



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**QUALITY ENHANCEMENT CELL**

**KHWAJA FAREED UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY, RAHIM YAR KHAN**

and

**DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT OFFICE RYK**



**This Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) is made and entered between**

**Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology** (hereinafter referred to as “**KFUEIT**”); is a public sector university established by the Government of Pakistan in Rahim Yar Khan.

**AND**

**District Environment Office RYK** represented by its

“**KFUEIT**” and “**District Environment Office RYK**” are referred to individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as “**Parties**” in this MoU;

**WHEREAS** this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to encourage discussions and cooperation between the Parties and individual scientists and employees within each organisation in relation to opportunities for collaborative research activities and translation of research and capacity building of students and staff to deliver impact.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Parties shall cooperate in science and technology in the fields of agriculture (crops & livestock), environment, water and natural resources, for the purpose of supporting technology innovation for improving the access of services, training, knowledge and broadening the existing knowledge base for agricultural development and strengthening the research, extension and outreach activities of the Parties. The Parties have identified key areas of collaboration:
  - I. KFUEIT shall designate a focal person for day-to-day liaison with **District Environment Office** on matters related to collaborative activities. All requests to **District Environment Office** shall be routed via the designated focal person.
  - II. Advise the government on relevant policy matters and align the efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.
  - III. Provide the sustainable solutions to the all the local stakeholders.
  - IV. The Parties have agreed to developing collaborations involving KFUEIT and **District Environment Office RYK** to Safe disposal of toxic substances.
  - V. Provide student & farmer exchange visits, data collection of students for their research work.
  - VI. Work together with the local government to help preserve the endangered species.
  - VII. Provide internship, Scholarships and research placement opportunities for the KFUEIT graduates.
  - VIII. Provide workshops and trainings to all local stakeholders on the recycling and safe disposal of various types of waste, in order to move forward towards clean and green Pakistan.



- IX. Share insight with the government and NGOs on the challenges faced by humans and Agriculture due to environmental changes and various possible future scenarios with and without intervention.
  - X. Develop case study of the success story of knowledge transfer to agriculture sector and local community.
  - XI. Provide solutions and spread awareness on efficient use, and recycling of water.
  - XII. Apply jointly grant funding and other funding opportunities to develop such digital instruments both from Pakistan and international sources.
2. The Parties agree to explore opportunities to develop more specific activities regarding collaborative research projects in areas including:
    - I. Exchange of information through the development of joint knowledge exchange events/ meetings to interact with the stakeholders.
    - II. Develop international research links
  3. To facilitate cooperation within these collaborative activities, the Parties agree to enter further discussion to consider:
    - I. Human, material and financial resources to be contributed by each of the Parties
    - II. The rights and duties of each Parties
    - III. Exchange of information on the innovation process
    - IV. Sharing of facilities such as Innovation space, Office, Labs, training halls/classrooms and conference facilities to host joint events.
    - V. Training of stakeholders, communities and local governments about the environmental challenges.
    - VI. Exchange of staff to work on collaborative projects
  4. For the purposes of this Agreement **"Confidential Information"** means any and all information or material clearly marked or designated as confidential at the time of disclosure, whether oral, in writing, in electronic form or in any other form, which bears or incorporates any information relating to the Disclosing Party's business, research, products or designs which the Receiving Party has obtained or obtains from the Disclosing Party including but not limited to data, algorithms, trade secrets, plans, forecasts, analysis, evaluations, research, technical information, business information, financial information, business plans, strategies, marketing plans, know-how, formulae, processes, designs, drawings, photographs, specifications, software programs and samples.
  5. **Intellectual Property**, The parties acknowledge and agree that the property and copyright in a party's Confidential Information belongs to that party. Neither this Agreement nor the Disclosing Party's disclosure of its Confidential Information shall be deemed by implication or otherwise to vest in the Receiving Party any rights in any intellectual property or other property of the Disclosing Party. In the event that the Receiving Party makes or observes any new discovery, improvement or invention directly relating to the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party ("the Invention"), then the Receiving Party shall bring this to the attention of the Disclosing Party. The Receiving Party shall not make or seek to make actual commercial gain from any Invention or make any patent application or secure any other proprietary rights to legally protect any such Invention, except with the prior written agreement of the Disclosing Party.



6. **Publication,** Neither Party shall arrange nor permit the publication of any Confidential Information without the written consent of the other (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); where "publication" means publication or disclosure in any form or medium whatsoever.
7. The Parties may increase and extend the areas of collaboration by future mutual agreement, either by amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding, replacing this Memorandum of Cooperation with a Framework Cooperation Agreement and/or by entering into specific collaboration agreements in respect of individual projects of interest.
8. The parties have agreed to allow each other to mention partners on their websites
9. Unless agreed otherwise in relation to a specific collaborative project, this Memorandum of Understanding shall not prevent the Parties from carrying out projects either individually or in cooperation with a third Party, regarding the research topics and subject matter covered under this Memorandum of Understanding.
10. The Principle Representatives of the Parties as follows:

**District Environment Office RYK**

**Aamir Irshad Rahmani**

**District Environmental Officer**

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11. If the Parties decide to collaborate on specific projects or programs, the Parties will, in good faith, endeavor to negotiate and prepare such specific agreements and documents as may be required and mutually agreed upon by the Parties to implement their collaboration.
12. Neither Party is liable for any failure to perform as required by this Agreement if the failure to perform is caused by circumstances reasonably beyond its control.
13. Nothing herein shall be construed as being a specific collaboration agreement or framework cooperation agreement and, if the Parties fail to execute such specific agreements and documents; neither Party shall have any liability to the other with respect to such a transaction or such failure to reach agreement. Nothing contained in any discussions between the Parties or in any information disclosed by either Party as contemplated by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be deemed to constitute a representation or warranty, except for the matters expressly specified in this Memorandum of Understanding or the signed specific collaborative agreements or other agreements.

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14. This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last to sign, and may be renewed for the same period, or may be extended for a shorter period, upon mutual consent of both Parties.
  
15. This Memorandum of Understanding can be modified, discontinued or cancelled by written notification of either Party with a six-month notice.

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The undersigned Parties have agreed and executed this document.

**KHWAJA FAREED UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Dr. Muhammad Bilal Tahir**

**Director, Quality Enhancement Cell**

Date: 10-10-22

**District Environment Office RYK**

**Aamir Irshad Rahmani**

**District Environmental Officer**

Date: 10/10/22

*District Environment  
officer, RYK.*

**Focal Person:**

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**Dr. Jalil Rahman, Additional Director, Department of Health Sciences**

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