

## Letter of Understanding

### Between International Dryland Development Commission (IDDC) & The Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA)


The International Dryland Development Commission (IDDC) is an autonomous nongovernmental organization founded in 1987 by individuals and institutions interested in sustainable development of the dry areas by fostering research collaboration and networking, providing a global platform to concerned scientist for exchange of information, group discussions and seminars, and publishing and disseminating proceedings of these scientific deliberations widely to enhance the awareness.

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) an Egyptian institution of international character, devoted to the promotion of enlightened values, good governance, and sustainable development in Egypt and the Arab world, as well as elsewhere in the world. The BA issues an annual report and audited accounts. It is governed by an international Board of Trustees, and is not part of the Egyptian Government. It is established by a special law that attaches it to the head of state.

The IDDC and the BA, motivated by the common objective of fostering scientific knowledge and its optimum exchange and dissemination have agreed that:

1. They shall cooperate in a program of activities, jointly and separately, to promote science and technology for sustainable development of dryland. Such activities may include the joint organization, at regular intervals, of conferences, group discussions and seminars.
2. The BA will serve as the host of IDDC and shall assist the IDDC by receiving, holding and disbursing funds raised by the IDDC in support of the program mentioned above, and which can include the regional and global activities of IDDC, whether implemented jointly with the BA or by IDDC alone.
3. The BA and the IDDC shall jointly review these arrangements once a year by consultation of their designated representatives. (See Annex)


On Behalf of the IDDC

  
Dr. Adel El-Beltagy  
Chairman of IDDC

Date: 14.12/2008

Place: Cairo, Egypt

On Behalf of BA

  
Dr. Ismail Serageldin  
Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Date: 16.12/2008

Place: Alexandria, Egypt