



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MoU is entered into as of the later signature date below and is by and between **TERRE Policy Centre** and **AICTE at New Delhi**.

### BY AND BETWEEN

**All India Council for Technical Education (hereinafter called 'AICTE')**, a Statutory Body of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, established under the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 represented by its **Chairman**, having its office at Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070 which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its successors, executors and administrators of the **ONE PART**

### AND

**TERRE Policy Centre (hereinafter called 'TERRE')**, a Public trust, registered under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950(Bombay Act-29 of the Year 1950) in the Public Trusts Registration Office at Pune in 2010, is represented by its **Chairman, having its office in 306 Multicon Square, Erandwane, Pune 411004**. It is a global non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization dedicated to sustainable solutions to our developmental imperatives. TERRE also is the abbreviation for 'Technology, Education, Research and Rehabilitation for the Environment.' One of the flagship project of TERRE is SCCN that stands for Smart Campus Cloud Network (sccnhub.com). SCCN is a global network of the education campuses of schools, colleges, institutes and universities committed to make a tangible contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). TERRE is deemed to be the **SECOND PART** of this MoU.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to work closely to effectively design and run the 'Clean and Smart Campus Award' program, with an aim to promote and synergise efforts of all the stake holders. This MoU will draw attention of educational campuses to not only become clean but also initiate transformation towards 'smartness' by utilizing the latest digital trends like IoT, Big Data and Cloud Networking etc. so as to achieve various aspects of sustainability in the campus. The MoU will also work to bring awareness and spread the goals of UN SDGs to the future citizens of the country and world as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, both the Parties hereby agree for the following actions:

#### **A) Role of TERRE Policy Centre is to:**

1. Conceptualize, design, discuss, develop and help in finalizing the questionnaire, particularly smart and digital technology part of it to engage the campuses of the institutions affiliated to the AICTE in the process of taking part in the awards for the 'Clean and Smart Campus'.



2. Develop the criteria and the mechanism for the evaluation and assessment of the responses and selection of campuses for the stage wise verification before submitting the assessment to the final Selection Committee (Jury)
3. Participate as expert in the assessment, evaluation and selection of awardees.
4. Finalize and implement the methodologies to keep the momentum of Clean and Smart Campus award by inspiring all campuses through Smart Campus Cloud Network (SCCN)
5. Develop the nation-wide ranking of the HEIs based on sustainability and SDGs criteria in consultation with AICTE.
6. Initiate the 'Super Energy Efficient HEI campus' in close association with Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

**B) Capacity building and enabling services by TERRE Policy Centre:**

1. Outreach the Clean and Smart Campus concept and award organized by the AICTE through its social media, web sites and other related press articles of Smart Campus Cloud Network (SCCN).
2. Develop the guidelines for the campus on sector specific smart campus activities in the field of Air Quality, Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Water management, Waste management including e-waste, sustainable mobility, organic farming, carbon neutral campus etc.
3. Linking the Clean and Smart Campus activities to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
4. Coordinate the activities with the AICTE for cataloguing the inspiring examples.
5. Independently collaborate with the AICTE approved institutes to provide the guidance and assistance in networking with national and international institutes for making their campus smart.
6. Outreach the documents of AICTE on Indian Knowledge Systems
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**C) Role of AICTE is to:**

1. Support TERRE Policy Centre in-
  - a. Outreaching and promoting SCCN of TERRE Policy Centre to all the campuses as capacity building tool for clean and smart campus.
  - b. Organizing experts' groups and their meetings to finalize the sectoral guidelines to transform the campuses to Green and Smart.
  - c. Leveraging the Hackathon and similar IT start-up activities to develop the IOT, AI and Cloud related apps solutions for Smart Campus.
  - d. Supporting TERRE for the participation in the Clean and Smart Campus Award activities as envisaged under the MoU.
  - e. Adding SCCN logo and reference on all correspondence (announcements, circulars, press communique etc.) related to Clean and Smart Campus ranking/ awards
  - f. Inviting experts from the TERRE to deliver talks, hold workshops for the stake holders at appropriate occasions.

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- g. Assist in getting human resources by nominating interns/officers/ experts to assist TERRE in various endeavors of outreach and awareness campaign nationally/ globally.
- h. Deputing the interns/experts in developing the guidelines for 'smart campuses' in energy, water, waste, air pollution, mobility within the campus.
- i. Participating at appropriate level in the consultative meeting, round table, conferences as deemed fit on SCCN.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Use of Logo.** The use of logo/ website links shall be permitted for specific purposes/ limited duration with mutual consent of either party on case to case basis.
2. **Financial Commitments.** The MoU is being executed on 'No Cost No Commitment' basis unless mutually agreed on case to case basis.
3. **No confidentiality:** No information pertaining to this MoU and implementation thereof shall be treated as confidential by either party. The information sought by any stakeholder or RTI applicant shall be provided as per records promptly.
4. During the operation of MoU, circumstances may arise which may call for alterations or modifications or amendments to this agreement. These alterations or modifications or amendments will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing. No amendment or change hereof or additions hereto shall be effective or binding on either of the parties hereto unless set forth in writing and executed by the respective duly authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.
5. **Dispute Resolution:** The laws of India shall govern this MOU. If any dispute arises about any of the terms and conditions of this MoU between the parties, the same shall be resolved by mutual discussions between the senior officers of both the parties amicably. Unresolved disputes, if any, shall be subject to resolution by a Sole Arbitrator who shall be appointed with the consent of both the parties and the proceedings of the arbitration shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (as amended from time to time and in force when the reference is made). The language of the arbitration shall be English and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties. The venue of Arbitration shall be at New Delhi. If any dispute still remains unsettled, the same shall be adjudicated by the Courts of Law at New Delhi. Both parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts in New Delhi, for any action or proceeding regarding this MOU.
6. The Parties agree that they are not bound exclusively by this Memorandum and will be at liberty to enter into any other agreements or arrangements with any third party without reference to the other Party in this MOU on the similar program(s).



7. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving a notice of one month to the other party without assigning any reason in this regard, subject to settlement of existing liabilities to be met on account of acts done under this MoU. Thereafter, neither party shall have any claim against the other party on account of termination of the agreement.
8. Effective Date: This agreement shall be effective from the date it is signed by both the parties and will be valid for a period of **two years** until determined, suspended or terminated earlier.

**For AICTE:**

Signature:

Name: **Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe**

Title: Chairman

Date:

**For TERRE:**

Signature

Name: **Dr. Rajendra Shende**

Title: Chairman

Date:



**Witnessed by:**

Name and Signature

**Rajive Kumar**

**Member Secretary, AICTE**

Name and Signature

**Atharva Vinay Prabhune**

**Senior Project Coordinator**

**TERRE Policy Centre**