

Memorandum of Understanding



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I. PREAMBLE:

This MOU seeks to strengthen cooperation between the two institutes involved in the fields of education, scholarly research and service programs, affirming the significance and importance of cooperation in the pursuit of international education. Both institutes recognize the importance of academic interchange between universities, and active engagement in a wider national and international scholarly community by members of academic institutions. This MOU also seeks to nurture the creative role of international scholarly communication and collaboration in the development and dissemination of knowledge, learning and research.

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips of Islamic Online University, The Gambia

And

Dr. M. Zarif Aminyar of Bayan Institute of Higher Education, Afghanistan



in the spirit of promoting exchanges between their respective institutions, in all pertinent areas of university activities, agree as follows:

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

To strengthen and encourage communication and collaboration between members of the two universities, in areas of mutual concern and benefit; to facilitate the exchange of scholars and professors for teaching and research; and students for study, training and research.

III. FACULTY EXCHANGE:

Under this Memorandum of Understanding, faculty members from one institution shall have the opportunity to work with the other institution through online facilities in connection with sabbatical leaves, joint research programs, teaching and consultation with regard to curricula development / upgrading and other academic pursuits.

The details of the engagements and the relevant financial matters will be agreed upon prior to the commencement of the said projects.

The nature of the activity, period and duration of each project shall be mutually agreed upon, beforehand, through the exchange of correspondence between the administrations of both institutions.

IV. STUDENT EXCHANGE:

Islamic Online University will provide financial support to a specific number of deserving students nominated by **Bayan Institute of Higher Education** in the form of teaching and research scholarships or other stipends as may be available and appropriate.

In return **Bayan Institute of Higher Education** shall facilitate the enrollment of the **Islamic Online University** students, in its various international programs and offer similar privilege to the **IOU** students. Under the provision of the Agreement, students shall have the opportunity of conducting part of their research work / rotation etc at the other institution, and have access to available resources and supervision.



V. SHORT-TERM TRAINING:

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of students for the purpose of attending courses, participating in professional training or attending elective training courses during the semester breaks.

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of technicians or administrative staff members if and when needed under this scheme and provide scholarship for short-term training in certain needed areas.

Student exchange shall be governed by the exchange of correspondence between the administrations of both universities and the prior approval of both of them in relation with the period of stay, selection procedures / criteria subject of study etc.

Exchange students who participate in course, training or specialized programs may transfer credits towards their study plan at their home university. This credit –recognition arrangement will conform to the academic and accreditation regulations of both institutions.

XII. RESEARCH:

The collaboration in research will promote the advancement of science, technology and human learning through the undertaking of cooperative research on topics of mutual interest and expertise; and to stimulate contacts between researchers in the two universities and the formation of research linkages and groups, with particular reference to the work of graduate students in both institutions.

XIII. PROGRAM / CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT:

The two universities will exchange experience in designing new programs and identifying faculty members for short-term or long-term teaching assignments.

XIV. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Before any particular cooperative project or program is initiated, all financial details and required logistic support shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the two institutions, with each partner acting within the scope of the resources specifically allocated to this effect by administrative authorities.

Since most projects of cooperation, especially those involving collaborative research, require significant supplement financial support, the two universities agree to make representations individually and



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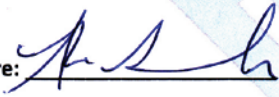
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jointly, to national and international funding agencies, making those agencies aware of the Agreement themselves. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force for a period of Five Years upon the signatures of both sides, and shall be renewed with their mutual consent and signatures. It may be amended by written agreement of both parties. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding with six month's advance written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not affect the validity of any arrangements already made under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signature: 


Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips

Chancellor

Islamic Online University

The Gambia

Date: 24/02/15

Signature: 

Dr. M. Zarif Aminyar

Chancellor

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Date: 24.02.2015