

## PROJECT REPORT SUMMARY

<b>Project nr:</b>	RT(2011)1
<b>Subject:</b>	The First Annual International Conference on Health Sciences, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan.
<b>Offered to (ZT):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orange House Partnership (only the time involved in the meeting, the preparation time and miscellaneous costs such as local travel and visa).</li> <li>• Support was received from the University of Khartoum and the Federal Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Development (meeting venue, airfares and lodging).</li> </ul>
<b>Start and end-dates:</b>	25-27 February 2011
<b>Experts involved:</b>	<p><u>OHP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Herman Koëter, Managing Director and member of the Management Board, OHP, Brussels, Belgium;</li> </ul> <p><u>Khartoum University:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Nazik Eltayeb Musa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Food Hygiene and Safety, and local organizer of the Training Conference;</li> <li>• Prof Abdel Rahim E-Karrar, Head of the Department of Medicine, Pharmacology and Toxicology.</li> <li>• Prof Dr Elrasheed A Ali, Faculty of Public &amp; Environmental Health</li> <li>• Prof Dr Abd El Aziz Abd Rahim, Director, Directorate of Scientific Research and Cultural Relations</li> </ul>
<b>Background and Objectives:</b>	<p>Following the Training Conference, developed, organised and delivered by Orange House Partnership (OHP) at the request of the Faculty of Public Health of the University of Khartoum in November 2010, a meeting took place with the Dean of the Faculty of Public and Environmental Health, Prof. Kamil Mirghani Shaaban during which the possibility of follow-up initiatives were discussed. Obviously, preference of the University of Khartoum was to establish a 2-4 year BSc and MSc education programme in food safety, management and security as a joint effort and intellectual investment of OHP, the University of Khartoum and a European University (possibly the Wageningen University or the Open University of Berlin). It was agreed at the time to continue the discussion in the margins of the current International conference. See also PRS/ZT(2010)2/1.</p>
<b>Meetings and Missions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Conference on Health Sciences, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan, 25-27 February 2011.</li> <li>• Meetings with Prof Dr Abd El Aziz Abd Ramin, Prof Dr Elrasheed A Ali, and Dr Nazik Eltayeb Musa to discuss how</li> </ul>

	to formalize the cooperation between OHP and the University of Khartoum.
<b>Main Topics and observations:</b>	<p>The international conference was attended by 250-300 participants of which a considerable subset was from the University of Khartoum. The conference was obviously programmed as a showcase of the achievements of the University. The conference was opened by the President of Sudan and the Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Development. With the latter I had a brief conversation, wishing him prosperity and peace in South Sudan (he is from the south and will return after 9<sup>th</sup> July, the date of independence of South Sudan).</p> <p>Unfortunately, there were too many speakers, with too limited time allocation and, together, with a variety of health subjects which were too far apart to constantly keep the attention of the audience (from dentistry to obstetrics to food safety to basic medical care, tropical diseases and what more).</p> <p>The discussion with the faculty about further cooperation was constructive and very amicable. From my reporting back from meetings with the University of Wageningen (WUR), The Netherlands, they understood that the priorities of the WUR in Africa are currently focussed on Ethiopia, Mozambique and probably Ghana and that capacity is too limited for the ‘adoption’ of another African country. Hence major support from the WUR cannot be expected soon. However NUFFIC and other education-oriented development cooperation funds may be able to provide support. It was agreed to develop an MOU between OHP and the Khartoum University to start with a yearly training workshop of a week in order to provide at least the most fundamental assistance in the area of food and agri-science. It is expected that, subject to the support of the OHP Management Board (until the OH Trust Fund becomes available), the MOU could be signed in April 2011 with the first training in December 2011.</p>
<b>Documentation (to be attached):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft MOU</li> <li>• PDF files of the lecture given by HK at the International conference (upon request)</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>	4 March 2011
<b>Signature:</b>	Herman B.W.M.Koëter