



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

INTRODUCTION:

This Memorandum of Understanding is made in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Association of African Universities with regard to the establishment of Regional Offices.

DATE:

2018

PARTIES:

1. The Association of African Universities (AAU) acting through its Secretary-General Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile
2. The University of Khartoum (host) acting through its Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Mohamed Suleiman

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

The Parties hereby agree to establish an Eastern Africa Regional Office of the AAU to be situated in Khartoum in the Republic of Sudan under the following terms and conditions:

GOAL:

To increase the impact of AAU activities in East Africa

OBJECTIVES:

- To maximise the benefits of AAU to the membership
- To facilitate activities of the membership in the sub-region in relation to the Secretariat;
- To pursue membership drive in order to increase and improve relations with existing and potential members;
- To enhance the role of governments at the sub-regional level in supporting the activities of the Association;
- To strengthen relationships among members and other development partners at the sub-regional level;
- To promote knowledge sharing within the Eastern African sub-region and with the other 4 sub-regions;
- To improve information sharing among member institutions in the sub-region;
- To engage in fund-raising and resource mobilisation activities at the sub-regional level;
- To encourage active participation of the membership at the Community level;
- To actively promote collaboration among academia, civil society, private sector and governments at the sub-regional level;
- To promote collaboration among Centres of Excellence in Africa; and
- To work collectively with the other regional offices and the AAU Secretariat to support major educational strategies such as the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25); Science Technology and Innovation

Strategy for Africa (STISA); Technical, Vocational Education and Training
Strategy for Africa (TVET)

- To develop a comprehensive database of Higher Education Institutions in the sub-region

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES:

1. HOST

- Provide office space for the Regional Office
- Subject as provided under 2 below provide high calibre staffing
- Provide infrastructure
- Assist with Arabic translation and activities involving the Arabic language
- Operations of the office subject to the Constitution, By-laws and all applicable regulations of the AAU
- See to the incorporation of the Regional Office
- Seek diplomatic status for the office
- Agree on major activities with the Secretary General before implementation
- Agree on annual work plan with the Secretary General
- Not to engage in activities which appears to compete with the activities of the AAU. This is without prejudice to the normal operations of the Host
- To ensure staff of the Regional Office do not engage in activities which may be considered to be conflict of interest with the objects of the office

2. AAU

- To support the Host University financially, administratively and otherwise in establishing the East Africa Regional Office and matters connected therewith;
- To arrange with the Host University for the appointment of the following Officers for the Eastern Regional Office:
 - (1) Regional Coordinator
 - (2) ICT and Knowledge Management Officer (IKMO)
 - (3) Programmes and Special Initiatives Officer (PSIO)
 - (4) Finance and Administrative Officer (FAO)
 - (5) Development/ Fundraising and Membership Officer

PROVIDED THAT

- (1) Notwithstanding the University of Khartoum being the Host University that does not confer on the Host any privileges or rights in priority to other Universities in the Eastern Region
- (2) The Host will indemnify the AAU against any claims for damages incurred in the establishment of the Eastern Africa Regional Office.

SIGNED: (1)

(2)

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
THE AAU

PROF. AHMED MOHAMED SULEIMAN
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM

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