



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE DEVELOPING-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

AND

THE AFRICAN-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AARDO)

THE DEVELOPING-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, (hereinafter referred to as “D-8”) with its headquarters at Istanbul, Turkey is an Organization founded for developing economic cooperation among the member countries namely, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. The objectives of D-8 Organization are to improve Member States’ position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at international level, and improve standards of living.

AFRICAN-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (hereinafter referred to as “AARDO”) with its headquarters at New Delhi, India is mandated to develop understanding among members for better appreciation of each other’s’ problems and to explore, collectively, opportunities for coordination of efforts for the welfare and eradication of thirst, hunger, illiteracy, disease and poverty amongst rural people in the African-Asian region. The Organization comprises twenty-nine (29) member countries namely, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Zambia from Africa, and Bangladesh, R.O. China, India, Iraq, Jordan, R.O. Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Syria and Yemen from Asia, besides, one associate member from Kenya, i.e; Institute of Rural development (IRD), Kenya.