

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**For Academic and Research Collaboration**  
**Between**  
**Assosa University, Assosa, Ethiopia**  
**And**  
**Sangam University, Rajasthan, India**

**1. About Assosa University and Sangam University**

**1.1. About Assosa University**

Assosa University (ASU) is one of the third generation applied science public university in Ethiopia. The university was established in May 2011 by Council of Ministers decree number 215/2011 and the corner stone was laid on May 4, 2009. Assosa University campus is located at Assosa Town, Benishangul Gumuz Regional State, PO Box-18, Ethiopia. The university is a knowledge hub, which offers a diverse range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

**1.2. About Sangam University**

Sangam University (SU), having its campus at Bhilwara Chittor Bypass, Bhilwara, Rajasthan, India-311001, is established through enactment by the Legislature of the State of Rajasthan and is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) the statutory body of Government of India and offering various undergraduate, postgraduate & doctoral programs.

Assosa University and Sangam University have agreed to the areas of collaboration on academic and research related activities as mentioned in this MoU


**2. Scope**

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- 1) Developing research projects jointly and avail funding;
- 2) Exchange of academic information, materials and facilities;
- 3) Students exchange;
- 4) Faculty exchange;
- 5) Faculty and staff professional development program;
- 6) Organizing/ participation in Joint symposium, seminar, conferences, workshops etc.;

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- 7) Developing articulations for twinning/joint programs and allowing students to undertake part of the programme/course of study at each institution; and
- 8) Leadership development and experience sharing programs;
- 9) Promoting such other activities/programs as mutually agreed from time to time.

## **2.1 Developing research projects jointly and avail funding**

Both institutions may jointly undertake research projects/activities through sharing of research ideas, data and academic resources that can lead to joint publications, development of any product or other intended outcome. Such collaboration activities may also include joint research conferences, visitations and sabbaticals at each other's institution. Faculty from both Institutions will collaborate in the supervision of joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms and conditions laid out by separate written agreement by both Institutions.

## **2.2. Exchange of academic information, materials and facilities**

Both institutions may exchange academic information, facilities, resources etc. as mutually agreed from time to time.

## **2.3 Students Exchange**

### **2.3.1. Student Exchange Programs**

Both institutions may develop programs whereby the students of either institution can have the opportunity to study at the other institution with mutual recognition of the credit hours arising therefrom. It is desired by both institutions that there will be significant flow of students in exchange as reciprocal. Both Institutions may facilitate internship facilities for exchange students as mutually agreed. Pursuant to the specific agreement for academic exchange, Assosa University and Sangam University will exchange students according to the terms and conditions laid out by separate written agreement by both Institutions.

### **2.3.2. Short Courses/ Summer School**

These courses, usually two to four weeks in duration, will normally be held in spring or summer as mutually agreed. The programs will facilitate visits by students and faculty to learn about the business environment and culture in the host country. In addition to various topics on business operations and culture, the course would include meetings with business executives, and visits to various industrial and business establishments. The cost and other terms of such programs will be mutually worked out separately each year.

## **2.4 Faculty Exchange**

Both institutions agree to develop opportunities for faculty to teach courses, conduct seminars and undertake such other activities at each other's campus as mutually agreed. Visiting faculty will be provided with opportunities to observe and share teaching methods and curriculum. Assosa University and Sangam University will exchange faculty according to the terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon.



  
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## 2.5. Faculty and staff professional development program

The Faculty and Staff Professional Development Program would be Talloires initiatives. The goal of the program is to impart participants the technical skills and knowledge that will enable them to expand and strengthen civic engagement efforts at their universities. Further, to develop strategies and methods to promote institutional policy change and quality improvement. By addressing specific areas of focus for faculty and staff, the Faculty and Staff Professional Development Program will strengthen leadership and management at both the university, and facilitate institutional commitment and change teaching and research as applied to civic engagement efforts.

## 2.6. Organizing/ participation in Joint symposium, seminar, conferences, workshops etc.

Both institutions will promote their faculty participation in the conferences, conclaves and seminars organized by each other to strengthen the ties between both the institutions and may jointly organize symposium, seminars, conferences, workshops and other programs as mutually agreed.

## 2.7. Developing articulation for twinning/joint programs allowing students to undertake part of the program/course of study at each institution.

Both the institutions agree to work towards the development of joint program offerings and the articulation of various academic credits between the institutions as mutually agreed for various programs/courses which entitles the students to complete a part of the program of study at each institution and will be awarded the respective degree or other respective academic transcripts upon successful completion of requirements as agreed in the separate articulation agreement.

## 2.8. Leadership development and experience sharing programs;

This would be tailored program to help top-tier employees in enhancing leadership qualities and skills at both the university level. The program shall impart, current management techniques, competitive landscapes, peer support, shared learning and formalized mentorship for a long-term influence.

## 3. Advertising & Publicity

Both the institutions may publicly advertise the collaboration under this MoU among students, staff etc. Where reasonably possible, in making advertisements or public announcements in relation to this MoU, each institution shall acknowledge the participation of the other institution and the contribution that other institution has made if any.

## 4. Relationship

Arrangement between the institutions is on a principal-to-principal basis and not to be deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, a partnership, franchisor-franchisee or principal-agent or alike relationship under any circumstances, and Neither party shall have any right to act or assume or create or transfer any obligation on behalf of or for or to other party.

## 5. Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment

This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the both institutions and will remain in effect for five (5) years. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, as per mutual agreement of both Institutions. If either institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of the five years period or in between the period of five years, it must notify the other institution not less than six months prior to the



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expiry of the MOU. The event of termination will not affect participants from completing their activities at the host party already initiated or ongoing unless otherwise mutually agreed. This MoU, its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications to MoU may be made by mutual consent and any amendment or extension to the MoU may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two institutions.

#### 6. Coordinators:

Each institution agrees to appoint an overall Coordinator for the administration of this MOU. The Coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus. These coordinators will ensure smooth flow of communication and would be responsible to ensure that necessary approvals are in place for student/faculty exchange, articulation agreement etc. These coordinators will be responsible to ensure the effectiveness and enforcement MOU. Both Institutions are responsible for keeping their contact details up to date. Contact details and address of the designated coordinators are given hereunder:

<b>For The Sangam University</b> <b>Name:</b> Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Bhandari <b>Title:</b> Dean, Research <b>Address:</b> Sangam University, Bhilwara Chittor Bypass, Bhilwara, Rajasthan, India, PIN-311001 <b>Telephone:</b> +91-7891050001; +91-9783240377 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rakesh.bhandari@sangamuniversity.ac.in">rakesh.bhandari@sangamuniversity.ac.in</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.sangamuniversity.ac.in/">https://www.sangamuniversity.ac.in/</a>	<b>For Assosa University</b> <b>Name:</b> Mr Solomon Etansa Bari <b>Title:</b> Director for Public and International Relations <b>Address:</b> <b>PoBox 18</b> <b>Telephone:</b> +251 578875008 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:pir@asu.edu.et">pir@asu.edu.et</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.asu.edu.et/">https://www.asu.edu.et/</a>
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#### 7. Resolution of Disputes and Governing Law:

In the event of any unforeseen issues or matters not covered herein or any controversy, dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with this MoU, the same shall be resolved amicably by both the institutions.

This MoU and further agreements will in all respect be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Republic of India and laws of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, in which the respective matters giving rise to dispute took place.

Both the counterparts shall sign in this MoU. Each counterpart will constitute an original document and these counterparts taken together, shall constitute one and the same MOU.

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Designation: Vice-Chancellor  
Sangam University, India,  
Rajasthan, India, PIN-311001,

Signature

Dated: 04.04.2022

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