

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

National University- Sudan, Republic of Sudan (NUSU)

and

Orotta School of Medicine and Dentistry, State of Eritrea (OSMD)

BACKGROUND:

Orotta School of Medicine and Dentistry (hereinafter referred to as "**OSMD**"), an institution of higher learning established in 2004 whose address is in Asmara, State of Eritrea and its lawful representatives and permitted assigns; National University – Sudan. (hereinafter referred to as "**NUSU**"), whose address is Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan and its lawful representatives and permitted assigns; hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties")

WHEREAS:

- A. **Orotta School of Medicine and Dentistry** which strives to enhance and strengthen its Medical education, research and development and has taken various initiatives to complement its educational excellence and has entered into various collaborative arrangements with other parties to enhance networking;
- B. **NATIONALUNIVERSITY SUDAN** aims to establish free exchange and close relationships in both basic and applied sciences with prestigious educational and research organizations and academic communities in Sudan and outside. While developing this relationship, NATIONALUNIVERSITY SUDAN intends to hound education and research to improve its staff and students and serve the community in Sudan.
- C. The Parties are desirous of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding to Declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of co-operation and Collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein **HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING** as follows:

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES:

The Parties, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies will endeavour to strengthen, promote and develop academic co-operation between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

The purpose of this MoU proposal is to strengthen bilateral cooperation and promote institutional development between NUSU and OSMD by achieving the following objectives:

- i. Provision of Scholarships to the graduates of the OSMD in basic sciences discipline like anatomy..
- ii. To improve the quality and accreditation standards and processes of OSMD training programs.
- iii. To administer a strategy for the continuous professional development (CPD) of faculty and staff.
- iv. To support the development of competency-based curricula and training programs.
- v. To develop, launch and accredit simulation programs according to context and need.
- vi. To support assessment and evaluation systems of Medical students.
- vii. To undertake consultancy assignments where agreed.
- viii. To foster academic and research collaboration in areas of mutual interest.
- ix. To facilitate the exchange of academic, scholarly material, faculty and other staff members in the field of medical and health sciences.

Areas of collaboration

The proposed areas of collaboration include the following:

Area I: Provision of Scholarships to the graduates of the OSMD in Basic science disciplines

Offering an opportunity in the basic science training in the discipline of anatomy

May be considered as a pilot project

Area II: Accreditation of training programs and training sites.

Assisting OSMD in the development and provision of continuous quality assurance and accreditation processes. Quality and accreditation will be implemented for the training programs, training sites of OSMD and the trainers. This is to be achieved through introducing and strengthening relevant frameworks for standards and accreditation.

Area III: staff development and institutional support

Delivery of training and capacity building for OSMD's faculty and staff in different area(s) of specialization to foster continuous professional development (CPD).

Further to this, assistance is expected to enable OSMD to institutionalize and deliver staff development programs.

Area IV: Competency-based curricula and training programs.

Demonstrate a preset, internationally accepted core competency level by designing, implementing, evaluating and sustaining curricula and training programs that address identifiable core graduate competences. The OSMD expects support in competency frameworks and technical assistance from NUSU..

Area V: Sponsorship of consultancy assignments in the form of cooperative Seminars, workshops, and other academic meetings.

The engagement of both institutions in conducting seminars, workshops, short courses, and conferences for the purpose of education and research.

Area VI: Academic and Research collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

The undertaking of joint research and consultancy assignments where agreed in areas of mutual interest in a bid to develop and sustain the institutional capacity.

Area VII: Exchange of academic and scholarly information, materials and Publications.

Each institution intends to collaborate in a manner that facilitates exchanges of faculty and other staff Members

GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT

While the aforementioned objectives represent the only active joint objectives at the time of signing of this agreement, the Parties will actively seek further collaborations that are in keeping with their respective missions, goals, principles and activities, and that draw on the comparative advantage and unique position of both parties.

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation shall be started as soon as both parties sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a specified period of five years, subject to renewal or termination by either party. Considering the need, urgency and magnitude of the accreditation process the two parties agreed its implementation a TOP priority with acute need in projection of time frames This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended for a further period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties.

JOINT COORDINATORS

A stream committee under the leadership of the president of National University- Sudan (NUSU) and Dean of Orotta School of Medicine and dentistry (OSMD) shall act as a joint coordinators for the implementation and follow-up of the memorandum of understanding

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Parties shall agree on joint work plans, time lines and budgets for the implementation of agreed upon initiatives that constitute this collaboration. This document does not place a specific financial commitment on either party.

NON-LIABILITY

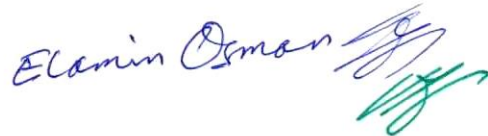
There are no personal liabilities in any way as they relate to the agreed upon initiatives or this agreement.

SETTLEMENT OF DISAGREEMENT AND CONFLICTS

The Parties will be guided by the principles of openness, transparency and consultation. Be there any disagreement or conflict between them, dialogue and consultation will be the first means of resolving the issue without including a third party.

In witness hereof, the authorized representatives of the two parties have executed this agreement on the dates shown below.

Signed on behalf of NUSU

Name: Elamin Osman 

Position: President, NUSU

Date:

Signed on behalf of OSMD

Name: Prof. Haile Mehtsun 

Position: Dean, OSMD

Date: 07.05.2017