



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with regard to the
establishment of a collaborative relationship in areas of**

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Made and entered into by and between

**Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway
(Hereinafter referred to as "HVL")**

and

**University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka
(Hereinafter referred to as "UOJ")**

Recognising:

- that cultural and scientific interaction is indispensable to institutions of higher education in developing their educational and research activities, and
- that institutions of higher education are enriched by international collaboration,

the named institutions hereby record their understanding.

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to develop and carry out collaborative activities within areas of common interest of the named institutions.

ARTICLE II

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding can include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

1. Exchange of staff and students.
2. Research and teaching collaboration in the areas of mutual interest to both parties
3. Joint scientific publications
4. Exchange of academic materials made available by both parties.
5. Organisation of symposia, conferences, short courses and meetings on research issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE III

To implement the aims and purposes expressed in ARTICLES I and II, the following is mutually understood and agreed:

1. Development of a specific project taking place within this Memorandum of Understanding should take the form of a supplementary agreement which will in detail outline key responsible people, sources of funding, and specific collaborative activities.
2. The final approval of any project will be dependent upon the availability of guaranteed support funds.
3. Progress of work of any supplementary agreement under the Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed and approved by designated responsible people of both parties.
4. Neither the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences nor University of Jaffna will be held responsible for any liability whatsoever; furthermore, neither party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any personal property to which this Memorandum of Understanding relates.

5. Based on the principles of mutual respect and mutual benefit, the parties will protect each other's reputation and support each other's programmes and work.
6. The joint language of collaboration will be English.

ARTICLE IV

Duration of the Memorandum of Understanding:

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the last date of signing and shall be effective for a period of five years. Thereafter it will be reviewed and can be amended or renewed as agreed by both parties. Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding can take place at any time by an exchange of letters.

Signatures

Accepted for and on behalf of

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Western Norway University
of Applied Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

and duly authorised

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Signature:



Signature:



Name: Dr. Bjørg Kristin Selvik

Name: Professor (Ms) V. Arasaratnam

Designation: Pro Rector

Designation: Vice- Chancellor

VICE CHANCELLOR
University of Jaffna
Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Date: March 14. 2017

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APPENDIX 1 TO MOU BETWEEN WESTERN NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (HVL)
AND UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA (UOJ) SIGNED ON 14.03.2017

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

This collaboration agreement between HVL and UOJ, hereafter referred to as *the partners*, shall regulate the cooperation regarding the project: **Higher Education and Research collaboration on Nanomaterials for Clean Energy Technologies (HRNCET)**.

Project ID: NORPART-2016/10237

NORPART (Norwegian Partnership Programme for Global Academic Cooperation) is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is administered by the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU).

This collaboration agreement is based on and regulated by the **Project Document** and by the **Project Contract signed** between Western Norway University of Applied Sciences as the main partner and SIU (attachment 1 to appendix 1).

Provisions

The partners agree to:

- (a) appoint a project coordinator who shall be responsible for the relevant partner's role in the implementation and local management of the Project;

Coordination of research projects covered by this MoU will rest upon:

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- (b) use any part of the Funds received exclusively for the purposes of implementing the Project; establish appropriate procedures for managing the Project's financial aspects (hereunder keeping separate accounts for the Project, compliant with internationally recognised accounting principles); allow SIU to upon request verify the project accounts and its underlying documentation and to inspect the progress of the project activities; and contribute as necessary to reports to be submitted to SIU by the Institution in Norway;

Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) will refund costs for project activities included in the budget to University of Jaffna (UOJ) by receipt of documentation such as certified copies of invoices and/or receipts. Costs cannot exceed figures in the budget.

- (c) comply with any instructions made by SIU regarding suspension and repayment of the Funds, regardless of any reservations, rights of set-off or other objections that it may have vis-à-vis the Institution in Norway; and
- (d) comply with all applicable statutes, laws and regulations in force or entering into force in the project period, as well as recognised norms for good project governance, and ensure that adequate steps shall at all times be taken to prevent/mitigate risk of irregularities, corruption and/or other unethical practices, in compliance with SIU's «Guidelines for handling irregularities» (accessible on SIU's webpage).

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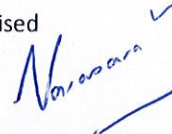
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