



**MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION & SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA  
&  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
(DST), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**Bilateral Scientific and Technological Cooperation  
between  
The Republic of Tunisia and The Republic of India**

**CALL FOR JOINT PROPOSALS (2012)**

**DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

Under the Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology for the years 2012-14, the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, (MHESR), and the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, invite Tunisian and Indian universities, research centres and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research and development projects.

**I - PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS**

The research fields of mutual interest listed below will be given priority in the present call for proposals. However, proposals in other fields may also be considered within the budgetary limitations.

1. Biotechnology,
2. Material sciences
3. Information Science, including Software Development,
4. Renewable Energy Sources,
5. Medical Sciences,
6. Water Technology
7. Geospatial Technologies
8. Science Popularization.

**II – WHO CAN APPLY**

The proposals should involve one or preferably more research entities from both sides. The joint application must include one Tunisian and one Indian Principal Investigators, who would be responsible for technical as well as administrative co-ordination of the project and its periodic scientific and financial reporting to the MHESR/DST respectively.

**III – THE DURATION OF PROJECTS:**

The duration of the projects should be of two years which could be extended by one year, on the basis of progress assessment, after mutual agreement of both Coordinating Ministries.

In India:

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## V - EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSALS

Proposals will be evaluated independently by the MHESR in Tunisia and the Department of Science and Technology in India using their own procedures. Decision towards funding will be mutually agreed based on the gradings (on 1 to 10 scale) received on the two sides. Principal Investigators are likely to be informed in July / August 2012 about the evaluation results.

**Please note that only jointly submitted proposals to MHESR and DST will be considered. Proposal submitted only on one side may not be considered.**

For further information please contact MHESR and DST officials at the coordinates given above.

**TUNISIAN-INDIAN PROGRAMME OF CO-OPERATION  
IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
(Proforma for Application for Joint Research Project)**

**A. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

1. Title of the Project:
  
2. Duration of the Project in months:  
Expected date of commencement:
3. Field of Science & Technology covered by the proposal:  
Key words qualifying the scope of the proposal:
  
4. Project Investigators (PI) & Collaborating Institutions

**TUNISIAN**

**INDIAN**

Name of PI  
Designation  
Date of Birth  
Institute  
Contact Address

Telephone No. : Office  
Residence

Fax No.  
e-mail

Name of the  
Co-Investigator(s)  
Designation  
Date of Birth  
Institute  
Contact Address

Telephone No. : Office  
Residence

Fax No.  
e-mail

### C. ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### 1. Project Cost

| Year         | Consumables | Contingency | Exchange         | Visits           | Total |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|              |             |             | Tunisia to India | India to Tunisia |       |
| 1st Year     |             |             |                  |                  |       |
| 2nd Year     |             |             |                  |                  |       |
| 3rd Year (*) |             |             |                  |                  |       |
| Total        |             |             |                  |                  |       |

(\*) If extension approved on basis of performance.

#### 2. Signatures of the Project Investigators & Co-investigators

**TUNISIAN**

**INDIAN**

#### 3. Declaration from the Heads of the Collaborating Institutions:

It is certified that

- i) The Institutions agree to participate in this Joint Research Project;
- ii) the Institutions shall provide infrastructure & necessary facilities for implementing the joint project;
- iii) the Institutions assume to undertake financial & other management responsibility for the part of the project work to be carried out at their institution; and
- iv) The back-up funding for manpower, consumable etc. is available to this project.

Signature & Seal of the Head of the Institutions

**TUNISIAN**

**INDIAN**