

## **CGBIBT-UTU to sign MoU with International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria.**

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA, [www.IITA.org](http://www.IITA.org)) is an International non-profit R & D organization established in 1967 with head quarter in Nigeria. IITA is a member of the CGIAR (Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centers), a global research partnership for a food secure future. It is engaged in research activities such as, i) Increase in food security; ii) reduction of rural poverty; iii) reduction of under nutrition; iv) more sustainable management of natural resources.

IITA and CGBIBT-UTU have agreed to exchange of scientific information, develop joint venture research projects, placement and/or exchange of students through appointment of supervisors, exchange of research materials, publications, developing plant tissue culture of economically important crops/plants for conservation as well as agricultural cultivation in Nigeria and India; and also develop research projects in the frontier areas of biotechnology, plant biotechnology, plant science, horticulture and agriculture crop research.

Prof.Dr. R. Krishnamurthy, Director of C. G. Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology had been to IITA, Ibadan, in Nov, 2013 to initiate and discuss about this collaboration and future research and development.





**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)**

**And**

**Uka Tarsadia University (UTU)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into this 14 day of Feb, 2014

Between

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture of P.M.B. 5320, Ibadan, Oyo State (hereinafter referred to as "IITA")

And

The Uka Tarsadia University (hereinafter referred to as "UTU") with office at Maliba Campus, Gopal Vidyanagar, Bardoli-Mahuva Road, Tarsadi, 394 350 Tal Mahuva District, Surat Gujarat, India

**WHEREAS**, The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA, [www.iita.org](http://www.iita.org)) is an Africa-based international not-for-profit research-for-development organization, established in 1967, and governed by a board of trustees. IITA is a member of the CGIAR Consortium, a global research partnership for a food secure future. IITA's mission is to offer a leading research partnership that facilitates agricultural solutions for hunger, poverty, and natural resource degradation throughout the tropics. IITA has over 100 internationally recruited staff and around 1000 support staff based in various IITA stations across Africa. IITA's mission is in line with that of the new CGIAR and focuses on the four system-level outcomes (SLOs), (1) increase in food security, (2) reduction of rural poverty, (3) reduction of under-nutrition, and (4) more sustainable management of natural resources.

**WHEREAS**, The UTU is established under the Gujarat Private University (Amendment) Act No 25- 2011 Government of Gujarat and approved under section 22 of UGC Act 1956.

*R. Krishnasamy*  
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