

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MoU)**

**For
ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION**

Between

**PRIST Deemed To Be University
(Established u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956)
Tanjavur, Tamilnadu, India**

and

**Wollo University
(Ministry of Education, FDRE, Ethiopia)
Wollo, Ethiopia**

Whereas PRIST Deemed To Be University, a accredited private Higher Education Institution in India (herein after referred to as PRIST) and Wollo University in Ethiopia (herein after referred to as WU) are linked by common academic and cultural interests; and

Whereas these two institutions wish to enable cooperation and exchange in all academic areas of mutual interest; and

Whereas these two institutions wish to expand the basis for friendship and educational exchange between India and Ethiopia;

THE PARTIES, PRIST AND WU HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING as follows:

**ARTICLE I
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The purpose of this MoU includes, but not limited to, the following:

1. The development of collaborative teaching and research projects.
2. The organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as twinning programs, conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia or lectures.
3. The exchange of research and teaching personnel.
4. The exchange of publications and other academic materials of common interest.



5. The exchange of students.
6. Creation of Centres of Excellence in specialized fields of mutual interest in Science, Engineering, Technology, Management and Humanities, and other fields of study.

Cooperative projects under this MoU may include any of the academic disciplines represented at either of the two institutions.

ARTICLE II LETTER OF AGREEMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION

In order to carry out and fulfill the aims of this MoU PRIST and WU will appoint an appropriate person each of their campuses to coordinate the development and conduct of joint activities. Through these contact persons, either institution may initiate proposals for activities under this MoU. Specific details of any activity will be set forth in a letter of agreement, which, upon signing by appropriate authorities at both universities, and approved pursuant to Article IV, will become an integral part of this MoU. Letters of Agreement will include such items as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed-upon activity.
2. Schedules for the specific activities.
3. Budgets and sources of financing of each activity.
4. Any other items necessary for the smooth and efficient conduct of the activity.

The contact persons will additionally be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MoU according to the practices of their respective institutions. Letters of Agreement will be approved at each institution according to the normal procedures governing the types of activities proposed therein.

ARTICLE III COORDINATORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MoU. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities, shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To promote academic collaboration at both universities, Ph.D, graduate and undergraduate student levels for research and study.



2. To act as principal contact / focal point for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution.
3. To facilitate cooperation for the purpose of funding of doctoral students to study at both institutions.
4. To initiate short-term training of Academic and Administrative personnel in both institutions.
5. To exchange information about faculties, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources of the other institutions; and
6. To meet periodically to review and evaluate past activities and work out new ideas for future cooperative agreements.

National regulations and customs shall be mutually respected while discharging the responsibility for implementation of activities.

ARTICLE IV **MoU AS PARENT DOCUMENT FOR PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

This general MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further letters of Agreement concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties. The scope of the activities under this MoU shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained either institution from external sources.

ARTICLE V **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Except as may be stipulated in any specific program agreement, each institution shall be responsible for expenses incurred by its employees under this MoU.
2. Applications for financial support towards the cooperation and individual activities planned under this agreement will be transparent and undertaken with mutual consent.
3. Other sources of finances raised to support joint projects / activities can be pursued with the knowledge of the other through intimation in writing.



ARTICLE VI
IMMEDIATE AREAS OF COOPERATION


- Faculty and Student Exchange / Mobility Programmes
- Joint Academic Programs (Mechanical, electrical, civil Engineering, IT & Computer Science, and Management Studies: Human Resource, Accounting & Finance, Marketing, and other fields)
- Capacity Building of Faculty from WOLLO University at PRIST Deemed To Be University (pursuing Masters and/or Ph.D at PRIST Deemed To Be University)
- Joint Research, Training, Conference, seminar, workshops in the areas of mutual interest
- Doctoral Programs guidance by PRIST and/or joint Doctoral guidance.

This agreement shall become effective from today the 04.07.2020 upon signing of this MOU.


ARTICLE VII
ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

Upon approval by each institution, this MoU shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least *ninety (90) days* advance written notice of its intention to terminate. Termination shall be *without penalty*. If this MoU is terminated, neither PRIST nor WU shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses which may result.

The following authorized signatories have signed the present MoU on behalf of their respective institutions:



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