



**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Nha Trang University, Vietnam
and**



African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development

Nha Trang University and African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development enter into this agreement to foster international cooperation in training, research and development activities around the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), especially on goals 6, 13 and 17, namely clean water and sanitation, climate actions, and partnership respectively.

WHEREAS **Nha Trang University (NTU)** located at 02 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Nha Trang city, was established 1959 as one of Vietnam's major multidisciplinary, multi-levelled universities, and as a leading center for fishery research, training and advanced technology deployment. NTU is one of the first 20 higher education institutions of Vietnam accredited by the National Accreditation Council. Currently NTU is offering six doctoral degree programs, 15 master's degree programs (including one international Master's program on Marine Ecosystem-based Management and Climate Change), 32 undergraduate degree programs, 15 associate degree programs, and various short courses for professional developments for both domestic and international students.

WHEREAS **African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development (ACCARD)** Initiative, is legally and nationally registered non-governmental organization (NGO) under the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission with registration number CAC/IT/No 132800, to promote and advocate pro-poor, climate-friendly and equity-based responses to climate change and sustainable development. Our aspiration is to ensure that people-centered response mechanisms are accorded desirable attention and relevance as climate change and environmental issues are increasingly mainstreamed into national and global poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies and actions.

In order to promote international cooperation and the advancement of academic knowledge in societal discourse and developmental activities, both parties in this agreement NTU and ACCARD have agreed to encourage the following activities particularly, to promote international and programs cooperation as follows;

- a) Promote climate change knowledge and capacity building for youths (including women).
- b) Exchange initiatives and advocacy knowledge to achieve the 17 SDGs goals in Nigeria and Vietnam.
- c) Engage in innovative activities like organising conferences, seminars, and research around climate action and water-related issues, including plastics in the environment. And also, participate in each other's seminars, workshops, conferences.
- d) Coordinate joint research activities and collaboration on research project to cut down on carbon print, partnership on aquaculture training and development.
- e) To promote sustainable green development, youth empowerment, women and girl child development in Africa.

- f) To contribute to global environment policy and governance, especially in the Nigerian Niger Delta and Africa in general through our activities.
- g) Organizing special short-term training and capacity building.

However, before specific activities can be implemented, the parties shall develop and enter into specific activity agreements based on the form of implementation mutually agreed upon subsequent to this MoU. Implementation of specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds and continued mutual interest of the partners.

Both parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunities and will not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

The MoU becomes effective on signing. It shall remain in force for five (5) years and will be automatically renewed for an additional five years unless each party provides written notification of non-renewal prior to the expiry date. The MoU may be terminated by either party upon at least 90 days advance written notice. Such termination shall not affect activities in progress at the time the notice is received.

This MoU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings, whether verbal or written, are hereby merged into this MoU. This MoU is not considered a binding contract creating legal and financial relationship between the parties, but is designed as a means to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial process for collaboration.

The Undersigned agree to this MOU on behalf of their respective parties.

**For: Nha Trang University
(NTU)**

**For: African Centre for Climate Actions
and Rural Development (ACCORD)**

Name: Assoc. Prof. Trang Si Trung

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Rector

Chairman Board of Trustee

Signature: 

Signature: 

Date:

Date: 27/11-20

