

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**FOR**

**ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)** is executed at Anna University, Chennai, INDIA on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2022.

**BETWEEN**

**ETHIOPIAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION, MINISTRY OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, ETHIOPIA** having its office at Addis Ababa represented by its H.E State Minister, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof here in after be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE FIRST PART/ ETHIOPIAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION**

**AND**

**ANNA UNIVERSITY** having its office and campus at Sardar Patel Road, Chennai - 600025, represented by the Registrar, Anna University, which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof here in after be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE SECOND PART/ANNA UNIVERSITY**

Whereas Ministry of Innovation and Technology, was organized by proclamation No.1097/2011 issued in 2011

Whereas Anna University was established on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Applied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and

integrating four well known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture & Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

Whereas the Party of the First Part and the Party of the Second Part have agreed to the following protocols to govern their collaboration on academic and research related activities:

**NOW THIS DEED OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSETH AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**1. SCOPE**

1.1. The Scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- 1.1.1. Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
- 1.1.2. Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications.
- 1.1.3. Exchange of students and faculty.
- 1.1.4. Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings on latest technology advancements
- 1.1.5. Launching Satellite Campus in Ethiopian Institute of Innovation, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia after obtaining necessary approval from State / Central authorities.
- 1.1.6. Integrated International Quality Improvement Ph.D program on the condition course work at Anna University and field work at Ethiopia having Supervisor from Anna University and Joint Supervisor from Ethiopia.
- 1.1.7. Establishing Nodal International On-line Certificate Program enriching theoretical and practical skills on recent technological advancements on mutual agreement basis.

## **2. STUDENT EXCHANGE**

2.1. Anna University Chennai, India and Ethiopian Institute of Innovation, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia will exchange students according to the terms laid out in Annexure I.

## **3. RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

3.1. Faculty from both institutions will collaborate in the supervision of exchange students and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms laid out in Annexure II.

3.2. Five Research Scholars from either side to the other institutions. All these Research Scholars will be awarded with short stay Research Fellowships (for a period of not exceeding 6 months) by the host institution as per norms.

## **4. INSURANCE**

4.1. Participants in the exchange will be personally responsible for purchasing required health/medical insurance for the time period of their exchange experience. The host institution will assist incoming participants in identifying available health insurance options designed for international students and scholars.

## **5. JOINT PROPERTY**

5.1. The Parties agree that any intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with any programme or activity under this agreement, through and by the joint and collaborative efforts of both Parties shall be jointly owned and subject to any other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon writing.

5.2. Both Parties shall acknowledge one another in any form of writing, publication or presentation based on research derived from the cooperative efforts of both Parties under this agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

## **6. NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION**

6.1. No monetary consideration will be exchanged between the two institutions, nor will there be any reimbursements for expenses, or sharing of fees or profits arising from the instant agreement.

## **7. INDEMNITY**

7.1. The parties agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims by exchange participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either university or any of their employees. The relationship of the Institutions under this agreement shall be that of independent contractors, and a party shall not be deemed, nor hold itself out as being, a partner or agent of the other party. Neither Institution shall be liable for acts of the other, nor shall they be liable for the acts of students/faculties participating in the exchange.

## **8. COMMENCEMENT, RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND SEVERABILITY**

8.1. Single Point of Contact will be Director, Centre for International Relations for Anna University & Principal Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Addis Ababa & Ethiopia for Ethiopian Institute of Innovation.

8.2. This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for 5 years. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions.

8.3. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of 5 years period, it must notify the other institution not less than 6 months to the expiry of the MOU.

8.4. This MOU may be terminated by either party upon giving 30 days' notice to the other Party.

8.5. This MOU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

- 8.6. The amendment or termination of the agreement shall not be effective without deliberation between the parties, but if the deliberation does not lead to a mutually agreeable path forward for any reason, either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect, this shall not affect the completion of existing activities.
- 8.7. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

## **9. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

- 9.1. This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts by each of the Parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but all counterparts shall together constitute a single agreement.
- 9.2. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by email shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the Parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted by email shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.
- 9.3. The Parties hereto expressly agree and recognize that each of these signed counterparts of the Agreement (as exchanged over email), shall be binding and enforceable as an original document representing the agreement set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Parties have hereby executed this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING as of the day and year first written above

For and on behalf of  
**Ethiopian Institute of Innovation,  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia**



**Dr. Bayissa Badada Badassa**  
State Minister  
Ministry of Innovation and Technology

For and on behalf of  
**Anna University, India**



**Prof. R. Velraj**  
Vice-Chancellor

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**Prof. G. Ravikumar**  
Registrar



**Prof. G. Nagarajan**  
Director  
Centre for International Relations

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## **Annexure I**

1. Students under the student exchange programme will be classified as special exchange students. Special exchange students will be permitted to take courses on credit / audit, as well as participate in research activities / project work.
2. In any case, the consent of the teacher / project supervisors / research supervisors is required. Such consent will take into account among other things whether the student has pre-requisites for the course / project.
3. The host institution of students enrolled in this exchange program shall not levy tuition fees. Home institution may continue to levy fees as applicable or may offer institution scholarship schemes for all the deserving candidates.
4. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the home institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
5. Each institution will accept up to 5 students each year.
6. Participants may not spend more than one year normally in the exchange programme.
7. Participants will be subjected to the rules and regulations of the host institution, in addition to specific rules and regulations, if any, of the host country regarding foreign students studying in the host country.
8. Joint supervisor in Ethiopia will be encouraged for those candidates with good Publication records

### **Selection and nomination**

The selection and nomination of students is open throughout the academic year. The student nomination should be accompanied by:

- Curriculum vitae.
- Statement of aptitude from a member of the student's school/faculty.
- A specific outline of the programme of study at the host institution and a statement of objectives of the student.

When a nomination is forwarded by the home institution, it is presumed that the sending

institution considers the student suitable for the proposed program and consents to send the student if selected by the host institution.

The host institution will evaluate the nomination and determine their suitability for selection under the Student Exchange Program.

Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.Tech, M.Tech, M.A., MBA, M.S., M.Sc. or PhD (or equivalent) degree programme, the host institution will provide a suitable faculty member to jointly assist (along with the supervisor in the parent institution), the exchange student in formulating research project or jointly supervise the work of an exchange student in the event that a research project has already been identified.

Anna University shall provide a monthly stipend to visiting MS/Ph.D scholars under the Exchange Programme, sufficient to cover living expenses on campus and vice versa for the parent and hosting Institution.

The host institution will inform the home institution of any academic or other problems that may arise during the period of student's residence in the host institution. The host institution will take appropriate action under its established policy and procedures, in consultation with the home institution to deal with such problems.



## **Annexure II**

1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each institution, or his / her nominee.
2. Each institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperative program. Individual programs of work under this Memorandum will be jointly planned and conducted by the nominees of both parties.
3. Progress of work of any individual program will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both parties.
4. The final approval of any project will depend on the availability of guaranteed support funds.
5. Neither Ethiopian Institute of Innovation, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopian or Anna University, Chennai will be held responsible for any liability to the other party, and neither party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any property due to activities to which this agreement relates.
6. Every collaboration will have its own agreement/contract which addresses issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information etc.