

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

AND

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

CONCERNING

**ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK & UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
PROGRAMME**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made on 09/06/2016 between the ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (hereinafter referred to as “IDB”) and THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN, acting through its Faculty of Science, (hereinafter referred to as the “University”).

IDB and the University are hereinafter referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

WHEREAS

- A) IDB is a multilateral development bank established by Articles of Agreement to foster economic development and social progress of its member countries by participating in various development activities including educational, science and health related projects;
- B) The University has a mandate to conduct research and offer research-based education at the highest international level within academic fields;
- C) IDB and the University have agreed to establish scholarships, to be known as the “IDB-University of Copenhagen Scholarships” (the “Scholarships”), to support students at the University who are nationals of any IDB Member Country listed in Annex-I to this MoU and who are offered a place for PhD study and research at the University;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto have agreed to cooperate as follows:

Article-1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The aim of this MoU is to attract and select candidates from IDB Member Countries provided in Annex-I hereof, of outstanding academic merit and award Scholarships for PhD studies and research in the fields of Science and High-technology.
- 1.2 The scholars shall be expected to return to their home country upon completion of their degree, in order to apply their studies beyond the world of academe and make a practical contribution towards the improvement of the socio-economic conditions of their country.
- 1.3 The Scholarships shall be tenable at the University and known as “IDB-University of Copenhagen International Scholarships.”

Article-2 IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

- 2.1 The Parties shall provide funding for PhD scholars to be awarded in each of the academic years beginning from 2016-2017 Academic Year.
- 2.2 The Scholarships shall be tenable in the fields of Science and High-technology under the University’s Faculty of Science for a duration of 3 (three) years for each scholar starting from the date of admission into the University.

- 2.3 The funding for each scholar shall last for the duration of their fee liability [which is strictly for 3 (three) years as referred to Article 2.2 hereof]. However, subject to provision of full justifications acceptable to IDB, only in exceptional cases, this period may be extended, at the full discretion of IDB, for a maximum period of 6 (six) months, for specific scholars(s) who may be under such exceptional circumstances.
- 2.4 The Parties shall undertake to regularly review the arrangements for the Scholarships, and conduct a comprehensive and collaborative review of the terms and operation of this MoU.
- 2.5 After consultation with IDB, the University may terminate a Scholarship if the scholar is found to be in violation of the Danish legislation, including the Statutes or regulations of the University, or is convicted of any criminal offence, or is unable to continue his or her studies at the University for any reason including the reason of having made unsatisfactory progress (as determined by the University according to the provisions of the National Rules on the PhD Programme).
- 2.6 In accordance with the University policies, a scholar shall be permitted to suspend his or her studies (for instance, due to illness), for an agreed period of no more than twelve months. In case of maternity, the leave of absence may be prolonged. In any such case no sums would be required to be paid to the scholar under the Scholarship for the duration of such suspension, but following resumption of his/her course, the scholar would be entitled to the payments previously agreed. The start date of a Scholarship may be deferred by up to three academic terms, subject to the scholar meeting the University's requirements for deferral of entry. The University shall inform IDB if a scholar is granted deferral of entry or suspension of their registered status.
- 2.7 IDB contribution to the funding for each Scholarship shall be as follows:
- (a) IDB undertakes to pay **50% of DKK 80,000 (US\$ 11,654) per year towards the cost of bench fees of each PhD scholar** provided under the terms of this MoU. The bench fees may in some academic fields be higher, taking the costs of the individual Programme into account. Payment of a Scholarship for Programmes with a higher bench fees is subject to negotiation between the Parties hereto. Subject to receipt of such funds from IDB, the University undertakes to meet the remaining (50%, including any additional) costs of tuition/bench fees for each scholar;
 - (b) The IDB's contribution toward the annual maintenance allowance of each scholar will be paid in accordance with IDB benefit package and procedure and will be paid directly to the scholar, as provided in Annex-II to this MoU.
- 2.8 The University undertakes to:
- (a) apply the sums paid to the University by IDB in support of the Scholarships as provided by this MoU;
 - (b) meet remaining (50%, including any additional) costs of tuition fees for each Student (as referred to in Article 2.7 hereof).
 - (c) provide a financial statement to IDB each year; and

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- (d) provide annual reports to IDB on the activities and progress of the recipient scholars.

