

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY ASSOCIATION (CFA)
AND
INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (IFSA)

I. SCOPE

The Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA) and the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), hereafter jointly referred to as 'the Parties', hereby affirm their mutual interest and desire to establish and broaden collaboration between the two organisations. The objective of this association is to bring together forest practitioners, managers, researchers and students closer together at both local and international levels.

The Parties recognise that this co-operation involves working together toward common goals of mutual interests and not necessarily for co-operative financing or sharing of activities. The Parties also recognise that successful co-operation occurs through mutual understanding and efficient management of co-operative programs.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines in general terms the basis on which the Parties will co-operate.

II. PURPOSE

Noting that:

The mission statement of the CFA is:

To support the conservation and sustainable management of the world's forests and the contribution they make to peoples' livelihoods

The purpose of the CFA is:

To support the professional development of those working with trees and forests

The purpose of IFSA is to:

- I. Enrich the formal education of forestry students, especially in terms of a wider, more global perspective through extracurricular activities and the exchange of information and experience
- II. Contribute to a more complete professional preparation for its members
- III. Promote co-operation and networking amongst forestry students and the professional forestry sector as well as with other sectors such as agriculture, medicine and law
- IV. Encourage improvement in higher education internationally to the benefit of all students

The purpose of this MOU is to build a partnership agreement between CFA and IFSA in order to enhance co-operation between the two organisations, strengthening the activities and outcomes of both Parties through

collaborative undertakings, and to complement their human resources for the benefit of both organisations at both local and international levels.

The Parties agree jointly to explore and co-ordinate the activities of shared interest; which will be implemented by mutual understanding and in conformity with the regulations and policies of both Parties.

III. MUTUAL INTERESTS

1. Both Parties represent the same field of discipline, forestry and related sciences, at an international level: CFA at the professional level and IFSA at the student level.
2. The professional members through CFA, with their understanding, experience and contacts, can contribute to the development of IFSA activities, and the students through IFSA can contribute their perspectives to the different CFA activities and projects.
3. For IFSA, contact with the professional network of the CFA can facilitate an enrichment of forestry students' formal education and strengthen the services IFSA renders to its members.
4. IFSA may propose valuable inputs to activities carried out by CFA. IFSA with its worldwide network of students can assist the CFA in disseminating research results and in recruiting new potential researchers with international experiences. CFA may advise the activities of IFSA if requested
5. Both Parties will benefit from the exchange of information and viewpoints.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Both Parties have an easy point of contact with the constituency through their respective Secretariats.
 - a. At CFA: The Technical Director at CFA is the focal point for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, in particular regarding official communications and exchange of information.
 - b. At IFSA: The contact person for CFA Membership is the focal point for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, in particular regarding official communications and exchange of information.
 - c. To facilitate collaborative effort(s) described in II. Purpose, both Parties agree to assist in identifying projects of mutual interests and to facilitate jointly development of these projects through the Secretariats.
2. The details of each future collaborative project shall be planned and executed under separate agreements between CFA and IFSA.
3. To further enhance co-operation, the IFSA President & the CFA liaison officer are invited to participate as an observer in the CFA Governing Council and AGM's. IFSA in turn will disseminate information on CFA activities, especially promoting the CFA Student Awards and initiatives.
4. Either Party of this MOU shall be free to use any of the results from joint activities in its official correspondence or publications provided that the due credit is given to the other Party for its contribution(s) to the effort. It is understood that neither Party will publish any materials from joint activities without consulting the other Party. The other Party disagreeing with the content of the publication may ask for its correction.
5. This MOU will become effective from the signing date and will be valid initially for 5 years. The MOU may be modified only by mutual accord between the two Parties in writing, and may be discontinued at the request of either Party. Requests for any major change shall be submitted to the other Party

not less than 90 calendar days prior to the proposed effective date. Either Party may terminate the MOU by simple notification not less than 90 calendar days prior to the desired effective date of termination.

6. Copies of all correspondence concerning this MOU shall be sent to the following:

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