MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

CERCA

ARUN DUGGAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR RESEARCH IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DELHI
NEW DELHI

AND

CSE-CENTRE FOR STUDIES ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
PATNA-BIHAR

16 May 2022
Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this 16 May Day of 2022 by and between Arun Duggal Centre of Excellence for Research in Climate Change and Air Pollution, Indian Institute of Technology- Delhi, New Delhi, hereinafter referred to as the ‘CERCA, IIT-D’ (which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject, shall mean and include its successor-in-office and assigns) of the ONE PART.

AND

The Centre for Studies on Environment and Climate at the Asian Development Research Institute, Patna, hereinafter referred to as the ‘CSEC-ADRI’, (which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns) of the OTHER PART.

The CSEC-ADRI has been continuously providing research support to the Government of Bihar in the field of air, water, climate, and other relevant domains of the environment. To steer the evidence-based policy research and advocacy mandates in the fields of air and climate in the South Asian context, the CSEC-ADRI expressed its interest in establishing joint research and academic collaboration with CERCA, IIT-D. This collaborative approach envisages strong hand-holding support from the regional level to the national and international agenda.

WHEREAS

Both the institutions agree to promote joint scientific and policy-based research and advocacy of mutual interests, in accordance with their respective needs and objectives, and shall, by joint agreement, determine the areas and subject of such collaboration, based on the understanding set out in this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the ‘MOU’).
Terms of MOU

This MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain in force for a period of 5 years (that is, May 2022 – April 2027). Either Party may terminate this MOU by not less than six (6) months' prior written notice to the other Party of its desire to terminate. This MOU may be extended by the mutual agreement of both Parties in writing.

Despite the statements and obligations expressed herein and save for any of the terms in this MOU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of both the Institutions, and neither Party will incur nor be bound to any legal obligations or expense hereunder to the other Party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated, approved by the necessary management levels of each Party and executed and delivered by authorised representatives of both Parties.

In WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be duly executed on the day and year first above mentioned.

SIGNED for and on behalf of

Arun Duggal Centre of Excellence for Research in Climate Change and Air Pollution (CERCA), Indian Institute of Technology- Delhi Hauz Khas, New Delhi, India

Prof Sagnik Dey
Coordinator (CERCA), Institute Chair Professor, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, IIT Delhi

Centre for Studies on Environment and Climate, Asian Development Research Institute (CSEC-ADRI), Boring Road, Patna (Bihar), India

Dr Prabhat P Ghosh
Member Secretary, ADRI Director, CSEC-ADRI, Patna
Now both the Institutions here agree to the terms of UNDERSTANDING, to collaborate on the following broader agenda:

**Agenda I**

Identify collaborative action for evidence-based policy research, broadly in the thematic areas – Air Quality Management, Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental Resources, and Data Governance.

**Agenda II**

Encourage capacity building and exchange programmes for in-house faculties/researchers/fellows, of both the institutions at their respective facilities.

**Agenda III**

Organise scholarly events for demonstration or dissemination of research through seminars, conferences, symposiums, workshops, etc. on issues of mutual interest.

**Agenda IV**

Identify opportunities for further extended collaborations with agencies/institutions with similar interests.

**Agenda V**

Each Party may, with the written consent, which may not be unreasonably withheld, can share the research data and publish the findings of the collaborative activities of the Parties in the form of an article in a journal, newspaper or another magazine, provided that where an application for registration of a trademark, service mark or design, or an application for a patent, will be made, such an article shall not be published for a period of up to ninety (90) days for the said application to be made. A copy of the article to be published shall be provided to the Party whose written consent is required hereunder prior to publication of the same for that Party's perusal and written consent.