Article-3 ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

- 3.1. The Scholarship shall be advertised each year, starting from entry in 2016-17 academic year.
- 3.2 IDB shall publicize the Scholarship within the eligible countries listed in Annex-I to this MoU and through its scientific development network. The University shall advertise the Scholarship on the University's website.
- 3.3. The Parties shall approve all information regarding the Scholarship before printing or circulation. All publicity material and advertising in relation to the Scholarships shall acknowledge the respective contributions of the Parties.
- 3.4. The eligible candidates for the Scholarships must apply to IDB through their education and development institutions in their country in accordance with IDB scholarship application procedures and deadlines.
- 3.5 The selection of PhD candidates shall be made at the IDB on the basis of fair, objectives and lawful criteria.
- 3.6 The IDB shall issue a scholarship offer letter to successful candidates on their selection as Merit Scholar – providing full details of the terms and conditions of the scholarship award.
- 3.7. The IDB shall notify the university about the list of selected PhD scholars to the University for admission process on annual time schedule to be agreed by the Parties. Selected candidates are not granted automatic placement at the University, but must gain admission through the normal admission procedure of the University.
- 3.7. The University shall review the applications and issue acceptance letters to successful scholars and copies to IDB each year.
- 3.8 The University shall provide appropriate pre-departure advice and documentation to accepted scholars and copies to IDB each year.
- 3.9. Upon the Scholar's securing admission at the University, the IDB will issue a clearance letter for scholar to authorize him to study at the University. This letter should indicate the amount of tuition/bench fees at the University and other important features of placement under the scholarship. The amount of fees mentioned in the clearance letter will be the basis of amount agreed by the Parties under the term of this MoU. Where required, the University will also issue an award letter confirming the tuition fee element of the University funding (primarily for visa purposes).
- 3.10. The University shall forward to IDB an end-of-year report for each scholar from the supervisor.
- 3.11. The Scholarship shall be administered, on behalf of the University, by the PhD School of Science and, on behalf of IDB, by the Manager, Scholarship Division.
- 3.12. The implementation, modalities and procedures provided in this Article will be worked out between IDB and the University within the framework of their respective laws, regulations, procedures and constitutional documents.

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Article-4 CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Parties may exchange and/or share data and information for the purposes set forth in Article-1, if necessary, in the spirit of cooperation.
- 4.2 Each Party shall not disclose any data or information obtained from the other Party to any third party, without the express consent of the other Party.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the preceding Article 4.2, the Parties may, according to their respective internal rules and regulations, disclose information in accordance with laws, regulations or orders to governmental authorities or courts, or to their employees, officers, directors, agent or representatives; and their lawyers, certified public accountants, tax accountants or other professional advisors to the necessary extent.

Article-5 FINANCIAL PROVISION

The cost of any additional work or activity done under this MOU shall be examined by both Parties and shall be borne in a manner to be agreed upon at the inception of such activity and in accordance with any specific agreement that may be in place prior to commencement of such activity

Article-6 REVIEW

Representatives of the Parties may meet periodically, either once yearly or as may be required, to review progress made and to consider ways and means of enhancing the cooperation hereunder.

Article-7 AMENDMENTS

The Parties may, by mutual agreement, amend the provisions hereunder or enter into supplementary agreements provided that they are approved by authorized personnel.

Article-8 MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Each Party recognizes that the cooperation envisaged under this MOU is not exclusive and that each Party may enter into similar arrangements with other third parties.
- 8.2 Arrangements provided or referred to in this MOU may be reviewed by the Parties at any time to allow for modification as deemed necessary by mutual consent.
- 8.3 In carrying out any program or activity within the framework of this MOU, each Party shall follow its own rules, regulations and procedures.
- 8.4 The Parties shall resolve any conflict arising from interpretation or implementation thereof amicably through consultation and due consideration to mutually beneficial completion of its purpose.

Article-9 ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 9.1 The MoU shall come into effect when approvals by the authorized personnel of the respective Parties are obtained.
- 9.2 The MoU shall remain valid for the academic years 2016/17 to 2021/22.

