



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

National University - Sudan and Libyan International Medical University - Libya

February 2022

Preamble:

Recognising that the Libyan International Medical University, hereafter referred to as **Libyan International Medical University (LIMU) – Libya** and **National University - Sudan** as appreciate the mutual benefits to be gained through a collaborative programme promoting scholarly activities and overall academic capacity building.

Both **LIMU** and **National University** will establish collaborative arrangements in which training, consultancy and services on post-graduate programs will be mutually planned and executed for Masters different specialties and PhD. Besides any other educational and research activities

Appreciating the importance of resource mobilization and international collaboration aimed at the sharing of human and material resources available at both institutions and realising that both institutions have missions and visions animated by the drive to achieve excellence in higher education, particularly in research, training of qualified professionals and the development of relevant academic programs.

In compliance with the relevant national and/or international laws and guidelines underpinning the activities of the partnering institutions; and as far as LIMU is concerned, in harmony with the government of Libya commitment to improving the quality of higher education in Libya. The **LIMU** and **National University** in the spirit of deepening ties and promoting bilateral and international understanding; will, through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), enter into this agreement for the following purposes:

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Article 1: Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding [MoU]:

The purpose of this MoU is to record formally this mutual interest of LIMU and National University in establishing pre and exploring new areas of cooperation, for a pre-determined duration following signature on this MoU.

This MoU establishes a framework for co-operation between the parties and sets out the general principles for cooperation. In this regard, it codifies the general objectives; the terms and conditions of the collaboration and acts as an umbrella for specific activities that maybe developed by the two institutions. The terms of co-operation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity and will be the subject of separate agreements that shall become annexes to this MoU.

Through this MoU, the parties will work together in the following collaborative activities:

- i. Enhance the quality of the higher education through research, teaching, training, innovation technological development and capacity building in the areas of the mutual interest.
- ii. Provide an instrument for establishment of various collaborative initiatives for the growth and mutual benefit of the parties.
- iii. Enhance professional skills of the staff at the National University and LIMU through training, joint research ventures, staff and student exchanges, curricula development and review, staff and student interactions and exchange of experiences and information.
- iv. Encourage other activities that the parties agree to be of mutual benefits.

Articles 2: Areas of Cooperation:

2.1 Under the undersigned agreement, Departments and/or other authorised units of partner institutions shall formally establish relation's and collaborate in areas of mutual benefit, including joint:

- i. Development of project, research activities and scientific publication.
- ii. Consultancy, project management and implementation.
- iii. Jointly development of curriculum, academic programs and credit transfer.

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- iv. Exchange of faculty, research personnel, accommodating staff sabbatical leaves.
- v. Student exchange and training for undergraduate and graduate programs.
- vi. Organization of seminars, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities in biomedical sciences.
- vii. Organization of lectures, symposia, regional/international meetings, conferences and workshops.

2.2 Department Specific objectives:

2.2.1 The Libyan International Medical University:

- i. This collaboration leads to establishment of Post Graduate programmes (Under sandwich arrangement, if possible)–Masters (M.Sc.) and PhDs in the following areas: Medical Biotechnology; Pathology, Vector Biology and Medical laboratory; Medical Microbiology and Vaccinology; Epidemiology, Immunology; Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics and Dentistry.
- ii. Upgrading of staff teaching methodology.
- iii. Curriculum Development
- iv. Joint research.
- v. Establishment of Ethics and regulatory matters and guidelines.
- vi. Joint academic and CPD Programs.

Article 3: Implementation:

Each party shall designate one coordinator (focal person) who will organize the activities and programmes. Both sides will maintain ongoing communication and circulate essential information in a timely manner. Both parties agree that all financial agreements necessary to implement this MoU must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds the project need to be established.

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Article 4: Intellectual Property Rights, Results and Publications:

Each party shall continue to remain the sole owner of materials, equipment and patents it contributes in any joint projects.

The parties will work together to negotiate appropriate licensing terms or issues arising thereof and issues pertaining to patents subject to mutual agreement by both parties.

Authorship of manuscripts resulting from joint work will be based on substantive contribution, listing of authors will be agreed upon between authors. Participating institutes should be explicitly mentioned and acknowledged.

Article 5: Resource Mobilization:

The two parties shall mobilize the necessary materials, human and financial resources required to undertake the activities under this MoU. Mobilisation of resources shall be undertaken jointly under mutually agreed terms and conditions or independently by either party. The use and sharing of resources mobilised jointly shall be subject to mutual agreement of the parties.

Article 6: Monitoring and Evaluation:

Authorised coordinators of the two institutions shall meet at suitable times and places to monitor and evaluate on-going activities initiated under this MoU. Such meetings will also provide a forum for benchmarking and planning of new activities/projects. At least one meeting per year, held alternatively in Libya and Sudan, will be convened for such purposes.

Article 7: Duration and Renewal:

This MoU will continue for an initial period of three years, whereupon it shall be reviewed and may be extended by the mutual written agreement of both institutions

Article 8: Amendment and Termination:

- i. This MoU may be amended by a written agreement signed by the authorised representatives of both parties.
- ii. This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party upon prior notice to the other party in writing not less than twelve months before termination date.

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- iii. However, any activity initiated under this MoU that cannot be decommissioned/or terminated within the one-year hiatus following the formal notice shall continue under the pre-agreed terms until completion.

Articles 9: Public Statements:

Acknowledging the merits of positive publicity, the parties to this agreement recognise that neither party should not make any press announcements or public statements or use the names of LIMU or National University or including any of its constituent departments, programmes or logos in relation to the activities described in this MoU without prior approval by either party.

Article 10: Settlement of Disputes:

Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this MoU, the parties shall endeavour to exercise best effort to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as legally binding unless stated otherwise.

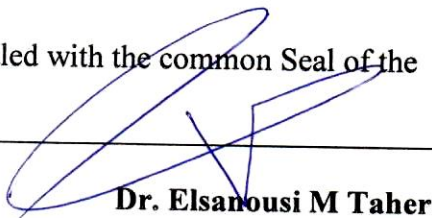
Article 11: Date of Entry:

This MoU becomes effective from the day the authorized representatives of both institutions affix their signatures below.

Signing:

IN WITNESS TO THIS AGREEMENT, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective organisations, sign this MoU on the date 08/02/2022

Sealed with the common Seal of the


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