

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The World Bank,  
represented by its Country Manager, and

Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ),  
represented by its Country Director for Mauritania, concerning:

coordination and mutual support to the Norwegian financed Initiative:  
**“TFT” – Technology Fosters Tradition (TF051328-MAU)**

The Grant agreement for the TFT Initiative has been signed by the World Bank and the Government of Mauritania on September 30, 2002 and is scheduled to close April 2005.

An extension is envisaged. The TFT Initiative is a research initiative, the objective of which is to first assess, and second observe respect to, traditional natural resource rights of the local population in a specific geographic area in the south of the city of Aioun El Atrouss in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (namely the area comprised by the natural resources adjacent to and belonging to: Tamourt Chlim towards Gâad Sâouana (the Target Area, approximately 2.500 sqkm)).

The Initiative intends to capitalize on the experience World Bank' and GTZ' projects have acquired in the Target Area. In exchange, TFT will make all its' findings available to both partners.

It is understood and agreed herewith that:

A) GTZ :

- 1) permits access to its GIRNEM Project documentation and archive to TFT, and will advise TFT on any other pertinent information and material GTZ may have elsewhere developed and/or possesses in the areas of interest to TFT (for instance land tenure issues in the Sahel);
- 2) allows current, former and future project staff, consultants, and local counterparts to communicate to TFT the knowledge they have acquired through GTZ Projects, notably GIRNEM;
- 3) provides, to the extent available, office space (not necessarily an entire office but shared space in a office for the purposes of TFT (TFT will not need office presence 30 days / twelve months but only for sporadic use) and internet access, as available, whenever not needed for GTZ use;
- 4) provides transport in a GTZ vehicle for, alternatively: (a) one or more TFT passenger on any one GTZ trip visiting an area of interest to TFT at that time, according to space available; (b) allowing rental of a vehicle at the current GTZ rate at that time with a 500km free travel allowance per month, accumulative, and (c)

assistance in travel of people and / or goods between Nouakchott and Aioun as available (for instance free transport in a GTZ vehicle with space left to be shared).

The GTZ partnership contribution for the fiscal year 2003/2004 has been provided and thankfully accepted by the TFT TTL and the Norwegian Consultant through logistical and creative contribution during the operational travel of the TFT staff into the TFT Target Area in April 2004.

B) Word Bank:

5) permits access to its World Bank Project documentation and archive regarding agricultural projects in Mauritania to TFT, and advise TFT on any other pertinent information and material it may have developed and/or possess in the areas of interest to TFT concerning Mauritania in general, such as statistical data and country background information;

5) allows current, former and future project staff having worked in Hodh El Gharbi, consultants, and local counterparts to communicate to TFT the knowledge they have acquired through Projects which have been financed through the World Bank, notably the Livestock I, Livestock II, Rainfed, and Community Based Development (CBDP) Projects;

6) provides, to the extent available, office space (not necessarily an entire office but shared space in a office of the CBDP for the purposes of TFT under the same assumption as for GTZ, permit respective provisions, if agreed upon, and internet access, as available;

7) provides transport in a World Bank vehicle and/or permits transport through a CBDP vehicle for: (a) allowing one or more TFT passenger on any one trip visiting an area of interest to TFT at that time, and (b) assistance in travel of people and / or goods between Nouakchott and Aioun as available.

For the World Bank

For GTZ

Nouakchott, le 2004

Vu:

Directeur Direction de l'Environnement MDRE