



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

Department of Agricultural Science, Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy

and

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Tehran, Iran

The Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Napoli Federico II, (hereinafter referred to as **DIA**) and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Tehran (hereinafter referred to as **UTCAN**) will endeavor to promote and develop academic and research co-operation, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 1. Participating parties

The participating parties will be DIA and UTCAN

Article 2. Areas of co-operation

Each part, subject to the national laws, policies and availability of funds, will attempt to take necessary steps to encourage and boost co-operation in the following areas:

1. Exchange of faculty members to carry out research, teaching or giving lectures
2. Exchange of students for education or research activities
3. Co-teaching online courses
4. Co-Supervision of MSc. and Ph.D. thesis
5. Joint research projects
6. Special short-term academic programs (e.g. seminars, webinars, workshops, internships, courses and summer schools)
7. Joint education programs (e.g. dual MSc/ PhD degree)
8. Commercialization of science and technology
9. Exchange of academic materials and other information
10. Any other academic activities as deemed mutually appropriate

The two contracting parties will actively cooperate in the field of Agricultural and Environmental investigation, with specific focus on the research and innovation activities related to the following topics:

- studies of natural organic matter in agro- and forestry ecosystems
- plant breeding and genetics
- innovative products for the development of crop productivity
- development of agronomic practices for climate change
- studies of soil microbiome for sustainable agriculture
- studies of soil pollution and sustainable remediation practices
- studies of bioavailability and bio-accessability of environmental contaminants
- studies of agri-food authenticity and traceability

Article 3. Financial arrangements

The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation.

Article 4. Intellectual Property

Ownership. Any “Intellectual Property” generated as a result of this MoU shall be owned by both parties.

Right to Use. Each participating party will have a non-exclusive, royalty- free license to use the other participating party’s Intellectual Property (a) in performance of the MoU activities, and (b) for research and teaching use. Any other use will be subject to the negotiation of a license agreement with the owners of the subject Intellectual Property.

Article 5. Principles

All activities shall be in accordance with the regulations and policies of the DIA and UTCAN.

Both parties will each accept the participants selected by the other party if mutually acceptable academic and /or professional qualifications and standards are met. All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner subject to the provision of the policies and requirements of each of the institutions.

Article 6. Effective Date and Length of MoU

This MoU will remain in force for a period of **five** years. Any amendment and/or modification of the MoU will require written approval of both sides and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this MoU shall be renewed automatically unless one of the parties notifies the other of its desire to conclude it.

Either party reserves the right to terminate this MoU upon six months prior written notice to the other.

This MoU with 6 articles in 2 pages shall take effect upon last signature.

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