

On the basis of exchanges that took place among FoE national members and International Executive Committee and the staff and members of the ICCA Consortium in various countries/ regions, as well as of specific meetings between FoEI and ICCA Consortium in 2015 and 2016 with regard to the SAFE initiative

Friends of the Earth International and the ICCA Consortium

agree to a

Memorandum of Understanding

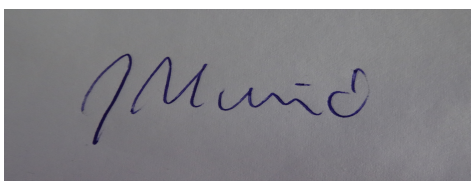
that includes the following **joint activities between December 2016 and December 2018** :

1. **Carrying-out an in-depth feasibility study of the discussed Solidarity Action and Fund for the Defenders of the Commons and ICCAs (SAFE)**, which will include a clarification of SAFE's objectives, expected outcomes, governance and management structures, mechanisms of implementation and desirable support. The study will assess specific risks and benefits for both partners, and eventual work synergies, on the basis of case studies of FoE – ICCA Consortium partnerships for SAFE concrete initiatives to be developed and tested in different countries in 2017-2018. The proposed 'feasibility study' should **set the ground for a fully-fledged SAFE proposal expected to start in January 2019 at the latest**. The Terms of Reference of the feasibility study will be developed jointly by FoEI and ICCA Consortium in January 2017.
2. In parallel to the above, **collaborating to analyse and understand the root causes of victimization of the defenders of the commons and ICCAs in different regions and developing common strategic visions and advocacy initiatives for partnerships** to be developed among the members of both organisations --if and when appropriate-- **in Africa, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region**.
3. **Collaborating in the Asia-Pacific region on concrete "SAFE initiatives" financed as part of the FoEI APac EHRD programme** that FOEI will be running with effect on January 2017. In this respect, and as soon as possible, FoEI will provide the ICCA Consortium with all

relevant information and material related to the APac EHRD programme. It is understood that the concrete “SAFE initiatives” will be used also to ground-test the above mentioned feasibility study.

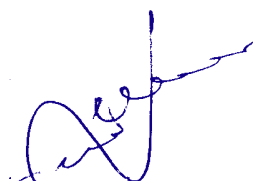
4. **Sharing and supporting solidarity alerts and, when conditions are appropriate, planning and launching joint campaign initiatives.** It is understood that FoEI and the ICCA Consortium will seek synergy and solidarity between the advocacy actions of the two organizations, to enhance their effectiveness and increase the efficiency of emergency and rapid response actions.
5. **Inviting each other’s representatives to participate in relevant events** (for instance, a Member of the ICCA Consortium is attending the pre-conference on community forest management of the Biannual General Meeting (BGM) of FoEI, in November 2016; the FoE member Mexican member “Otros Mundos” was invited to attend an ICCA national event in October 2016 and the General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium in Mexico in December 2016).
6. **Exploring cooperation between FoEI’s Forest & Biodiversity and Food Sovereignty programmes** and relevant ICCA Consortium Members on “the commons” (possible focus on forests) and land rights issues. With respect to this, FoEI should provide the ICCA Consortium with relevant information on the programmes and the Consortium shall inform of potential occasions to collaborate.
7. **Preparing a joint message** that announces this MoU and describes the specific collaboration between FoEI and the ICCA Consortium to be sent out to all the respective Member organizations. This message should be provided as a first draft by FoEI by January 9 and finalised and sent out to the respective membership by January 16, 2017.

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