

**Memorandum of Agreement Between the Fondazione Mondo Digitale (Italy) and Mitra Mandal Foundation (India)**

Given that:

- (a) The problem of the digital divide and the challenge of digital inclusion still have a prominent place in the digital agendas at national and international levels;
- (b) The fulfilment of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 requires a major global effort by all stakeholders: governments, companies, NGOs, civil society, etc.
- (c) Closer collaboration between stakeholders constitutes one of the main avenues to enhance the scope, scale and impact of e-inclusion programmes and activities.

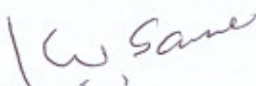
And considering that:

- (a) The Fondazione Mondo Digitale (FMD) of Italy works for the development of an inclusive knowledge society through projects focusing on e-inclusion and ICT-based educational innovation; and that, in this endeavour, the FMD has developed capacities, resources and activities that have potential value for other organizations pursuing similar and synergistic endeavours.
- (b) The Mitra Mandal Foundation (MMF) of India is engaged in the development of ICT-based gender empowerment and cost-effective science education and that, in this endeavour, the MMF has developed capacities, resources and activities that have potential value for other organizations pursuing similar and synergistic endeavours.

It is agreed that:

- (a) The Fondazione Mondo Digitale and the MMF Foundation will seek to collaborate to enhance the definition, implementation and impact of those activities where both organizations show substantial synergies in terms of objectives, content, capacity, and results;
- (b) The FMD and the MMF will encourage and seek the funding, development and implementation of joint projects and events;
- (c) The FMD and the MMF will encourage and seek to share research, documentation, knowledge and capacity of common interest to both organizations;
- (d) The FMD and the MMF will collaborate in the development and use of the FMD's virtual innovation environment –Phyrtual.com. The FMD will provide the necessary information to facilitate the involvement of the MMF in the Phyrtual.com platform. This includes training subject to the availability of appropriate mechanisms.
- (e) The collaboration between the FMD and the MMF is subject to the normal requisites of resource and time availability as judged independently by each organization.

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