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- 9.3 Subject to Article 9.4, either Party is at liberty to terminate this MoU at any time provided that notice of termination is given to the other Party 3 (three) months in advance.
- 9.4 Should the MOU be terminated by either Party as indicated above, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination is not prejudicial to any activities or programs implemented within the framework of this MoU, in particular the Parties shall continue their support of those scholars already accepted for a Scholarship.
- 9.5 This MOU may be renewed for further periods of 5 (five) years at a time, or as may be mutually agreed at the time of such renewal, through a new MOU approved by authorized personnel representing both Parties.

Article-10 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any difference or dispute amongs the Parties concerning the interpretation, implementation, and/or application of any of the provision of this MOU shall be settled amicably through mutual consultations and/or negotiation among the Parties, without reference to any third party or national or international tribunal.

Article-11 COMMUNICATIONS

For the purpose of facilitating the implementation of this MOU any notice, consent or other communication to be given by either of the Parties to the other under this MOU shall be in writing; and shall be sent by email or fax to the address of the relevant Party stated in this MOU (or any other address notified by that party in accordance with this Article). The notice shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee 10 (ten) days after sending. The Parties shall give written notice of any change of address at the earliest possible opportunity, but in any event within 30 (thirty) days of such change. The aforementioned email or fax correspondence will be confirmed in writing. For the purpose of this Article 11, the following address of each Party, unless otherwise changed, shall be used:

For IDB:

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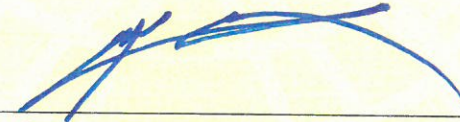
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly appointed and authorized representatives of IDB and the University, respectively, have for and on behalf of the respective Parties, signed the present MOU in two counterparts on the day and year first above written.

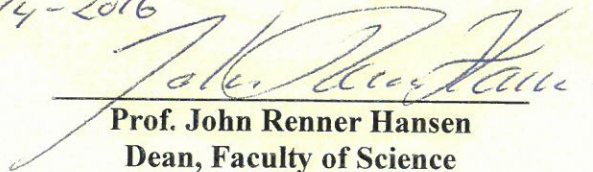
**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK**



SAYED AQA
VICE PRESIDENT

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
(FACULTY OF SCIENCE):**

27/4-2016



**Prof. John Renner Hansen
Dean, Faculty of Science**

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LIST OF IDB MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Scholarships shall be offered to the students of the following IDB member countries:

Afghanistan	Indonesia	Palestine
Albania	Iran	Qatar
Algeria	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Azerbaijan	Jordan	Senegal
Bahrain	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Kuwait	Somalia
Benin	Kyrgyz Republic	Sudan
Brunei	Lebanon	Suriname
Burkina Faso	Libya	Syria
Cameroon	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Chad	Maldives	Togo
Comoros	Mali	Tunisia
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Turkey
Djibouti	Morocco	Turkmenistan
Egypt	Mozambique	Uganda
Gabon	Niger	United Arab Emirates
Gambia	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
Guinea	Oman	Yemen
Guinea-Bissau	Pakistan	

NB: If any new member joins IDB in the near future, this list may be updated by IDB accordingly.

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ANNEX-II

IDB BENEFIT PACKAGE

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IDB MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR 3-YEAR PH.D. PROGRAMME

NO.	ITEM	BENEFIT
1.	Tuition/Research fee	Payable as indicated in the Final Clearance Letter vide the admission offer letter.
2.	Living allowance	US\$ 900 - 1500 per month (Depending on the cost of living of country of study).
3.	Books/Clothing allowance	US\$ 100 per month
4.	Installation allowance	One-off payment of one month living allowance
5.	Conference participation/ Preparation of Scientific paper allowance	US\$ 1500 to be used proportionately throughout the study period, as needed
6.	Thesis preparation allowance	US\$ 250 to be used during preparation of thesis toward the end of the study
7.	Air-ticket(s)	Round trip air-ticket for scholar and approved family members to and from the place of study.
8.	Medical Insurance	Insurance cover under an international insurance company for the Scholar only.

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