MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES

AND

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICE
PREAMBLE

The Makerere University and the University of Tennessee will begin developing a partnership to promote sharing of knowledge, exchange of information and experiences, and initiation of mutually agreeable initiatives that support and strengthen the educational and research capacity of both universities. The University of Tennessee understands that activities of the cooperative (travel and expenses of individual projects) will be funded through foundation grants while expertise will be shared in a cooperative spirit.

Makerere University is one of the oldest universities in sub-Saharan Africa with undisputed record of academic excellence, Inter-University Linkages, research collaboration and an excellent Africana Collection, and that Makerere University recognizes that research capacity, teaching and learning can be best achieved through strong inter-university partnership and co-operation with first-class world universities.

The University of Tennessee is a major US comprehensive research university with strong library and collegiate programs.

The University of Tennessee is committed to outreach activities in the community, state, nation, and globally.

Aware that the existing information resource at Makerere University can hardly support teaching, learning and research because of inadequate funding to support learning and research information resources.
Convinced that, in this regard, Makerere University Library is determined to pay a major role in improving this situation through Partnership and Networking.

Considering that the provision of education to people, their academic and vocational training and sustainable research and education capacity are prerequisites for the development of any country; and that

- Human resources are integral components of sustainable development in developing countries and play a major role in the socio-economic and cultural development of all countries of the world; and that

The University of Tennessee Libraries plays a pivotal role in provision and access to information to its patrons and would benefit by integrating experiences acquired through collaboration with Makerere University Library Service in appropriate areas.

Now therefore, the authorities of the University of Tennessee located in Knoxville, Tennessee and Makerere University, located in Kampala Uganda have decided to formalise a memorandum of co-operation under the following articles of agreement, in order to facilitate activities in document delivery service and training as a means of improving information and library services, as well as contributing to Uganda’s national capacity building for sustainable development.

ARTICLE I

BASIC INSTITUTIONAL DATA
1. Project Title

Support to Makerere University Library Scientific Information Resource Development Project.

2. Expected Starting Date

April 2002

3. Duration

Three years, with possible renewal.

4. Areas of cooperative activity:

   - Electronic document delivery service advancement (EDDS)
   - Research capacity building through appropriate web resource development
   - Advice on training and evaluation in the technical/resource sharing environment
   - Evaluation and quality assurance on work related to the project chosen.
   - Consideration of other projects

5. Action Plan

A representative from Makerere University will come to Knoxville, Tennessee to determine what projects are most helpful and to discuss with the University of Tennessee Libraries personnel needs and mutually beneficial projects to meet those needs. At a future date the University of Tennessee representative will visit Makerere University to continue the work. Exchanges of appropriate library staff from either direction depends on funding.

6. Name and contact address of the collaborating institution
7. INSTITUTIONS AND FACULTIES TO BE INVOLVED:

The University of Tennessee

Departments: Access & Delivery Services, Administration, Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine Library, Collection Development & Management, Reference & Information Services, Technical Services, Special Collections, Systems

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John C. Hodges Library
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996
Phone: (865) 974-4127
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Makerere University

Departments:

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P.O. Box 7062
Kampala
Tel. – 256-41-531041
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Albert Cook Medical Library  
P.O.Box 7062  
Kampala

Education Library  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

Veterinary Library  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

MUARIK Library  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

Faculty of Science  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

Faculty of Agriculture  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

Faculty of Medicine  
P.O.Box 7062  
Kampala

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine  
P.O.Box 7062,  
Kampala

School of Education (Dept. of Science Education)  
P.O.Box 7062,  
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8. PROJECT LEADERS

The University of Tennessee:

Barbara I. Dewey  
Dean of Libraries

Aubrey Mitchell  
Associate Dean of Libraries
ARTICLE II

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Types of projects

- Establishing policies and infrastructure to support document delivery between the two participating institutions (EDDS).

- Provide training to Makerere University Libraries on library and information technology issues, services, and applications.

- Establishing connections between library and technical support counterparts to assist Makerere University’s information technology initiatives such as library automation and student information counselling.
-Exploring cooperative digital library initiatives for the creation, preservation, and publication of information in digital formats.

-Exploring additional cooperative ventures.

2. Why focus on EDDS and Training

-EDDS provides the infrastructure for institutions to share resources, expanding the universe of information available to both institutions' faculties and students.

-Training provides Makerere University Libraries with skills to successfully implement and utilize new technologies and services currently under development.

3. Overall Goal and Objectives

Project Goal

The overall project objective is to contribute significantly to equitable improvement of the academic standard in Makerere University with priority to science based disciplines and gender studies.

Project Objective

The project objective is to strengthen the Makerere University Library's capacity and cost effectiveness in making up-to-date scientific publications available for students and faculty.

4. Expected Results

The partnership between the University of Tennessee Libraries and Makerere University Library Service will explore the feasibility of establishing mutually beneficial Electronic Document Delivery services or other similar initiatives where the exchange of academic publications between the two Universities may take place. Through the partnership, a program of retraining staff and counselling of users will be carried-out with the view of upgrading Makerere University Library staff skills.
5. Target Beneficiaries:

Makerere University and its students, faculty, and staff

The University of Tennessee and its students, faculty, and staff

Researchers who are permitted to Makerere University Library Services and the University of Tennessee Libraries

6. ARTICLE IV

FUNDING OF THE PROJECT

Carnegie Corporation agreed to provide initial funding to assist in establishing partnership into some reputable libraries and for specific activities.

EPILOGUE

This agreement will be valid for a period of three years from the date of final signature by both parties

Makerere University

Prof. P.J.M. Ssebuwufu, Vice Chancellor

Date 24/04/02

Dr. Clifton Woods, III, Vice-Provost

The University of Tennessee

Date 4/5/02

Mr. James Mugasha, University Librarian

Date 4/5/02

Ms. Barbara I. Dewey, Dean of Libraries