COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

United Nations Development Programme

&

The Indian Institute of Advanced Study

for

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

AUGUST 2012
Reference is made to the communication from the Ministry of Human Resource Development (hereinafter MoHRD), Government of India to United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter UNDP), to establish an International Centre for Human Development (hereinafter IC4HD) in New Delhi in a project mode with the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (hereinafter IIAS), Shimla.

The mandate of the IC4HD will be to ensure that human development concerns become integral to planning processes and policy making and support the national governments and civil society organisations across countries to actualise human development for people. It is envisaged that the IC4HD will be able to provide knowledge and advisory services to accelerate countries towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The work of the IC4HD will focus on moving from analysis as contained in various national, sub-national and regional HDRs into human development action, and adaptation of good practices to local contexts. Accordingly, the IC4HD will provide a range of services to national governments in translating this approach into policy.

This Cooperation Agreement should be read in conjunction with the appended project document that defines the administrative, management and financial arrangements.

IIAS and UNDP agree to the following:-

1. The collaboration between IIAS and UNDP towards establishing the IC4HD will be initiated through a project mode for a period of three years and both organisations will partner to achieve the objectives of the project on “The International Centre for Human Development”. IC4HD is envisioned as a national centre with global outreach.

2. Both organisations will provide financial and in-kind contributions towards IC4HD. MoHRD will provide funds to IIAS on a matching grant basis along with UNDP. Both IIAS and UNDP will contribute USD one million annually respectively for a period of three years towards the IC4HD.

3. Based on a periodic review by UNDP, IIAS and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Economic Affairs and other key stakeholders, due process
will be initiated to graduate IC4HD from a project mode towards a fully functional independent international Centre.

4. Resource mobilisation will be a key strategy to augment and strengthen the activities of the IC4HD. Towards this, the possibility of establishing a multi-donor trust fund will be explored at the national level.

5. The project on IC4HD shall exercise autonomy in regard to the achievement of its objectives and in particular, in the following matters, viz;
   - To organise, promote and conduct research independently or in collaboration with Universities, academic and research institutions;
   - To conduct programmes for capacity development consistent with its objectives. Towards this IC4HD may, from time to time, determine and make provisions for research, for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, award fellowships and academic distinctions;
   - To appoint experts as consultant(s) of the IC4HD on terms and conditions agreed by UNDP and IIAS; and
   - To organise consultations and meetings across countries.

Signed in New Delhi on 22 August 2012 in the presence of

Hon’ble Minister Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Chairman, Governing Board, Indian Institute of Advanced Study and Ajay Chhibber, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP & Director of UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

Signatories

Lise Grande
UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

Peter Ronald deSouza
Director
Indian Institute of Advanced Study