



# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

## Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal (An Autonomous Body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt.of India)

and

V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA (An Autonomous Body of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt.of India)

November 10, 2021





### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on this day of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### BETWEEN

The Indian Institute of Forest Management, rep. by its Chief Administrative Officer, having its registered office at Po Box 357, Nehru Nagar Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh – 462003, hereinafter shall be referred to as the '*IIFM*'

#### AND

- V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, rep. by its Administrative Officer, having registered office at Sector-24, NOIDA-201301, District-Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, India, hereinafter shall be referred to as the 'VVGNLI'
- 1. Whereas IIFM is an autonomous institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. It constantly endeavours to evolve knowledge useful for the stakeholders in the area of Forest, Environment and Natural Resources Management and allied sectors through research, training and education. Due to the growing evidence of the adverse impact of climate change, the IIFM has established a 'Centre for Climate Change Studies' as one of the Centres of Excellence dedicated to research, training and education on climate change so that it can contribute to developing adaptation strategies in natural resource management and allied sectors.
- 2. Whereas the VVGNLI is also an autonomous institute and a think-tank of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India. It is a national level institution exclusively devoted to training, research, consultancy, and publications on labour and related issues. It has Memoranda of Understanding with both International and National level Institutions. The 'Centre for Climate Change and Labour' is one of the Centres of Excellence focussing on understanding inter-linkages between climate change, labour and livelihoods, green jobs, migration and social security.
- 3. Whereas both the Institutes hereto have been working for the development of the vulnerable communities impacted by climate change through their diverse activities, convergence of the activities of relevant centres of both these institutes through collaboration may have further significant positive impact on the lives and livelihoods of the people affected by distressed environmental situations.
- 4. Whereas the following orally agreed mutual terms and conditions between both the institutes were reduced into writing under this MoU



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- 5. <u>The Objective and Professional Activities under the MoU</u>: The objective of this MoU is to establish a long-term collaboration between both the institutes and undertake the following professional activities as per the laid-down norms:
- 5.1 Conducting joint training programmes, seminars, workshops, webinars and meetings for relevant stakeholders on the issues related to climate change/ instability/ variability and its impact on environment, lives and livelihoods; risk resilience; mitigation and sustainable adaptation.
- 5.2 Carrying out research, publication and consultancy activities as well as faculty exchange/interaction in areas of mutual interest.
- 5.3 With an objective to acquaint the researchers, future managers, and practitioners with appropriate skills and knowledge required to solve contemporary issues related to the environment, society, and livelihoods at the global/ regional/ local level, both institutions will facilitate internships to enhance suitable skills that will not only help in career development but also ensure the availability of efficient human resources in the future. The period and the itinerary of any such internships are to be agreed upon by both institutions before the commencement of any such internship.
- 5.4 Any other areas that could be mutually agreed upon later given the expertise available with both the institutes.
- 6. The Institutional arrangement for the implementation of MoU will be as under:
- 6.1 **Anchoring the Activities:** The Centre for Climate Change Studies, **IIFM** and Centre for Climate Change and Labour, VVGNLI will anchor the collaborative activities.
- 6.2 **Governance of Activities under the MoU:** All activities developed under the auspices of this MoU will respect and uphold the corresponding norms and regulations of the collaborating institutes.
- 6.3 **Management of funds for collaborative activities:** The funding of the collaborative activities will essentially be undertaken jointly. However, if the collaborating institutes agree and if there is a possibility of one institute funding a specific activity entirely, this option may be considered, following the rules and norms prevailing in the institute(s).
- 6.4 Accounts and Audit of expenditures: For all specific engagements under this MoU, both institutes will maintain all relevant records, bills, etc..
- 7 <u>Mutual Obligations: Both institutions agree to undertake the following:</u>

Each institute shall designate an official of the concerned Centre who will participate and facilitate all discussions between the institutes to ensure that the collaborative activities are initiated and implemented as per the MoU.





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- 8 <u>Duration and renewal of the MoU</u>: This MoU shall take effect from the date it is signed by both the Institutes and continue till either or both Institutes wish to terminate duly giving written notice of Six months.
- 9 <u>Clarifications/ dispute resolution, if any:</u> Any clarification/dispute arising out of the interpretation or condut or application of this MoU shall be resolved amicably by both the institutes amongst themselves and shall not be referred to any National or Legal or a Third Party.
- **10** Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding: The institutes hereby agree to execute the objectives of MoU within the framework of the this MoU. This MoU is written in English, in two identical originals, both of equal validity.



For and on behalf of the Indian Institute of Forest Management Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 10-11-2021

(Mr. Harsh Sinsh Rawat) Administrative Officer

For and on behalf of the V V Giri National Labour Institute Noida, Uttar Pradesh

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