

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

RUDN UNIVERSITY

AND

DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY



RUDN University (Miklukho-Maklaya Str., 6, 117198, Moscow, Russia) and Damascus University (Al-Baramke street , Damascus, Syria), hereinafter referred to as Parties,

intending to strengthen cooperation in the field of science, technology and education,

acknowledging importance of partnership based on the principles of voluntary participation, equality, common good and reciprocity,

subject to the availability of resources provided to fulfill cooperation between the Parties,

agreed on the following:

Article 1 Goals

Main goals of this Memorandum are:

establishment of framework for cooperation in the field of science, technology and education between the Parties;

efforts to respond to global and regional challenges through shared experience and complimentary capacities in the field of science, technology and education;

generating and sharing new knowledge and development of innovative products and services in the field of science, technology and education, subject to resources available to the Parties;

facilitating Parties' partnership in the field of science, technology and education whenever it is appropriate.

Article 2 Areas of cooperation

Main areas of cooperation under this Memorandum include (but are not limited to) the following areas:

exchange of information about strategies and programs of the Parties in the field of science, technology and education;

visits and exchange of faculty and students;

exchange of scientific and teaching materials and publications;

establishment of Centers of Russian language and pre-university training and profile classes of Russian language.

Article 3 Mechanisms and forms of cooperation

The main mechanism of cooperation is this Memorandum.

Parties or authorized persons are able to conclude agreements and work programs which are regulated by the articles of this Memorandum.

The following forms of cooperation are applicable under this Memorandum and agreements/work programs concluded under that framework:

short-term exchange programs for scientists, researchers, technical experts and lecturers;

specialized educational programs to promote human capital in the field of science, technology and education;

joint scientific guidance for MSc and PhD students;

organization of practical workshops, symposiums, and conferences based on common interest in the field of science, technology and education;

exchange of information in the field of science, technology and education;

development and implementation of joint educational programs and scientific and research projects.

Article 4 Mechanisms and forms of financing

Cooperation in the field of science, technology and education in the framework of this Memorandum will be supported by appropriate mechanisms and forms of financing which are agreed on by the Parties in supplementary agreements and work programs.

Article 5 Control of intellectual property rights

Both parties guarantee appropriate and effective protection and equal distribution of rights on the intellectual property which may arise as a result of joint cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum according to national laws and international agreements of the countries which the Parties belong to.

Conditions of acquisition, maintenance and use of intellectual property rights regarding the possible products and (or) processes which may be a result of this Memorandum should be a subject of supplementary agreements and work programs in the framework of cooperation.

Article 6 Conclusion

The Memorandum enters into force from the date of signing and is valid within 5 (five) years. In case one of the Parties won't inform another Party about its intention not to prolong this Memorandum, it shall be automatically extended at the end of initial term for another term of 5 (five) years.

Contents of this Memorandum may be changed by the mutual agreement between the Parties

Any Party at any time may inform another Party about its intention to terminate this Memorandum. In this case the termination shall take effect in 6 (six) months after the

date of notification and shall not include ongoing activities in the cooperation framework unless the Parties have mutually decided otherwise.

The Parties shall commit themselves to solving any dispute connected to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum through direct negotiations.

This Memorandum has been duly signed in 4 (four) copies, two in English and two in Russian all texts being equally authentic.

FOR DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY

President Professor Dr. M. Maher Kabakibi

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