MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN

AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY,
ILORIN, NIGERIA

AND

USET
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FOR AN ENTREPRENEURIAL CITIZENRY

THE GAMBIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY,
BRIKAMA, THE GAMBIA

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this "Memorandum") is made this ..... day of 2025

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AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY, ILORIN, NIGERIA

(hereinafter referred to as "HUI" which expression shall where the context so admits include its Successors-in-Title, Agents and Assigns) of the one part

AND

THE GAMBIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY.

(hereinafter referred to as "USET" which expression shall where the context so admits include its Successors-in-Title, Agents and Assigns) of the other part.

HUI and USET are hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties"

WHEREAS:

HUI is a privately owned and licensed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to offer tertiary education opportunities to aspiring students, fostering intellectual and profession advancement through its educational programmes.

USET is a University licensed by the Government of The Gambia to impart high quality higher education at Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Diploma & Certificate levels in Science, Engineering and Technology. It has five TVET Centres strategically located within The Gambia in addition to best Innovation and Entrepreneur Centre at Kainfing Campus of the University.

To enhance cooperation and foster stronger relationships in the fields of Natural and Applied Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Environmental Technology and other relevant disciplines, it was mutually agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding encompassing the following provisions:

Article (1): Aims

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) seeks to accomplish the following objectives:

- Facilitate the exchange of knowledge between both institutions.
- Promote academic, scientific, and cultural exchange opportunities.
- Foster collaboration in scientific research activities.
- Foster collaboration in Vocational Education & Training (TVET) and Innovation

Article (2): Cooperation Activities

The collaboration between the two undersigned universities will encompass, but is not limited to, the following areas:

1. Organizing conferences, exhibitions, seminars, workshops, symposia, and short courses in shared areas of interest.
2. Exchanging publications and scientific information.
3. Producing joint publications in scientific journals.
4. Designing joint programs, courses and curricula.
5. Collaborating on joint research projects.
6. Conducting joint teaching activities.
7. Organizing joint cultural programs and activities.
8. Developing joint training programs for students, academic staff, and administrative staff.
9. Holding regular meetings as necessary to review and evaluate previous activities and discuss new areas for future collaboration.
10. Facilitating the exchange of academic and administrative staff.
11. Enabling the exchange of undergraduate students, postgraduate students, and researchers.
12. Collaborating on joint supervision of Postgraduate researches.

Article (3): Coordination

- Each party shall appoint a coordinator to oversee the implementation of the activities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- The appointed coordinators from both parties will maintain regular communication to ensure the effective execution of the provisions of the MoU.

Article (4): Implementation

- All collaborative activities and exchanges shall be carried out in alignment with the needs and priorities of each institution.
- Both parties may explore additional avenues of cooperation in specific areas by signing annexes to this MoU.
- Prior invitations are required for all exchanges.
- In joint research activities each institution will have access to the research infrastructure of the other.
- Any information generated from joint activities under this MoU will be available to both institutions, subject to the projection of shared intellectual property rights.

Article (5) Duration

- This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall remain in effect fora period of five years from the date of its signing by both parties.
- The MoU may be renewed for an additional five-year period with the mutual consent of both parties unless written notice is provided at least three months prior to its expiration. In such cases, the termination will not affect the obligations of either party concerning ongoing programs at the time of termination.

Article (6) Legal and Financial Obligations

- Both institutions shall resolve any disputes arising under this MoU through mutual negotiation. If negotiations fail, either party reserves the right to terminate the MoU by providing the other party with at least 30 days prior notice.
- This MoU does not establish any legally binding obligations or impose financial or supplementary funding commitments on either party. However, each institution retains the right to seek internal or external funding to support the implementation of the activities outlined in the MoU.

Signed by:

PROF. NOAH YUSUF
VICE-CHANCELLOR,
AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY, ILORIN

In the presence of:

DR. KAZEEM OLADIMEJI
REGISTRAR

Signature:

Date: 2/4/25

Signed by:

02/04/25

PROF. NAZMAT SURAJUDEEN-BAKINDE
VICE-CHANCELLOR,
THE GAMBIA UNIVERSITY OF
APPLIED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING
AND TECHNOLOGY

In the presence of:

MR. Alieu B. SAINE
REGISTRAR

Signature:

Date: 02/04/25