

Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement is signed between

Korean Institute of Footwear and Leather Technology

hereinafter called KIFLT

And

COMESA – Leather and Leather Products Institute
hereinafter called COMESA/LLPI

The two parties agreed on the following points

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

1. “KIFLT” means Korean Institute of Footwear and Leather Technology
2. “COMESA/LLPI” means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute
3. “COMESA Member States” are Burundi, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
4. IP means Intellectual Property
5. SMES means Small and Medium Enterprises
6. “MoU” means Memorandum of Understanding
7. “Party” or “Parties” refer to the KIFLT and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties

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ARTICLE II PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the guidelines for collaboration between KIFLT and the COMESA/LLPI in the development of the leather industry in the COMESA Region.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

It is envisioned that the Parties will work together to develop the mechanisms that will promote and sustain the value adding activities along the leather value chain, in the COMESA Region. The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various activities of the leather industry to be undertaken jointly by KIFLT and COMESA/LLPI.

ARTICLE IV AREAS OF COOPERATION

The parties shall cooperate in the following fields:

1. KIFLT and COMESA/LLPI agree to cooperate with each other through their appropriate organs with respect to all matters of common interest that arise in the fields of leather sector in general.
2. KIFLT shall give due consideration to COMESA/LLPI requests for technical support for the goals and objectives of the same (the Institute) in the development of leather industry in the COMESA Region.
3. COMESA/LLPI, shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.
4. Both parties will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs, development of SMEs, and other regional and international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.
5. The two Institutes will give due consideration to consultancy and extension services in the leather sector and other cross-cutting issues as follows:
 - i. Advice on quality assurance on the leather value chain eg. Standards compliance and certification for the purpose of growth and development
 - ii. Advice on issues of technology transfer
 - iii. Promote and sustain development of SMEs in the region
 - iv. Promote investments in the leather sector in the Africa Region

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