



MEMORENDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



Between

Indus Consortium Islamabad

And

PMAS – Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi

Indus Consortium, Islamabad (Party-I) and **PMAS – Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (Party - II)** acting on or in pursuance of previous Agreement signed on November 25, 2014 between both parties have agreed to renew their agreement in order to undertake jointly agreed initiatives concerning Food Security & Justice in the face of climate change and Youth Empowerment etc.

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to make joint efforts in order to enhance awareness of the youth especially the university students about food security in the face of climate change, youth employability and tax justice in Pakistan so that policy discourse can be generated.

Considering that:

Indus Consortium, Islamabad, a collaborative platform of 3 humanitarian and development organizations i.e. Laar Humanitarian Development Program (LHDP), Doaba Foundation and HELP Foundation – is a manifestation of a joint force of people living around Sindh (Indus) River basin in Pakistan. The consortium represents the unity among different ethnic, linguistic and geographic features and their resolve to struggle for the development of people around Indus River basin whose forefathers, in the ancient ages, had developed one of the most prosperous civilizations around the globe; remembered in history as Indus Civilization. Indus Consortium envisions a democratic and equitable society where all citizens enjoy equal economic, cultural and political rights and work for local communities to enhance their resilience and participation in development.

PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR), is a quality focused higher education institution that provides excellent academic and research environment for producing researchers and scholars in the field of Agriculture, Forestry, Veterinary and Animal Sciences, social Sciences, Information Technology, Management Sciences, and Education etc. The university through its collaborative activities at national and international level is undertaking a number of educational, research and development initiatives to resolve local and regional issues related to agriculture and livestock productivity, information technology, and business management. Through its crosscutting role in food, business, and education it is serving as a platform for connecting link for creating intercultural understanding and promoting dialogue and sharing among nations, cultures, and societies by providing research-based academic and field programs in various disciplines. Replacing the old and traditional methods with advanced modern

technology from the production of crops to value-added by-products at the Farm Gate is the real milestone for the university. Thus minimizing the income gap between rich and poor, university is making efforts to uplift the economy of Pakistan.

Both parties have agreed to the following:

Roles of Party – I: (Indus Consortium)

Indus Consortium, Islamabad shall be responsible:

- To strengthen the coordination and communication mechanism with PMAS-AAUR.
- To organize discourse/seminars/conferences at PMAS-AAUR to promote discussion on climate change, food security, youth empowerment and employability and tax justice etc.
- To organize and conduct drawing/art competition on climate change and food security with youth/student groups at AAUR.
- To organize and conduct festivals/ documentary competitions concerning tax justice.
- To give an opportunity to youth groups of AAUR for participation in Food Melas, World Food Day, Environment Day, World Water Day, Climate Change Mela/s, Sufi Festival/s, policy dialogues at provincial level on youth employability, and national youth conferences.
- To provide youth groups an opportunity to take part in essay writing competitions at national level.
- To develop a Resource Centre at Indus Consortium and AAUR through the recommendation of university representatives and students for books and other relevant material on climate change, food security, tax justice and youth employability theme.
- To provide internship opportunities to the students (one internship/year)
- To publish and disseminate the information related to climate change, food security, tax justice and youth employability in form of reports/brochures and posters etc.
- For all the above activities, Indus Consortium shall be responsible for the financial and logistical arrangements.

Roles of Party-II: (PMAS-AAUR)

In order to carry out the above-mentioned joint initiatives/activities, the university will make efforts in:

- Providing support in the nomination of youth/students to take part in above-mentioned activities organized by Party-I.
- Providing a venue for joint thematic sessions, policy dialogues, discourse events, drawing/art competitions, food and climate change mela/s, sufi festivals and film festivals.

- Facilitate the participation of faculty/students of various disciplines in exposure visits, policy dialogues, national youth conferences, essay writing competitions, documentary competitions, film festivals, exposure visits, internships and utilization of resource centers.
- Facilitate active participation of the faculty/students in campaigns, tax justice, and youth employability discourses and policy dialogues of Indus Consortium.
- Exchange of information and identification of resource material for establishing resource centers.
- Sustainable use of resource centers and knowledge developed from the GROW campaign, Youth Employability, and Tax Justice Programs.

Common Roles and Responsibilities (Party I and Party II)

- Collaboration of both the parties in all the above-mentioned activities and other research activities in relation to climate change, disasters affecting food security and its dimensions, tax justice, and youth employability.
- Collaboration in matters of common interests in the fields of research and education around the themes of climate change, food security and youth employability etc.
- Collaboration to increase the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of the mutually agreed joint initiatives.

COORDINATION MECHANISM

Coordinators/Focal Points:

Party - I and Party - II shall designate individuals to coordinate joint activities. The coordinators of the respective parties will serve as the key persons for the discussion and implementation of joint activities. In process of execution/implementation of the activities, timely communication and consultation will be done by both of the parties. The contact person for each of the Parties within this Memorandum of Understanding shall be:

- Name: Prof. Dr. Ata-ul-Mohsin**, Director, External Linkages, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi
- Name: Mr. Hussain Jarwar**, National Coordinator, Indus Consortium, Islamabad

For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, usual communication will be made through e-mails and meetings between the focal points, as deemed necessary.

Intellectual Property Rights:

Any Intellectual Property Right arising from any work created under the agreed activities under this MoU shall jointly belong to both the Parties and used as per their needs.

Duration and Amendments:

This Memorandum of Understanding is at-will and may be modified or updated by a mutual consent between Indus Consortium and PMAS-AAUR. These amendments shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials.

Duration and Termination:

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from Indus Consortium and PMAS-AAUR and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners with a justified cause. Each party shall have the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving at least six months' notice in writing to the other Parties at any time. If the Memorandum of Understanding is terminated by a Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress. Existing projects which are due to be completed within one calendar year from the date of notice of termination shall not be affected by such termination unless agreed upon by all the Parties.

In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials, this Memorandum of Understanding shall end on October 25, 2021.

Settlement of Disputes:

In the event of a dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Memorandum of Understanding, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof (a dispute), the Parties shall use their best efforts to settle promptly such dispute through direct negotiation. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by another to settle amicably any matter for which no provision has been made or any controversy as to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Acceptance:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies.

We agree to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding set above.

Party - I

Signature: 

Name: **Mr. Hussain Jarwar**
Designation: National Coordinator
Indus Consortium, E/11-3, Islamabad
Date : October 26, 2018

Party - II

Signature: 

Name : **Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza**
Designation: Vice Chancellor, PMAS-Arid
Agriculture University Rawalpindi
Date: October 26, 2018