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## **Main points of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a framework for cooperation between FAO and UNIMED by joining technical and academic efforts on matters of mutual interest for both parties.

The collaboration of the parties will focus on a number of areas, which include the following:

- Strengthening technical capacities of UNIMED member universities to deliver higher agricultural education in the Mediterranean region through the increased uptake of FAO's e-learning courses.
- Enhancing access of UNIMED member universities to knowledge resources on food and agriculture through the Research4Life initiative and related training activities.
- Enhancing technical knowledge and expertise exchange to contribute to projects and research activities on food security, sustainable water management in agriculture and combat against desertification, also exploiting the possibilities of synergy with the activities of UNIMED SubNetworks.
- Promoting policy dialogue and mutual information exchange between academia and other stakeholders, including Parliamentary Alliances on food and nutrition security, sustainable food and agriculture and the SDGs.
- Raise awareness and strengthen information exchange in support of the UN Decade of Family Farming.
- Raising awareness on and expanding participation opportunities in the Internships, Volunteers and Fellow opportunities offered through the FAO Global Internships, Volunteers and Fellows (IVF) Programme among UNIMED member universities.