

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
AND THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

The MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK of the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

REAFFIRMING their common interest in strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA;

Aware of the importance of technical cooperation between ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA;

Taking into consideration the shared ambition to develop broad and effective cooperation in the agricultural, livestock, fisheries and agrifood areas for mutual benefit;

Recognizing the important role of these sectors for the enhancement of economic development and the achievement of food security, on the basis of the principles of fairness between the parties, horizontally, consensus, equity, solidarity and respect for local contents, mutual strengthening of certain sector capacities and complementarity reinforced through technical cooperation and technology and knowledge transfer, thus contributing to the accomplishment of economic independence;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Purpose

The "Parties" intend to establish a general cooperation framework for the agricultural, livestock, fisheries and agrifood sectors, including aspects related to primary production, processing, value adding, marketing and the expansion of markets for agricultural products .

Article 2
Areas for Cooperation

Cooperation between the "Parties" shall include, *inter alia*, the following areas:

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- a. Animal Husbandry; technology in production; nutritional, reproductive and health management; animal genetics; forage species genetics.

- b. Milk production technology and manufacture of dairy products from cattle and other species.
- c. Technology for the production and processing of farm products.
- d. Technology in agricultural production: soil management, conservation and planting systems; use of irrigation and post-harvest management.
- e. Agricultural biotechnology. Research, regulation and information exchange on monitoring of genetically modified organisms. Information exchange and cooperation in the regulatory areas related to the genetically modified organisms of interest to the "Parties".
- f. Seed technology: genetic breeding, multiplication, certification and registration.
- g. Animal and plant health. Food control; risk analysis.
- h. Food quality, quality protocols, and systems of appellation of origin.
- i. Marketing and market development for agrifood products.
- j. Development and exploitation of bioenergy.
- k. Promotion of rural development and smallholder farming.
- l. Information exchange about fishing monitoring systems, marine and inland fisheries policies, and development of aquaculture.

Article 3 Cooperation Activities

Cooperation may take place as follows:

- a. Statistical and technical information exchange;
- b. Exchange of research documentation, materials and results of mutual interest;
- c. Institution-building support through training, advice and information exchange in relation to legal and regulatory frameworks, and rules adopted in the agricultural context;
- d. Joint organization of research projects, exchange of experts and support to training of professionals and experts.
- e. Participation of representatives from the "Parties" in exhibitions, workshops and conferences held within the territories of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.
- f. Promotion of trade in agrifood products, machinery and inputs for the agrifood industry through trade missions, participation in fairs, business rounds, or other types of trade promotion.
- g. Development of activities leading to the increase of the trade opportunities of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.
- h. Assistance in the establishment of direct economic relations among stakeholders of the agroindustrial sector of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.
- i. Identification of areas of mutual interest to potential investors.
- j. Development of forms of association for joint ventures between companies from the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC and the REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.

The MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC shall coordinate actions relating to technical cooperation with the General Directorate of International Cooperation of the MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP of the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

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Article 4
Funding of Cooperation

The expenses derived from the cooperation activities agreed and developed in the context of this Memorandum shall be borne by the "Parties", as established at the beginning of each cooperation activity to be developed.

Article 5
Joint Cooperation Program
Working Group

The "Parties" shall establish a Joint Cooperation Program.

The Program shall identify and specify the actions to be implemented in the context of the Program, prioritizing in the working agenda those considered to be of highest interest.

For the preparation and organization of the Program, the "Parties" shall create a working group consisting of specialists according to the required disciplines.

The formulation, progress and implementation of the work program shall be communicated to the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Worship, which can involve their technical areas in the implementation and monitoring of the program.

Article 6
Bilateral Meetings

The "Parties" agree to exchange periodic reports on the progress made in the organization and implementation of the Joint Cooperation Program, which shall be communicated to the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Worship.

The "Parties" may also hold meetings at least once every TWO (2) years, in which both the State authorities of the Parties and the duly appointed experts may participate.

Article 7
Effective Date and Term

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on the date of its signature and remain in force for a period of FIVE (5) years. Its renewal may be effected with a statement by the "Parties" expressing their intent of continuity for the same period.

During the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, either Party may terminate it upon written notice to the other Party of its intention to do so at least SIX (6) months before expiration.

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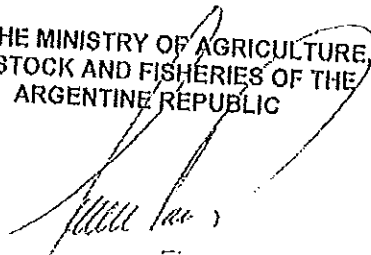
Done in Sgo. del Estero on August 23 2013 In TWO (2) original copies in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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