

**Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation****between Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V. – DFG, Germany****and Science and Technology Development Fund – STDF, Egypt**

With the common aim of strengthening German-Egyptian scientific cooperation, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation, hereinafter referred to as DFG) and the Egyptian Science and Technology Development Fund, hereinafter referred to as STDF) herewith conclude an agreement with the following items.

**Article 1**

DFG and STDF, within the range of their responsibility and according to their procedural rules, will support the following activities:

- Exchange of researchers, especially young researchers
- Joint research projects
- Visits to prepare and coordinate joint projects
- Joint seminars and workshops
- Any other activity deemed of mutual interest

**Article 2**

The cooperation stretches across all fields of research including the Human and Social Sciences.

**Article 3**

The initiatives for joint projects generally arise from the initiative of scientists on both sides. Both parties will assist their scientists in conducting and implementing common research activities.

**Article 4**

Joint activities having been approved by both parties will be funded in a complementary manner. As a rule each side shall bear the cost of their own researchers. The parties are free to agree on a different procedure in individual cases.

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**Article 5**

Special attention is given to the fact that STDF as a young institution, founded in 2008, can benefit from the experience of long-established organizations such as DFG. DFG is ready to give STDF continuous support in administrative matters as shall be agreed on each occasion.

**Article 6**

This Agreement will remain valid for a period of five years and shall subsequently be extended biannually unless a written notice of termination has been given by either side six months in advance.

**Article 7**

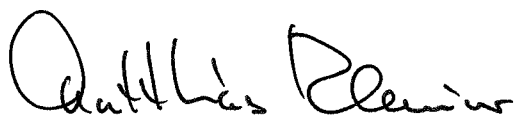
This Memorandum of Understanding is agreed and signed in two authentic copies in English. All documents and meetings pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding shall likewise be in English.

Cairo, on 12 December 2010

for the

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V.  
(DFG)

The President



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Matthias Kleiner

for the

Science and Technology Development Fund  
(STDF)

The Executive Director



Prof. Dr. Aly El-Shafei