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“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”
‘Hay personas en el mundo tan hambrientas que Dios no puede a parecerles a ellos más que en la forma de pan’
‘Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affamés que Dieu ne peut leur apparaitre que sous la forme d’un pain’
"زبخ لكش يف ال مهل رهظت نأ نكمي ال هلل قمجر نإ يتح، ملأ علأ يف اعوج نوروضتي رشبلا نم ريشك لكانه"

Mahatma Gandhi

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Official Press Release

IIMSAM signs Cooperation Agreement with the Canary Agency of Research, Innovation and Information Society and the Canary Institute of Marine Sciences (ICCM), Gran Canaria, Kingdom of Spain to help mainstream the use of Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition and secure the UNMDGs



(H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety F.R.A.S. with Mr Gonzalo P. Izquierdo and Ms. A D J Valido of the ITC at Laboratorio de Residuos Fitosanitarios de Canarias, Spain)

(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York 4th January 2011) IIMSAM signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Canary Agency of Research, Innovation and Information Society, Gran Canaria, Kingdom of Spain to help mainstream the use of Spirulina to eradicate malnutrition and secure the UN Millennium Development Goals.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Juan Ruiz Alzola, the Director of Canary Agency of Research, Innovation and Information Society and the ICCM, and H.E. Ambassador Remigio Martin Maradona, Secretary General IIMSAM on the 3rd January 2010.

The Chief of Technology Facilitation and Institutional Development of IIMSAM **H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety, F.R.A.S.** was instrumental on behalf of IIMSAM to develop

this cooperation agreement along with the support of Mr. Gonzalo P. Izquierdo and Ms. Adelina de Jara Valido of the Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias, ITC, Gobierno de Canarias, Spain.

Gran Canaria, Kingdom of Spain is one of the leading biodiversity spots in the world. The scientific institutions of the place are leading in the world in the field of phycology, microbiology and marine sciences, and are playing active role in the sustainable development agenda in the developing countries mostly in Africa.

Canary Institute of Marine Sciences is the leader in the project ‘Atlantic Marine Observatory Canary Islands-Morocco OMARAT’, which as part of the programme ‘Cross Border Spain- Exterior Borders, has been set up as a network of research entities in marine sciences with the aim of structuring a framework of Cross-Border cooperation Framework between Spain and Morocco.

OMARAT has been funded by Regional Development European Funds (FEDER) through the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Spain- Exterior Borders (POCTEFEX).

OMARAT Partner Network is constituted by the Instituto Canario de Ciencias Marinas (ICCM), Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias (ITC), Instituto Español de Oceanografía



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(IEO), la Red de Trabajo para la Gestion Sostenible de los Recursos Marinos de Africa del Oeste (AFRIMAR), la Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), la Universidad de La Laguna (ULL) and Reseau National des Sciences et Techniques de la Mer (REMER).

The collaborative agreement shall promote the use of micro-algae Spirulina against malnutrition through working line concerning farming and the use of microalgae led by the Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias. ITC, in the OMARAT Framework. It shall also play a leading role in IIMSAM’s endeavour to bring together leading technological platforms and institutions that shall help the organisation spread the benefits of scientific developments especially in the field of phycology to address various challenges and pathologies that affect the humankind.

Spirulina that was declared by the United Nations World Food Conference of 1974 as the *best food for the future* holds tremendous potential to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide especially in the developing countries.



IIMSAM's Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona stated- *I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Juan Ruiz Alzola, ICCM, ITC, the Government of Gran Canaria and the Kingdom of Spain for the Cooperative Agreement with IIMSAM that would help secure a world free of malnutrition through Spirulina and establish lasting capacities and capabilities at the grassroots.*

Phycology and in particular micro-algae like Spirulina can play a significant role to secure the UN MDGs; and I am confident that the very agreement shall help spread benefits of science and technology to the peoples of the world.

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