

UK-INDIA CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT FOR JOINT RESEARCH INITIATIVE ON
'The Changing Water Cycle'
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (MoES),
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND
THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL (NERC),
UK GOVERNMENT

1. Purpose

Specifically, to enable the discussion and preparation of a mutually agreed joint UK-India call for grant applications on The Changing Water Cycle and to set out arrangements for the agreement of joint processing, funding and management of grants.

2. Motivation and General Principles

The MoES and NERC (hereinafter referred to as *the participants*) are charged with fostering and supporting research and development within their own communities in their respective countries. This co-operation agreement acts as a statement of intent to co-operate towards the fostering of genuine and mutually beneficial research collaborations in water research, specifically related to the goals and themes of the UK's Changing Water Cycle programme.

3. Responsibilities

The Participants will:

- Commit to funding a joint initiative on Changing Water Cycle research and applications.
- Jointly agree the priorities for, and wording of, a call for grant applications under this joint initiative in water research related to the Changing Water Cycle programme. The call will specifically seek applications from cross UK-India teams. Any additional scientific requirements will be added by MoES to a joint Science Plan through mutual agreement.
- Jointly agree a single process for receipt and assessment of grant applications received under the above call.
- Jointly agree an announcement of successful grants and associated management arrangements for the successful grants.

As appropriate and as accepted, *the Participants* will meet in order to discuss the processes outlined above. If necessary, staff from the Research Councils UK Office in India will act as agents for NERC to more easily enable face to face interaction with MoES. As far as possible, this co-operation will enable *the Participants* to act in conformity with their internal rules.

4. Timetable

The work for the initial co-funded grant round will be scheduled as follows:

- Q1-2 2010/11 - *the participants* will agree the wording of a call for proposals for UK-Indian teams in the agreed area of research;
- Q3 2010/11 - *the participants* will commence publication and publicising of the aforementioned call for proposals;
- Q2-3 2010/11 - *the participants* will mutually agree a single joint method of reviewing proposals received and agreeing which ones to fund.
- Q4 2010/11 - *the participants* will announce projects which will be funded.

5. Financial Arrangements

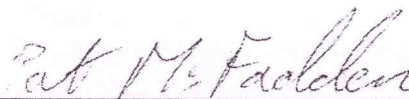
The two Parties agree that they have separate financing responsibilities for the collaborative UK-India teams that bid for funds under this initiative – broadly speaking, this means that the NERC will finance eligible costs requested in successful grant applications by UK teams and the MoES will finance eligible costs requested in successful grant applications by Indian teams.

This initial agreement is for an initial period of 5 years. Any activity beyond the initial initiative will be subject to further specific agreement between the participants but if taken forward, could be done so on the basis of extension of this initial agreement.

Done in two originals in Hindi and English in acceptance of this Co-operation Agreement signed on 17th February 2010 at New Delhi.



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