
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE ON INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR AFRICA

A Government Consultation, which met in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 18 to 21 September 1979, adopted the aforementioned Agreement setting up, outside the framework of FAO, the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Africa (CIRDAfrica).

In accordance with paragraph 2, Article XII, the Agreement was open for signature in Arusha on 21 September 1979 and thereafter at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

In accordance with paragraph 4, Article XXI, the Agreement entered into force on **16 April 1980**. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 14 May 1980 under No. 18818.

Amendments to paragraph 1(f) of Article V and paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article VIII of the Agreement were adopted on 3 May 1985 at the Second Special Session of the Governing Council and entered into force, with respect to all Contracting Parties, on **2 June 1985** in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article XIII of the Agreement.

Signatories and Parties to the Agreement

The following are the signatories and the participants that deposited their instruments on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Definitive Signature	Ratification	Accession
Benin	26 Nov 1979	25 Jul 1984	
Botswana ¹	21 Sep 1979	14 Mar 1980	
Burkina Faso ²	21 Sep 1979	28 Mar 1980	
Cape Verde ³			18 Mar 1980
Central African Republic	16 Nov 1979		
Congo	21 Sep 1979	10 Jun 1981	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21 Sep 1979	16 Apr 1980	
Egypt ⁴	21 Sep 1979	9 Apr 1981	
Guinea	21 Sep 1979		

¹ On 11 October 1985, the Government of the Republic of Botswana notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Agreement. In accordance with Article XIV, such withdrawal became effective on 11 October 1986.

² On 6 December 1990, the Government of Burkina Faso notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Agreement. In accordance with Article XIV, such withdrawal became effective on 6 December 1991.

³ On 24 October 1985, the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Agreement. In accordance with Article XIV, the withdrawal became effective on 2 November 1986.

⁴ On 26 July 1994, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Agreement. In accordance with Article XIV, such withdrawal became effective on 25 July 1995.

Kenya	16 Nov 1979	13 Feb 1981	
Lesotho	7 May 1981	8 Jun 1981	
Liberia	21 Sep 1979		
Malawi	21 Sep 1979	18 Nov 1981	
Mali	21 Sep 1979		
Mauritania	21 Sep 1979		
Mozambique			15 Apr 1982
Nigeria			14 Jan 1981
Rwanda	16 Nov 1979		
Senegal			3 Aug 1983
Sierra Leone	21 Sep 1979	11 Dec 1980	
Sudan			26 Sep 1980
Tanzania ⁵ , United Republic of	21 Sep 1979	20 Nov 1979	
Togo	21 Sep 1979	27 Feb 1981	
Uganda	16 Nov 1979	16 Sep 1982	
Zambia	21 Sep 1979	17 Dec 1979	

⁵ On 24 September 1999, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania notified the Director-General of its withdrawal from the Agreement. In accordance with Article XIV, such withdrawal became effective on 24 September 2000.