

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

ANNA UNIVERSITY

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And

**The Institute for Housing and Urban Development
Studies IHS**

Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands



WHEREAS,

Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Allied 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 two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (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 and Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

WHEREAS,

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) was founded in 1913. It has an excellent academic reputation and is consistently ranked among the world's leading universities by, for example, *The Times Higher Education*. The academic focus of the EUR is on economics, management, health care, and organization and policy in the public and private sectors. EUR research programmes address topics in the fields of applied economics, financial management, psychological science as well as urban management and development. The

EUR has alliances with other leading universities, including the University of Cambridge and Harvard University.

The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) was founded in 1958 during the post-war reconstruction of Rotterdam. It was established to share the knowledge on housing and urban planning acquired in Rotterdam with the world. Over the years IHS has developed into a leading international knowledge centre that makes cities work.

IHS' approach to the problems faced in reducing poverty and improving the quality of life in cities is based on the cross-fertilization of three activities: education, advisory services and applied research. IHS believes in linking theory and practice: staff members spend a substantial amount of their time working in the field, so they have ground knowledge of circumstances within various countries in which they work.

Anna University and IHS formulate this Memorandum of Understanding on future cooperation. The MoU establishes transparent relationships and is based on mutual consent.

Objective

The objective of this MoU is to provide a non-cost framework within which the partners can develop and undertake collaborative research, teaching and training activities. Specific activities and projects will be undertaken only after mutual agreement of the partners, to be set forth in a written agreement, subject to the partners' respective policies and procedures. Any financial commitment or cost implication that may be derived from this framework will be set forth in a separate written agreement, subject to the partners' respective policies and procedures.

The signatories agree:

ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision

1.1 Signatories of this agreement share the following common vision: the promotion and enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers, urban managers and researchers, and in the creation of knowledge through the research of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.

1.2. Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.

ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices

Anna University and IHS both agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the students/faculty.

ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the signatories

Anna University and IHS commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.

3.1. Student exchange programme

3.1.1. Anna University and IHS would offer opportunities to postgraduate students from the partner institution to carry out projects and research.

3.1.2. Anna University and IHS agree in principle to intake postgraduate students from the partner institution for specific modules/course.

3.1.3. Proposals for students joining in a programme of the host university must be done in advance and agreed upon with sufficient notice by both parties. The exact number of students will be agreed upon by the two institutions in close coordination with the module coordinators on an annual basis. In any given year, the number of students hosted can vary, depending on the availability of seats in the respective modules.

3.1.4. The home institution will be responsible for screening and selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution.

3.1.5. The host institution will assist the students to obtain housing and with other matters of hospitality but is not obliged to provide financial assistance of any kind.

3.1.6. Participating students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities. The host institution will assist and advice on the type of visa to apply for and the host institution will provide support letters to assist in the visa application.

3.1.7. Students participating to the programme will pay appropriate tuition fees at their home institution during the period at the host institution. They will also pay for all personal expenses at the host institution, including visa, housing, travel, meals and health insurance. They will be exempted from tuition fees at the host institution.

3.2. Faculty exchange programme

The agreement also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

3.3. Other activities

The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; other may be considered, such as:

- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.

When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.

ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions

4.1. Terms and termination

This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for three (3) years, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this Agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both the parties agrees at the end of the three-year-term.

4.2. Modification

If any exchanges in the above clauses or a modification are intended, then it can be carried out by mutual consent of both the parties.

ARTICLE 5: Legal Effect

This MoU is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either party, but not limited to an obligation to bargain in good faith. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent to this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.



For and on behalf of
Anna University, Chennai, India.

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Prof. R. Velraj
Vice-Chancellor

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Prof. G. Ravikumar
Registrar

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Prof. G. Nagarajan
Director
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Date: *November 26, 2021*

For and on behalf of IHS, Erasmus University
The Netherlands.

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C.W. van Rooijen
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Date: 19-11-2021