



Memorandum of Understanding

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Introduction

The Ministry of Education and Technical Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

DESIRING to enhance and strengthen friendly bilateral relations between the two countries in the field of technical and vocational education and training,

APPRECIATING the importance of technical and vocational education and training as factor of economic development as well as means to further cultivate the ties between the Parties, and,

ACKNOWLEDGING that cooperation in the field of technical and vocational education and training would be mutually beneficial,

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries as well as the procedures and policies on national education development;

Have come to the following understanding:

Article 1

(Aim)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) aims at strengthening cooperation among competent institutions in the field of technical and vocational education and training.

Article 2

(Areas of Interest)

The Parties will endeavor to realize cooperation in the fields of technical and vocational education and training, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Direct cooperation as well as common programs, projects, and activities between the competent institutions in the field of technical and vocational education and training.
- 2) Teacher training, particularly for new and future professions.
- 3) Development of new disciplines as well as support to further implement active pedagogy and E-learning.
- 4) Curriculum development and management particularly for future professions.
- 5) Use of technology in enhancing quality of technical-education programs.
- 6) Enhancing Private sector role in technical education development.
- 7) Practices of quality assurance for technical education programs.
- 8) Enhancing competitiveness of Egyptian technicians in both regional and European job markets.

Article 3

(Forms of Cooperation)

For the purposes of this MoU, cooperation between the Parties may take the following forms:

- 1) Technical assistance, through the exchange of officials, experts, researchers, teachers, and technicians.
- 2) Training of human resources, through the implementation of face-to-face, semionline or online courses.
- 3) Supply of equipment and material necessary for the execution of specific programs, projects, and activities.
- 4) Organization of congresses, seminars, conferences, and other academic activities, in which specialists from both countries participate, to contribute to enrich the experience in all fields of knowledge.
- 5) Any other arrangement agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 4 (Funding)

Each Party will be responsible for financing its own activities under this MoU.

Article 5

(Settlement of Disputes)

Any disputes that may arise between the Parties about the interpretation or application of this MoU will be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 6

(Duration, Effective Date, and Termination)

This MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both Parties. It will remain in operation until a new MoU may be signed or the present MoU will be otherwise terminated.

This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Party giving six (6) months' notices in writing of its intention to the other Party. The termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation, where practicable, of ongoing activities/programs which have been decided upon prior to the termination of this MoU.

Article 7

Signed in Helsinki on (...) December 2021 in two original copies in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation between the texts, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Education and Technical Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt For the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland

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