



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

All India Council for Technical
Education

AND

Green TERRE Foundation

Date: 29th July, 2023



This MoU is entered into and executed on this Day of 29th July, 2023 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, Prof. T. G. Sitharam**, 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 **FIRST PART**

AND

Green TERRE Foundation (hereinafter called 'TERRE'), a not-for-profit Section 8 company, registered under Companies Act, 2013, Corporate Identity Number U85300PN2022NPL214902, **having its office in 320-321, Pandit Aajgaonkar Society, Khandoba Mal, Bhugaon 412115**, is represented by its **Founder Director, Dr Rajendra Shende**. TERRE deemed to be the **SECOND PART** of this MoU,

PURPOSE

TERRE is a global forum for action by youth on the challenges faced by the planet's ecosystem, particularly climate change, biodiversity, health, and inequality. Innovation, research and development in nature-based solutions by leveraging the potential of youth is TERRE's approach to address challenges. Partnering, co-creating, and leveraging the digital technologies for sharing the knowledge is TERRE's strategy to achieve social, environmental economic governance and development balance.

TERRE's work is inspired by AICTE and closely aligned with objectives of AICTE, particularly with the opportunities eminent in NEP-2020. One of the leading activities of TERRE is global network of the youth in Universities and HEIs: SCCN-Smart Campus Cloud Network (sccnhub.com). It is unique network of the education campuses of colleges, institutes and universities committed to make a tangible contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and carbon neutrality -Net Zero.

The purpose of this MoU is to continue the partnership with AICTE and TERRE and work closely on:

1. To promote mission of LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) jointly initiated by PM Narendra Modi and United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, in the Universities and HEIs.

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2. To advance and accelerate localisation of United Nations SDGs in the universities with the aim to skills future policy makers, entrepreneurs and business leaders
3. To encourage HEIs to advance the concept of campus as living laboratory for 'Not Zero-Net Zero' movement aimed at Carbo Neutrality.
4. To launch 'U75: Not Zero-Net Zero' campaign for localising Carbon Neutrality in the higher educational institutes and university campuses. This campaign strategizes skill-building of the university students and faculty to bring behavioural and lifestyle changes in the campuses to reduce the carbon emissions and contribute to PM Modi's resolve to make India Net Zero by 2070
5. To support and link the AICTE's initiatives of MeriLiFE and plantation of 10 million trees by making them inclusive of campus projects Net Zero in Universities and HEIs
6. To encourage the students to deploy digital technologies like IoT, Cloud Network, Data analysis and AI for green behaviour and sustainable development through research and start-ups

NOW, THEREFORE, both the Parties hereby agree for the following actions, flexible enough for mutually agreed extensions:

A) Role of Green TERRE Foundation, in consultation with AICTE, is to:

1. Developing the mechanism and methodology for implementing actions on SDGs and GHGs emission reductions in the campuses,
2. Developing incentive schemes like credits, awards, internships for youth for accelerating the research and action on net zero, waste minimization, water conservation, in campus transport, air pollution, Single-use-plastic-ban, Afforestation and social forestry
3. As part of U75: Not Zero-Net Zero campaign on occasion of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav -75th Anniversary of India's Independence and G20:
 - a. Organising regional meetings of the Vice Chancellors for being part of U75 in partnership with AICTE.
 - b. Designing the outreaching strategies for U75 in the university campuses in consultation with AICTE.
 - c. Providing the expert advice and guidance to the universities for implementing actions for Net-Zero in the campuses.
 - d. Conducting the baseline survey in the university campuses to design the roadmap for Net-Zero and to monitor campus CO2 emissions.
 - e. Monitoring the emission reductions through digitalization
 - f. Designing the Not Zero-Net Zero national competition by assisting AICTE
 - g. Helping AICTE to present the SDGs and Net Zero- campus activities in United Nations fora.

B) Capacity building and enabling services by Green TERRE Foundation:

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1. Assisting and Coordinate the activities with the AICTE for cataloguing 'U75: Not Zero-Net Zero' campaign
2. Independently collaborating with the AICTE approved institutes to provide the guidance and assistance in networking with national and international institutes for making their campus SDG-ready and carbon neutral.
3. Outreaching the documents of AICTE on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and AICTE's present and future initiatives in AI and other digital technologies.
4. 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 and carbon neutral campus.

C) Role of AICTE is to:

1. Support Green TERRE Foundation in-
 - a. Outreaching and promoting Smart Campus Cloud Network of Green TERRE Foundation to all AICTE approved institutes as capacity building tool for localizing SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in the HEIs and University campus.
 - b. Organizing experts' groups and their meetings to finalize the sectoral guidelines to transform the campuses to Net-Zero.
 - c. Leveraging the Hackathon and similar IT start-up activities to develop the IOT, AI and Cloud related apps solutions for Smart and Carbon Neutral Campus.
 - d. Supporting Green TERRE Foundation for the participation in the "U75: Not Zero-Net Zero" campaign activities as envisaged under the MoU.
 - e. Adding TERRE & SCCN logo and reference on all correspondence (announcements, circulars, press communique etc.) related to "U75: Not Zero Net Zero" campaign.
 - f. Inviting experts from TERRE to deliver guiding talks, hold workshops in context of **Not Zero-Net Zero** to the AICTE stake holders at appropriate occasions.
 - g. Assisting 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.



- j. Promoting the **Integration of Net-Zero Cloud dashboard** in all the AICTE approved institutes.

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. **Amendments:** 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. **The laws of India:** shall govern this MOU. Any dispute between the parties arising in connection with the performance of this contract shall be resolved amicably between the representatives nominated by good offices of both the parties through the process of negotiation amicably. In case the dispute is not resolved, then it shall be referred to the Chairman, AICTE and the Head of the opposite party for settlement.

If the dispute is not resolved, then it shall be referred to the Sole arbitrator who shall be appointed with the consent of both the parties. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted as per the provisions contained in the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (as amended from time to time and in force at the time when the reference is made). The Sole Arbitrator shall be appointed within a period of 30 days from date of receipt of written notice/demand of appointment of arbitrator from either party. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be binding on both the parties. The cost of the arbitration proceedings shall be borne equally by both the parties as per Arbitration Rules. The seat and jurisdiction of the arbitration proceedings shall be at New Delhi. The arbitration proceedings shall be in English language.

6. If any dispute still remains unsettled, in that case, the same shall be adjudicated by the Courts of Law at New Delhi.

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7. **Exclusivity:** 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).
8. **Termination:** 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.
9. **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: **Dr. R K Soni**

Designation: Advisor-II (Kumar Soni)

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For GTF:

Signature:

Name: **Dr Rajendra Shende**

Designation: Founder Director
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