

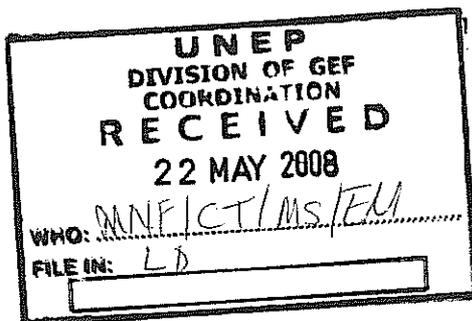
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To whom it may concern

Support for
**Carbon Benefits Project (CPB):
Modelling, Measurement and Monitoring**

I am pleased to confirm ISRIC's willingness to participate in the CPB project, subject to definitive GEF approval and our securing from Wageningen UR and the Dutch Government the anticipated funding of \$2million for the supporting ISRIC Field and Laboratory Program.

ISRIC is an independent foundation receiving a subsidy from the Dutch Government, and with a strategic association with Wageningen University and Research Centre. We are the ICSU World Data Centre for Soils, serving the scientific community as custodian of global soil information; we are involved in a wide range of international research projects on land and water resources; and are active in several policy advisory bodies and professional working groups.

The Carbon Benefits project clearly falls within our sustainable land management remit. It is a logical follow-up of previous projects on soil organic carbon to which we have contributed: for instance *Management options for increased soil carbon sequestration* for the Dutch National Research Program on Global Air Pollution and Climate Change, and the GEF project *Assessment of soil organic carbon and changes at national scale (GEFSOC)*.

The new project addresses the most pressing global issue in soil management: how to return to the soil that one third of the excess carbon dioxide now in the atmosphere as a result of land use change over the last century. Simultaneously, it addresses the issues of climatic change mitigation and adaptation; soil organic matter is both the only carbon sink that we know how to manage and the key to soil fertility and water management. The project capitalises on the GEFSOC project, carrying its soil carbon forecasting models to the stage where they may be applied directly in assessment of GEF-funded projects and in the development of a global carbon market. Our main contribution will be to provide data for model development and validation across the range of world soils, landscapes or ecosystems, and management systems.

Yours sincerely,

David Dent
Director



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Dear Mohamed:

This letter is to inform you that, on behalf of WWF and through WWF, the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and Michigan State University (MSU), our team will be committing the following in kind contributions to the "Carbon Benefits: Measurement, Monitoring and Modelling Project" (CBP:MMM). For the work to be completed by WWF, ICRAF and MSU there will be an in kind contribution from these organizations totalling US\$1,043,793. Of this amount WWF will contribute US\$430,875, MSU will contribute US\$482,846 and ICRAF will contribute US\$130,072.

We look forward to our forthcoming collaboration on this project.

Best Regards,

David Reed, PhD

Director

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Dear Mr. Sessay:

This letter is to document Colorado State University's unrecovered indirect costs to be considered as cost share for Dr. Paustian's Carbon Benefits Project. The total unrecovered costs for this project are \$594,289.

Per the US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, Colorado State University (CSU) has negotiated an indirect cost rate agreement with our cognizant agency the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This rate agreement (copy attached) is the basis for the Financial and Administrative (F&A) costs that CSU applies to sponsored agreements. As they are a true cost of doing business, when we are not allowed to recover these costs per a statute or other regulation specific to the funding source, they effectively become "unrecovered" costs. We often use these unrecovered costs as our cost share or matching funds if cost share is required.

The applicable rate for this on campus research project is 47% of modified total direct costs (please see definitions of off campus projects on page 3 of the rate agreement). The base for the calculation is the total direct costs (\$2,100,374) less the portion of subawards over \$25,000 (\$835,929). This results in a base of \$1,264,445. 47% of this base calculation is \$594,298.

If you have questions regarding the calculations or CSU's F&A policy, please feel free contact me or Candyce Jeffery, Senior Research Administrator. Ms. Jeffery can be reached via email at Candyce.jeffery@colostate.edu or by phone at 970-491-0537.

Sincerely,



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