtained by one of the Parties prior to the Agreement.
- Support for Masters students to study at the PhD level on Sandwich basis.
- Scholarships for Bachelor students to study at the MSc level at Wetsus Academy
- Technology transfer (Innovation and Business Model Training) including capacity building for business units, connecting with solutions, etc.
- Laboratory use and equipment support from Dutch institutions/companies including living laboratories, etc.
- Co-supervision and teaching of Masters and PhD students, Post-doc exchanges, Wetsus webinars/Master classes
- Water seed training
- Social homes and future end users

Confidentiality

Each Party shall transfer to the other Parties only the information deemed necessary for the cooperation, subject to the rights of third parties.

No provision of the Agreement shall be construed as to require a Party to disclose information to another Party, apart from the information that is necessary for the execution of set activities.

Each Party agrees to maintain the utmost confidentiality vis-à-vis any kind of information belonging to the other Party and disclosed under the Agreement.

Each Party agrees that such information:

- Shall be kept strictly confidential and treated with the same degree of protection as its own confidential information;
- Shall be used only for the purposes of the Agreement;
- Shall be provided only to members of its staff having to be informed of its confidentiality.

Each Party shall ensure that its staff referred to in the last item above comply with the provisions of the Agreement.

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Any communication or use of information shall require the prior written consent of the Party who disclosed it.

Notwithstanding the above, each Party may disclose the information belonging to the other Party for which it can be demonstrated that:

- The information was publicly available prior to the release or after it by a Third Party;
- The information has been legally received from a Third party;
- The information was known prior to disclosure by the other Party.

The obligation of confidentiality is maintained for a period of five (5) years from the date of publication/disclosure.

Liability

- The Parties shall be liable in accordance with the ordinary rules of liability Laws in their home country.
- None of the Parties shall be liable for a failure to fulfill their obligations under the Agreement if the failure to perform is due to force majeure.
- Apart from a breach of confidentiality (as above), no Party is liable to the other for consequential losses such as production interruptions, loss of turnover/profit or other indirect losses.

Duration of the Agreement

The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature of the parties and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years subject to renewal.

Settlement of Disputes

The execution of the project is subject to all partners mandatory laws and regulations. In case of difficulty in the interpretation or execution of the Agreement, the Parties shall endeavor to resolve the dispute amicably.

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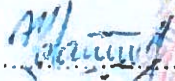
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