



**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Damascus University- Faculty of Media in the Syrian Arab Republic
and
The Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "TV-Novosti"
Founder and broadcaster of the "RT Arabic" television channel
in the Russian Federation**

The Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Autonomous Nonprofit Organization "TV-Novosti", founder and broadcaster of the "RT Arabic" television channel in the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"; aiming at developing and deepening their scientific cooperation relationships in the field of media,

The Parties agree as follows:

**Article /1/
Objective of the MoU**

The objective of this MoU is to promote and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation in the field of media as well as to provide training and improve students' practical skills on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/
Cooperation in the field of information exchange**

Both Parties hereby agree to exchange information and develop relations in the field of information materials, and to exchange topics and content for TV programs and audio-visual projects, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

No exchanged or shared television content may be used for commercial purposes, nor transferred, sold or shared with a third party without the express written consent of the originating Party.

**Article /3/
Cooperation in the field of experience exchange**

Both Parties agree to cooperate in carrying out the following activities:

- a. Organize free short-term training programs for students of the Faculty of information to achieve the common interests of both Parties.
- b. Organize advanced courses free of charge for members of the Faculty of information to enhance professional skills and to exchange experience.
- c. Organize and conduct practical training free of charge for students (both online and face to face at the Damascus University) to enhance their media skills.
- d. Invite representatives of the RT Arabic channel to attend discussions of students' graduation projects to select the best project and utilize it as a contribution to channel resources.
- e. Before starting any relevant project, the Parties shall discuss conditions and develop mechanisms for such programs with further and specific details to be agreed on a case-by-case basis to ensure the implementation of short-term seminars.
- f. Any other activities and projects mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

**Article /4/
Online cooperation**

Both Parties agree to enhance online cooperation through implementing special online projects and exchanging content published or broadcasted by both Parties on their websites: RT Arabic (<https://arabic.rt.com>) and the Faculty of Information at Damascus University (<http://www.damascusuniversity.edu.sy/>).

**Article /5/
Implementation mechanism**

- a. With the purpose of implementing this MoU, the Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their desire and available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details regarding the implementation of the provisions contained within this MoU.
- b. The Parties shall support work program participants by providing any information and facilities that may be required for the cooperation and by resolving any issues that may arise in relation to organizing any planned event or events, in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations prevailing in both countries.

**Article /6/
Financial obligations**

Each Party shall bear its own expenses resulting from the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article /7/
Confidentiality**

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe and honor the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data that may be disclosed, either in writing or orally. Each Party shall treat all information as confidential and shall not disclose it to any third party without a prior permission of the other Party.

The terms of non-distribution of confidential information including the documents and data of audio-visual materials, also apply to the practical training programs (both online and face to face at the Damascus University).

- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article after the termination of this Cooperation Agreement.

**Article /8/
Intellectual property rights**

The two Parties undertake to protect all intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations prevailing in both countries and all conventions in force between them.

**Article /9/
Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled by negotiations or through the national courts of both countries, or arbitration.

**Article /10/
Final provisions**

- a. This MoU shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notification by which one Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of the necessary internal procedures required to allow its entry to come into force.
- b. This MoU will be valid for a period of five years, and will be automatically renewed for a similar period unless either Party, at any time, notifies the other in writing, and through diplomatic channels, of its intention of termination, no less than six months prior to its date of expiry. Such termination will not affect any ongoing activities until their accomplishment.
- c. Either Party may amend, change or add to any clause or Article of this MoU by mutual written consent and through diplomatic channels. Such amendments, changes or additions will enter into force in accordance with the first item of this Article, and will be considered an integral part of this MoU.
- d. Each Party may nominate a coordinator (or a management committee) to oversee the provisions of this MoU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months of its entry into force.
- e. This MoU does not give any Party the right to be an agent or a representative of the other Party.
- f. The execution of this MoU is subject to the prevailing laws and regulations in both countries.

Executed and signed in Damascus 05/06 2023 in six original copies in Arabic, Russian and English languages. Each text has the same authenticity. In case of any divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.

**For Damascus University
In the Syrian Arab Republic**

**For The Autonomous Nonprofit
Organization "TV-Novosti",
founder and broadcaster of the
"RT Arabic" television channel
in the Russian Federation**

President

Head of RT Arabic

Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban

Mrs. Maya Manna



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