



This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is effective as of November 6, 2020.

BETWEEN

**Canada’s Digital Technology Supercluster,
IITM-Pravartak Technologies Foundation,
AND
the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada**

Each a “Participant” and collectively the “Participants”

WHEREIN the Participants recognize the mutual benefits of institutional collaboration on research and events to explore the opportunity for industry and research collaborations between Canada and India in digital technology innovation and the optimization of data for the benefit of private and public sector driven solutions to complex societal issues;

WHEREIN the Participants consider the present period an optimal time to deepen cooperation to leverage respective networks and expertise;

AND WHEREIN the lead Participants are Canada’s Digital Technology Supercluster and IITM-Pravartak Technologies Foundation, with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada as an advisory participant.

(1) PURPOSE OF THIS MOU

1. The purpose of this MOU is to formalize an intent to collaborate on events and network facilitation to explore opportunities for industry and research partnerships between the India and Canada academia, private and public sectors, with an emphasis on:
 - a. Exploring technology interventions in transformative sectors and subsectors, starting with precision agriculture;
 - b. Discussing the opportunity for data collaboration and bilateral governance mechanisms to allow for the application of machine learning and AI across datasets in these transformative sectors and subsectors; and,
 - c. Building long-term strategic relationships on data and AI between Canada and India more generally.



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2. This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations, and does not create any relationship of employment, agency, partnership or joint venture between the Participants.

(2) SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. The primary activity associated with this MOU will be the hosting of workshops to advance the purpose outlined above and to develop the appropriate governance frameworks for the exchange of data and to allow for the flow of cross-border funding. The audience of these workshops are government, academic and industry representatives from India and Canada.
2. The intended outcomes of the workshops are to:
 - a. Identify international partnerships to extend specific, pre-identified "case study" projects;
 - b. Build a network of solution-driven, interdisciplinary stakeholders from India and Canada to explore partnership opportunities more broadly, with the purpose of scaling business opportunities; and,
 - c. Advance frameworks, practices, tools and policies related to responsible data governance, AI and other emerging technologies.
3. A set of workshops in October and November 2020, on precision agriculture, serve as the foundation for this intention to collaborate. This MOU signals an intent to further the opportunities identified as part of this workshop series, and, replicate the series in the future on further topics of interest.
4. The Participants will identify opportunities to collaborate on further research and events as appropriate.
5. Each Participant will identify a contact to facilitate exchange and cooperation.

(3) FUNDING

1. Unless otherwise agreed, Participants will be responsible for their own expenses arising from exchange and cooperation under this MOU. Participants may jointly explore funding opportunities to support the purpose of this MOU.



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(4) TERM AND AMENDMENT

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date first written above and will remain in effect three (3) years. This MOU can be renewed by mutual agreement of the Participants.
2. A Participant may terminate this MOU by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participants. Termination of this MOU will not affect the completion of activities initiated before the notification but not yet completed, unless otherwise decided by the Participants.

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