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Memorandum of Understanding with the Sapienza University of Rome, Roma Tre University and the University of Rome Tor Vergata

1. At its 124th session, held in September 2018, the Executive Board authorized the President to negotiate and finalize a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Economics and Social Sciences of the Sapienza University of Rome (DISSE), the Department of Economics of the Roma Tre University (RM3) and the Centre for Economic and International Studies of the University of Rome Tor Vergata (CEIS) to promote the development of knowledge and expertise in areas of mutual interest such as agricultural development; rural poverty eradication and related development challenges; data gathering and research development approaches; migration; gender and youth employment; development and innovation of small- and medium-sized enterprises; and impact evaluation and assessments.
2. The memorandum of understanding was signed on 22 October 2018. A scanned copy of the signed agreement is herewith attached for information.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ROME "LA SAPIENZA"

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF "ROMA TRE"

and

THE CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ROME "TOR VERGATA"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") by and between the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter referred to as "IFAD"), the Department of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Rome "La Sapienza"(hereinafter referred to as "DISSE"), the Department of Economics of the University of "Roma Tre" (hereinafter referred to as "Department of Economics RM3") and the Centre for Economic and International Studies of the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (hereinafter referred to as "CEIS"), hereinafter separately referred to as a "Party" and jointly referred to as "Parties".

WHEREAS IFAD is a specialized agency of the United Nations and an international financial institution duly established and existing under the Agreement Establishing IFAD, approved by the United Nations Conference on 13 June 1976 and entered into force on 30 November in 1977. IFAD's mandate is to invest in rural people in developing countries, empowering them to increase their food security and escape poverty by helping them build their resilience, expand their businesses and livelihoods.

WHEREAS DISSE was established in January 2012 thanks to the merge of the previous Department of Social Sciences of the University of Rome "La Sapienza", with the previous Department of Economic and Social Analysis (formerly Department of Economic Theory and Quantitative Methods for Political Choices). It gathers an interdisciplinary academic staff of sociologists, economists, historians, psychologists, jurists, anthropologists, and statisticians whose approach to research, whilst open to theory, is mainly of an empirical nature. Its main goal is to foster interdisciplinary research and promote higher education for Bachelor, Master, PhD and post-doctoral degrees.

WHEREAS the Department of Economics RM3 was created in 1993, with the aim to promote the scientific advancement and dissemination of both theoretical and applied socio-economic research. The Department of Economics RM3 follows a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the economy and of society, and fosters the integration and coordination between teaching and research.

WHEREAS CEIS was established in 1987 and is an internationally recognized economic research centre within the University of Rome Tor Vergata. Its main goal is to contribute to people's education and training, to scientific research and to the technological, organisational and social innovation needed to achieve a truly sustainable development in Italy, Europe and worldwide pursuant to the Sustainable Development Goals approved by the United Nations in 2015.

WHEREAS the Parties wish to cooperate in areas of common interest and make a more decisive impact towards the shared goal of agriculture sector development by capitalizing on their comparative advantages, and increasing complementarities and synergies.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties have come to the following understanding:

Section 1

Purpose

The Purpose of this Memorandum is to develop a framework for collaboration between the Parties in areas of common interest.

Section 2

Areas of Cooperation

Under this Memorandum the Parties will seek, within the limitations of their respective mandates, opportunities for collaboration in the following areas:

- (a) agricultural development;
- (b) rural poverty eradication and related development challenges;
- (c) data gathering and research development approaches;
- (d) migration;
- (e) gender and youth employment;
- (f) small and medium enterprise development and innovation;
- (g) impact evaluation and assessments;
- (h) any other areas as may be agreed upon between the Parties from time to time.

Section 3

Modes of Cooperation

3.1. In order to foster collaboration in the areas of common interest, the Parties will, subject to their respective mandates, policies and availability of resources:

- (a) establish a network of experts in development for the purpose of connecting practitioners and researchers of the Parties and foster discussions;
- (b) share technical inputs and expertise;
- (c) develop, organize and participate in teaching courses, modules, seminars and workshops;
- (d) identify and undertake collaborative research projects and disseminate relevant results.

3.2. The Parties will hold consultative meetings, at least once a year, as part of regular exchange of information between the Parties in order to:

- (a) provide overall strategic guidance for the implementation of this Memorandum and explore options for collaborative research projects as deemed appropriate;
- (b) take stock of progresses made in the implementation and results achieved, exchange views on the lessons learned, identify outstanding matters and agree on appropriate follow-up actions.

3.3. The Italian Centre for International Development (ICID) of CEIS will facilitate regular consultation among the Parties and cooperation.

