

Memorandum of Cooperation

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This is an agreement of friendship between **University of Technology and Applied Sciences-Musandam** (referred as UTAS-Musandam) of P.O.Box:12, Postal Code: 811, Khasab, Sultanate of Oman & **Cochin University of Science and Technology** (referred as CUSAT) Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala, India Pin-682022 with no legal binding on each other whatsoever.

UTAS-Musandam and **CUSAT** shall collectively be referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party".

Purpose: The purpose of the Memorandum of Cooperation is as follows:

1. UTAS-Musandam and CUSAT are to work together in good faith to examine and determine the feasibility of pursuing potential academic collaboration opportunities in relation to the following areas.
 - a. Joint research by faculty members and/or researchers.
 - b. Grant collaboration
 - c. Student and staff exchange
 - d. Academic and research development
2. To establish a joint working team, if necessary, to effectively and efficiently examine the feasibility of the above opportunities.

Responsibilities of UTAS-Musandam:

1. Provide research consultancy services depending on the expertise of its staff.
2. Provide training or consultation depending on the expertise of its staff and other resources available.
3. Allow faculty and students of CUSAT to visit UTAS-Musandam facilities for academic, research, training and associated purposes.
4. Provide its facilities like labs, learning resources or software depending upon its availability.

Responsibilities of CUSAT:

1. Provide research consultancy services depending on the expertise of its staff.
2. Provide training or consultation depending on the expertise of its staff and other resources available.
3. Allow faculty and students of UTAS-Musandam to visit CUSAT facilities for academic, research, training and associated purposes.
4. Provide its facilities like labs, learning resources or software depending upon its availability.

It is unconditionally and irrevocably agreed that the intention of the Parties is not to make a concluded bargain at all in respect of the subject matter in discussion under this Memorandum of Cooperation, unless and until the Parties sign and execute a separate definitive agreement.

Confidentiality:

The Parties agree to treat all information, documents and personal data (if any) provided under this Memorandum of Cooperation as confidential and to maintain the secrecy of the said information without divulging it to any unauthorized third party and not to use the said information for any other purposes as mentioned in this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Withdrawal:

Notwithstanding the generality of the provisions stipulated in this Memorandum of Cooperation, any Party may withdraw from this Memorandum of Cooperation at any time by giving fourteen (14) working days' written notice to the other Party without assigning any reasons.

Limitation of Liability

In no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, direct, indirect, speculative, incidental, special or consequential damages in connection with the exercise of their rights or their performance under this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Dispute Resolution:

Any difference or dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties.

Amendments:

Wherever it becomes necessary, this Memorandum of Cooperation may be varied or amended by mutual agreement in writing by the Parties and such variations or amendments shall be part of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

E-Signature:

Each Party agrees that this Memorandum of Cooperation may be electronically signed, and that any electronic signatures appearing on this Memorandum of Cooperation is the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

This Memorandum of Cooperation is signed by **Dr. Ahmed Said Ahmed Al-Shahri** on behalf of **UTAS-Musandam** and by **Dr. Meera V** on behalf of **Cochin University of Science and Technology** on this day, **Tuesday 9th January, 2024**.

This agreement will take effect from **Tuesday, 9th January, 2024** with a validity for **Two years** and shall be renewed on mutual agreement of both parties.



Dr. Ahmed Said Ahmed Al-Shahri
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