

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between**  
**The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**  
**of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**And**  
**The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and**  
**Innovation**  
**of the Sultanate of Oman**  
**In the Fields of Higher Education, Research and**  
**Innovation**

Stemming from the distinguished relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sultanate of Oman, and the desire of both countries to promote and develop cooperation between them in the fields of higher education, research and innovation on the basis of reciprocal benefit, and in light of the discussions held between the Omani and Iranian sides, the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of the Sultanate of Oman (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) have reached the following:

**Paragraph 1**

The Parties will encourage cooperation in the following fields:

1. Exchanging scholarships in programs of mutual interest between accredited higher education institutions in both countries.
2. Facilitating the professional development of academic staff in accredited higher education institutions in both countries.
3. Exchanging teaching and learning materials, information, research outcomes, software, and other materials, as well as organizing exhibitions and seminars related to higher education, research and innovation.
4. Participating in local and international scientific and educational conferences and workshops held in both

- countries, and exchanging information concerning such events before sufficient time from their commencement.
5. Supporting, facilitating and promoting the study and teaching of the Persian and Arabic languages, history, literature, and art in both countries.
  6. Promoting research cooperation, mutual research and innovatory applied projects and business accelerators, exchange of expertise in the various field of science, knowledge, and modern technology of mutual interest to the Parties.
  7. Enhance and promote cooperation between the two countries in the transfer and internationalization of technology projects, business accelerators, business incubators, and entrepreneurship.
  8. Exchanging information about the accreditation system and the recognition of education certificates of the Parties according to the regulations followed in both countries.

The Parties may decide to add other fields for cooperation through diplomatic channels.

### **Paragraph 2**

The Parties will encourage the exchange of expertise, scientific research, and visits between officials of higher education, research and innovation, academic staff, scholars, experts in certificate equivalency and quality assurance, researchers and students in accredited higher education institutions, in programs of mutual interest.

### **Paragraph 3**

1. The Parties will bear their own costs associated with the implementation of cooperation fields referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Memorandum.
2. If either Party wishes to carry out a visit as referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Memorandum, the financial arrangements concerning the delegation's expenses must be made in writing through diplomatic channels.

3. The delegating Party referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Memorandum will:
  - a. Give at least one (1) month prior notice informing the receiving Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of all the necessary information regarding the visit, including the number of delegates and the objectives of the visit.
  - b. Ensure that its delegation has medical insurance and bear the costs of medical transportation to the delegate's country of residence during the planned period of stay in the host country, unless the host country offers to provide health care services.

#### **Paragraph 4**

This Memorandum does not prejudice obligations arising out of bilateral agreements concluded between both countries.

#### **Paragraph 5**

1. The Parties will implement this Memorandum in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in both countries.
2. Either Party may suspend the implementation of this Memorandum, in whole or in part, for reasons related to national security, national interest, public system, or public health in writing through diplomatic channels. Such suspension will take effect immediately after the other Party's receipt of the written notification.
3. The suspension of this Memorandum does not affect the ongoing activities or programs agreed upon before the date of the suspension, unless the Parties decide otherwise.

#### **Paragraph 6**

The Parties will sign this Memorandum upon the approval of the governments of both Parties.

**Paragraph 7**

Any differences or disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

**Paragraph 8**

The Parties may amend this Memorandum through submitting a written request to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Any amendments agreed between the Parties to this Memorandum will be in writing and form an integral part of it.

**Paragraph 9**

This Memorandum comes into effect from the date of its signature for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for other similar periods unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate at least 6 (six) months prior to the date of termination.

This Memorandum was signed in Muscat on 2 Khordad 1401, corresponding to 23 May 2022 in two originals in the Persian, Arabic, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation between any of the texts, the English text will prevail.

**For The Government of  
The Islamic Republic of Iran**

**For Government of  
The Sultanate of Oman**

**Hossein Amir-Abdollahian  
Minister of Foreign Affairs**



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Foreign Minister**