3.4. Any exchange of information between the Parties will be subject to their respective policies and procedures on the disclosure of information.

Section 4

Acknowledgement and publicity

4.1. The Parties are encouraged to acknowledge or reference each other's involvement and contribution whenever possible. In particular, each Party may refer to its collaboration under this Memorandum with the other Parties in its internal documents. In doing so, the Parties will use neutral language that accurately reflects the actual contribution of each Party. Terms such as "with the assistance of", "in collaboration with" or "with the technical support of" may be appropriate.

4.2. The Parties shall mutually agree in writing on the format and wording of any press releases, publications, official statements, etc. regarding the activities contemplated in this Memorandum, prior to said press releases, publications, official statements, etc. being released to the public.

Section 5

Use of the names or emblems

Each Party will not use, without specific written authorization by the other Party concerned, the name of the other Party or of any of its bodies or subsidiaries, or the abbreviations of such name, or the emblem, logotype or other identifiers that contain any of these names or abbreviations and/or which are legally protected. This Section does not affect a Party's right to refer to the other Party in acknowledgements and publicity authorized in accordance with the preceding Section 4.

Section 6

Intellectual property rights

The Parties will agree in writing on the ownership of any intellectual property rights that may arise in any work which may result from the collaborative activities to be undertaken under this Memorandum.

Section 7

Representations and warranties

The Parties represent and warrant that they possess all requisite power and authority to enter into this Memorandum and to carry out the activities contemplated under this Memorandum.

Section 8

Obligations of the Parties

8.1. This Memorandum reflects the views and intentions of the Parties to cooperate on a non-exclusive basis, expressed in good faith but without the creation of any legal obligation or the incurrance of any liability of any of them. In particular, it is understood and agreed that nothing in this Memorandum: (a) will constitute, or be construed as an offer, promise or undertaking by the Parties to finance all or in part any activity or project identified in or pursuant to this Memorandum; (b) shall be construed to create a joint venture, partnership, agency relationship, employment relationship, or any other relationship that may result in vicarious liability between or among the Parties; (c) shall be construed to create any commitment on the part of any Party to give preferred treatment to the other Parties in any matter contemplated under this Memorandum.

8.2. Any commitment, if desirable by the Parties, shall be reflected in separate agreements that may be entered into by the Parties under this Memorandum.

Section 9

Legal regime and administrative and financial arrangements

9.1. Any activity carried out by the Parties under this Memorandum will be subject to each of the Parties' internal policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

9.2. All activities carried out by the Parties under this Memorandum will be subject to specific written arrangements to be agreed upon between the Parties.

Section 10

Privileges and immunities

Nothing in or relating to this Memorandum will be construed as a waiver, renunciation or other modification of any of the privileges, immunities and exemptions enjoyed by IFAD under the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, and any other international treaty or convention, or under international customary law.

Section 11

Consultation

The Parties will consult and seek an amicable resolution in good faith of any issues arising out of, or in connection with the interpretation or application of any provision of this Memorandum.

Section 12

Effectiveness, extension and termination

12.1. This Memorandum will be effective as of the date of its signature by the Parties following the approval by the IFAD Executive Board. If the signing occurs on different dates, this Memorandum will take effect on the date of its last signature.

12.2. It shall remain in force for a period of five years. Such period may be extended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

12.3. This Memorandum may be terminated by each Party by giving at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other Parties. Such termination shall take effect as of the date specified in the termination notice, provided that the provisions herein contained will remain in effect to the extent necessary to permit an orderly settlement of all arrangements made with respect to ongoing cooperation activities. The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect contractual obligations that have been separately entered into by the Parties under this Memorandum.

12.4. The Parties may make this Memorandum publicly available in accordance with their respective policies on access to information.

Section 13*Communications*

13.1. Each Party will designate an official (hereinafter referred to as "Official") who will be responsible for conducting relations under this Memorandum on its behalf. For the said purpose and until further notice, IFAD will be represented by Mr. Paul Winters, Director RIA; DISSE will be represented by Prof. Pierluigi Montalbano; the Department of Economics RM3 will be represented by Prof. Carlo Pietrobelli; CEIS will be represented by Prof. Furio C. Rosati.

13.2. Any notice or other communication to be given or made under this Memorandum will be addressed and sent to the attention of the Officials at the addresses below or such other additional or alternative official as each Party may designate by notice to the other Parties:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, each acting through its duly Authorized Representative, have signed this Memorandum in four copies, in the English language

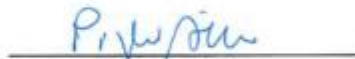
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