

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF DODOMA (UDOM)

And

BODOLAND UNIVERSITY (BU)

February, 2024

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the 13th day of MARCH 2024.

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF DODOMA of Post Box office 259, Dodoma, United Republic of Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as UDOM) on the one part;

And

Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam, 783370, India, (hereinafter referred to as BU) on the other part;

(i) **WHEREAS** UDOM a higher learning institution responsible for providing comprehensive, gender sensitive and quality education to a broad segment of the population through teaching, research, and public services in the fields of education, law, health and allied sciences, natural sciences, earth sciences, information and communication technologies, business, humanities, and social sciences.

(ii) **WHEREAS** Bodoland University located at Kokrajhar, Assam in India was established by University Act, 2009 of the Assam Legislative Assembly on 28th February 2009 and accredited under National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) grade "B". There are 17 PG Departments and 48 Affiliated Degree Colleges, 4 DIETs and 3 B.Ed. Colleges. There are 48 affiliated colleges and approximately 43,000 graduate students and approximate 1950 post graduate students.

(iii) **WHEREAS** the University of Dodoma located at Dodoma city in Dodoma region Tanzania was established in 2007 as a collegiate university with three colleges: Humanities and Social Sciences, Informatics and Virtual Education, and College of Education. Subsequently, the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Health Sciences, Earth Sciences, and recently, the College of Business Studies and Law were established. The formation of the seven colleges has been consistent with the University of Dodoma Charter and Rules, 2007, which envisioned the University structure to operate under campus-colleges mode. It started with 1,200 students as of to date the university has more than 30,000 students.

(iv) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to explore opportunities for academic exchange programs, including staff members, undergraduate, postgraduate and post-doctoral student exchanges.

(v) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to collaborate on research projects of mutual interest. This may include joint research initiatives, supervision of students if interested, sharing of research findings in collaborative research and publications.

(vi) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to have a fresh agreement upon handling of patents, technological transfers, grants, distribution of work, and publication incentives.

(vii) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to promote the exchange of academic and educational materials, as well as information on teaching methodologies and best practices like outreach activities.

(viii) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to explore opportunities for cultural exchange programs to foster a better understanding of each other's cultures.

(xix) **WHEREAS** UDOM and BU have agreed to nominate principal investigator(s) of a partnership research upon the period when undertaking the project.

(x) **HENCEFORTH**, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to promote collaboration in specified areas to be mutually agreed on by the two institutions under the following articles.

ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this MoU is to provide a framework for stronger collaboration between UDOM and BU to advance academic growth through training, research, and co-supervision while enhancing technical capacity and resource sharing. The collaboration between the two universities will also focus on sustainable local and international fund searching.

ARTICLE 2: DURATION

This MoU is valid for five (5) years with effect from the date of the signing, with the possibility of renewal upon the mutual agreement of both parties. Any amendments to the MoU are subject to approval in writing by both parties.

ARTICLE 3: SCOPE AND AREAS OF COLLABORATION

This cooperation between UDOM and BU will be based on the following areas:

- a) Collaboration in academic exchange programs.
- b) Collaboration in developing joint research projects.
- c) Enhancement of skills for learning, teaching and research;
- d) To facilitate institutions mutual collaboration in other areas as shall be determined; and
- e) Any other activities viewed to be mutually beneficial to both institutions as may be agreed upon from time to time.
- f) The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by the Parties before the initiation of that activity and will be the subject of an addendum to this MoU.

ARTICLE 4: ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles and responsibilities of the two institutions in carrying out their collaboration are as follows:

UDOM will:

- a) Advise and share experience in mentoring postgraduate students for continuous professional development.
- b) Lead the local team of partners.
- c) Coordinate all local and international project activities.
- d) Grantee of all local and international contracts and project funds subject to a separate agreement to be signed.
- e) Administer and transfer local funds to principal investigators
- f) Disseminate the project findings in national and international platforms such as conferences and journals from reputable publishers based on specific separate agreements to be signed.

Bodoland University will:

- a) Advise and share experience in mentoring postgraduate students for continuous professional development
- b) Lead the local team of partners
- c) Coordinate all local and international project activities
- d) Grantee of all local and international contracts and project funds subject to a separate agreement to be signed.
- e) Administer and transfer local funds to principal investigators
- f) Disseminate the project findings in national and international platforms such as conferences and journals from reputable publishers based on specific separate agreements to be signed.

ARTICLE 5: USE OF INFORMATION

The Parties agree not to pass on data to third parties unless expressly approved in writing between the parties.

ARTICLE 6: CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties agree not to share or disclose any proprietary or confidential information belonging to the other Party. If a party inadvertently discloses its confidential information to the other Party, the receiving party shall make reasonable efforts to treat such information confidential.

ARTICLE 7: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Each part will be responsible for financing all aspects of its members who are traveling to the other party. For funded projects, the principal investigator of the project will be responsible for financial management. The other part will be responsible for ensuring equality of opportunities.

ARTICLE 8: TERMINATION

The MoU may be terminated by mutual agreement between the Parties after the party desiring to terminate gives the other Party a two-month notice expressing its reasons for such desire.

ARTICLE 9: PROJECT PLANS

The Parties agree to share project plans. Each party shall be responsible for its expenses in connection with all matters relating to the project and other expenses on implementing the project.

ARTICLE 10: ADMINISTRATION

Each party intends to appoint a responsible person to facilitate the planning, efficiency, effectiveness, and implementation of the MoU.

ARTICLE 11: COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE

Any notice or request required or permitted to be given under this MoU may be in writing and shall be given at each party's address set out or as amended from time to time by notice to the other. Emails shall be an acceptable mode of communication.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS

This MoU may be amended by joint consent of the two parties in writing. The amendment will not affect any benefits and commitments arising from this MoU before the effective date of the amendment unless the two parties decide otherwise in the exchange of notes.

ARTICLE 13: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In the event of a dispute arising out of or in relation to the terms of this MoU, The Parties shall meet and endeavor to settle the dispute amicably through mutual consultation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, each acting through its representative duly authorized, have signed this MoU on the date, month, and year as indicated hereunder:

For and on behalf of

The University of Dodoma

[Handwritten Signature]

Prof. Lughano J. Kusiluka

Position: Vice Chancellor

Date: 13/03/2024

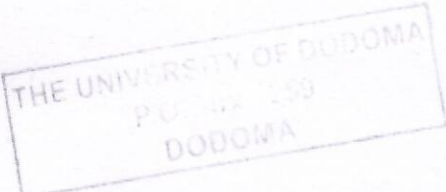
In the presence of:

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Name: Dr. Nyoka Marwa

Designation: Secretary to Council

Date: 27/2/2024



For and on behalf of

Bodoland University

[Handwritten Signature]

Prof. Prof. Pradip Kumar Patra

Position: Vice Chancellor (I/c)

Date: 13/03/2024

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Name: Dr. Subung Basumatary

Designation: REGISTRAR

Date: 13/03/2024

