



## Memorandum of Understanding

“PIPRA” is a collaboration among non-profit research institutions and universities that conduct research for the public benefit (“Institutions”). PIPRA’s primary objective is to support better access to public sector innovation for research, commercial use, economic development, and the alleviation of poverty in developing countries. Included in this objective is the goal of promoting the strategic management of public sector intellectual property related to agriculture, health, water, and energy (the “Technologies”).

This Memorandum is executed among and between the Institutions of this collaboration (the “Members” as listed in Annex A) to formalize their commitment to PIPRA’s work.

The Members agree that this cooperation will initially involve:

- a) Supporting PIPRA’s exploration of potential applications for specific Technologies that may have utility for use in alleviating poverty in developing countries.
- b) Providing non-confidential information, as requested, to PIPRA staff to support assessments of specific Technologies’ accessibility.
- c) Promoting research, development, and delivery strategies for public sector innovations to have greater impact in research, commercial use, economic development, and the alleviation of poverty in developing countries.
- d) Developing guidelines for licensing and sponsored research to encourage overall development of research innovations while also retaining rights that member institutions need to fulfill their mission of research and product development for the broader public benefit and humanitarian purposes.

The Members acknowledge that this cooperation may take many forms and further agree that they will participate in good faith to identify strategies that effectively achieve these objectives.

To this end, the Members agree to identify a representative and to provide sufficient resources so that the activities under this Memorandum may be performed.

The Members further agree that participation in this collaboration does not require a commitment of any specific existing or future intellectual property to a particular management approach. Rather, the Members will seek to identify opportunities for collaboration in intellectual property management.

Any member institution may terminate its respective participation in this collaboration upon thirty days written notice to PIPRA.

THEREFORE, this Memorandum is hereby executed by an authorized representative of the named member institution:

[MEMBER INSTITUTION NAME]

Name:  
Title:  
Date: