

"In the Name of Allah"

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Iranian Research Organization for Science, and Technology (IROST)
I.R. Iran (National Focal Point)**

and

**OIC Standing Committee on Scientific & Technological Cooperation
(COMSTECH)
I.R. Pakistan**

Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology (IROST) and OIC Standing Committee on Scientific & Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), hereinafter referred to as "Parties", with the intention to strengthen cooperation and collaboration for the mutual benefit of both Parties of this Memorandum have reached understanding of collaboration in the following areas of research and academic proficiency:

Article1. Areas of Cooperation

I. The Parties shall support exchanges of postdoctoral fellows between related institutions in I.R. Iran and Centers of Excellence of COMSTECH Member States as follows:

-COMSTECH shall provide support for the exchange of postdoctoral students and faculty to attend national and international meetings organized by COMSTECH.

II. Both sides agreed to facilitate technology transfer and commercialization of knowledge-based products among the COMSTECH Member States through holding annual exhibitions in one of the Member States and if it is necessary alternatively to be hosted by I.R.Iran.

III. COMSTECH agreed to support at least one of the major joint projects proposed by the related OIC institutions and Member States to obtain joint funding from Islamic Development Bank (IDB) or other international funding agencies. The details of modality of funding will be defined according to each project and the funding availability.

IV. Both sides agreed to host one regional conference/workshop annually and alternately in Tehran and Islamabad for which the hospitality will be provided by the host country and the air tickets of at least 10 participants from Member States will be provided by COMSTECH. COMSTECH shall continue to support events such as Khwarizmi International Award.

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V. Both sides agreed to jointly prepare projects in partnership with other institutions in OIC Member States including Islamic Development Bank.

VI. I.R.Iran will offer training in mutually agreed areas of science and technology to OIC Member States.

VII. Both sides agreed to support the COMSTECH three networks of nanotechnology, technology parks and open universities which are hosted by I.R.Iran.

VIII. Any other collaboration possibility

Article2. Modes of Cooperation

Both sides should establish a working group including at least two scientists from each side. The working group would meet annually to develop programme activities for the above-mentioned areas of cooperation, with particular emphasis on raising academic proficiency and joint research through projects.

To enable a more effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, representatives of the Parties, as jointly agreed on, can be invited to relevant events, organized in the framework cooperation indicated in this MOU

Article3. Final Provisions

This Memorandum shall come into effect from the date of signing.

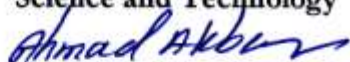
The Parties can introduce changes and amendments to this Memorandum, which shall be formalized through letters of amendments, signed by COMSTECH Coordinator General and the IROST President (As National Focal Point) and be an integral part of this Memorandum.

Any dispute or difference between the Parties arising from this Memorandum shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

The Parties shall implement this Memorandum in conformity with their respective regulations, rules and administrative practices.

Signed at Tehran on 23rd February, 2015, in two original copies in English all texts being equally authentic.

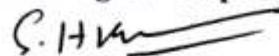
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