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# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

## Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology

And

## AGAHI

**1. PARTIES:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into on 29 August 2017, between the **Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology** having located in Rahim Yar Khan , Pakistan and the **AGAHI** having their office at 250-B, Street 5, Sector E-11/3, Islamabad, Pakistan **(hereinafter referred to as AGAHI)**

**2. PURPOSE:**

**Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology** will undertake to cooperate within the framework of this MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) defining the management procedures and the rights and undertakings of the parties in the implementation of the said objectives.

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The main purpose of the MOU is to collaborate with **Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology** on research and development towards setting up Pakistan's First Foresight Lab. The Industry-academia linkage between AGAHI and **Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology** will be inclusively part of the foresight activities which will be steered to enact as an important tool in prompting broad social debates and formation of futures research programs pertinent to Pakistan's Foresight initiative. The said objective will bring together experts with people from different disciplinary and academic backgrounds to roadmap their expert opinion and adapt existing methods and models to combine techniques to envision a broader range of insights in to futures research and development contributing towards publishing of Pakistan State of the Future Index (PK-SOFI)

AGAHI in partnership with The Millennium Project serves as the Pakistan Node. This Node is a self-organizing group of institutions and individuals recognized by the Millennium Project which will facilitate the future research or conduct autonomous study for Pakistan Foresight initiative. AGAHI in collaboration with its partners will identify emerging issues and opportunities, study their prospect and their potential resolution, along with methods for accomplishing such research in support of expanding the Pakistan Foresight Initiative regionally as well as globally.

3. **SCOPE:**

AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology have agreed to jointly execute the following activities in aide of setting up Pakistan's First Foresight Lab towards achieving the common objective of creating an improved understanding on Futures framework and its application for policy designs after thoroughly exercising and publishing Pakistan State of the Future Index (PK-SOFI). AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technologywill initiate stakeholder engagement pertinent to research and development to deliberate upon bringing new insights to the national discourse. The MOU is put forward as an input to an iterative process of consultation aimed at building the necessary commitment among stakeholders and academic experts in the need to create consensus on selected variables of the State of Future Index. The Foresight lab will provide a forum for debate and the exchange of ideas enabling a meaningful futures discourse.

- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology as knowledge-partners will jointly set up Pakistan's First Foresight Lab and will monitor and evaluate its research programme.
- AGAHI in collaboration with Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will work together on improving policy implementation to

address different challenges and future perspectives with regards to the variables selected for the report of Pakistan State of the Future Index (PK-SOFI)

- AGAHI in collaboration with Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will contextualize foresight trends by conducting Realtime Delphi exercise with academic experts and PhD students to generate localized knowledge on Pakistan State of the Future Index (PK-SOFI)
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology using the Foresight Lab platform will expand into new areas of work with regards to developing an in-built capacity for the use of futures concepts as a research methodology.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will create plans that capitalize on the transformational probabilities of preferred futures, moving from foresight and insight into strategy and action.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will develop training framework for a challenging but achievable level of comprehension on the issue of Futures Discourse that will enable Pakistan's academic and research fraternity to make a greater contribution over the planned period in generating awareness on issues amongst masses.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will institutionalize strategic thinking to develop a future cadence; i.e., a balanced, rhythmic flow in studying the future that loops in strategic foresight activities on a regular basis
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will develop training programs on Foresight through PK-SOFI that will help institutionalize strategic foresight and reinforce learning, shift attitudes towards Future Discourse within academia.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will develop strategic options and recommendations based on the organization's distinctive attributes and evaluate the proposed strategy along multiple dimensions for the final draft of PK-SOFI
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will create a hybrid pool of resources for knowledge sharing for researchers, academicians and the Government in order to promulgate national conversation about Futures perspective, attracting more people to this phenomenon and proposing alternatives that put ordinary people at the center of defining a more equitable and sustainable futures discourse.

- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will be responsible for selecting a diverse set of individuals from the relevant departments to participate Realtime Delphi study. These individuals should be selected because of their extensive knowledge and ability to add fresh or new thinking.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will identify the drivers and uncertainties by uncovering the underlying causes and effects using a layered approach to assess the fundamental shifts that could impact Pakistan's Future
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will jointly contribute to the Pakistan Foresight Planning Committee in assisting members and partners.
- AGAHI and Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will be responsible for constructing pathways from the present to the future that enables a conducive environment for rehearsing futures

**TERMS OF MOU**

This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties to this MOU and shall remain in full force and effect for no longer than three (03) years. This MOU may be extended upon mutual agreement of both the parties

**4. ROLE OF PARTNERS:**

AGAHI:

- AGAHI will provide all technical services and facilitate the experts from the relevant academic department expertise in selecting diverse set of individuals to respond to questionnaires and participate in Pakistan's first Foresight Lab initiated by AGAHI under the umbrella of Pakistan Foresight Initiative
- AGAHI in collaboration with Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will provide a close interaction between academic researchers and practitioners to foster cross-disciplinary communication and boundary-spanning cooperation to improve the professional design and use of foresight method for PK-SOFI
- AGAHI will build explicit reflexivity into foresight methodologies and induct greater transparency and identification of how and by whom futures knowledge is produced and enacted and with what effect
- AGAHI will map out trends, conduct morphological analysis analytically compile the quantitative and/or qualitative data generated by the pool of experts in consultation with the Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology

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- AGAHI in collaboration with Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will conduct Realtime Delphi exercise for Pakistan's First State of Future Index report (PK-SOFI)
- Both the organizations don't have financial obligations to each other in the pursuit of this initiative

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- Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will facilitate AGAHI in identifying emerging issues through the environmental scanning of variables within the domain it's respective domain for the final draft of PK-SOFI
- Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will be responsible for identifying relevant academic experts and departments to work with AGAHI leveraging their knowledge-based resources for PK-SOFI
- Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will recommend relevant scholars, academics and other resources as needed to the members and partners of Pakistan Foresight Initiative
- Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology in collaboration with AGAHI through this initiative will be able to better prioritize and highlight Pakistan's research areas pursing improvement across different variables
- Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology will contribute towards establishing Pakistan's first Foresight Lab

- Both the organizations don't have financial obligations to each other in pursuit of this initiative

**5. VISIBILITY AND USE OF LOGOS:**

The two partners undertake to make proper use of their organization's and their partner's logos.

**6. TERMINATION:**

Either party can terminate this MOU by giving one-month notice to the other party.

7. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

i) **Amendments.**

Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU which are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument, and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU.

ii) **Entirety of Agreement.**

This MOU, consisting of all clauses, represents the entire and integrated understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.

iii) **Severability.**

Should any portion of this MOU be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the MOU shall continue in full force and effect, and either party may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.

iv) **Third Party Beneficiary Rights.**

The parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of a third party beneficiary, and this MOU shall not be construed so as to create such status. The rights, duties and obligations contained in this MOU shall operate only between the parties to this MOU, and shall incur solely to the benefit of the parties to this MOU. The provisions of this MOU are intended only to assist the parties in determining and performing their obligations under this MOU. The parties to this MOU intend and expressly agree that only parties signatory to this MOU shall have any legal or equitable right to seek to enforce this MOU, to seek any remedy arising out of a party's performance or failure to perform any term or condition of this MOU, or to bring an action for the breach of this MOU.

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**SIGNATURES:**

In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

The effective date of this MOU is the date of the signature last affixed to this page

On behalf of:

**Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology**

Athar Mahboob

**Dr. Athar Mahboob**
Vice Chancellor
Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology

Rahim Yar Khan

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**AGAHI**

**Ms. Puruesh Chaudhary**
Founder & President
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**Co-Signatory**

Signature:

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