

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Technical and Vocational Education and Training United Kingdom (*TVET UK*)

And

The National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Education (NAQAAE)

Whereas:

- A. TVET UK members include UK vocational education and training national agencies, sector skills councils and awarding bodies, together with colleges, vocational schools, work based and private training providers and educational equipment and materials supply companies that meet the TVET UK quality threshold criteria. TVET UK offers a full range of technical and vocational education and training and equipment products and services, including consultancy, curriculum design, equipment, software, e-learning solutions, bespoke training, internationally recognized qualifications, and support for the development of local qualifications frameworks, quality improvement systems and English Language training.
- B. **The National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education – NAQAAE**, is an authority that reports to the Prime Minister directly. It is located in Cairo and is in the process of establishing several branches to service the 27 Governorates. NAQAAE main goal is supporting more than 50,000 Egyptian educational institutes in fostering quality assurance measures and preparing them for accreditation. It is the accrediting body for all Egyptian educational society (higher education, pre- university (including Technical and Vocational Education, and Al-Azhar education).
- C. TVET UK and NAQAAE share an interest in international recognition of Technical and Vocational Education, especially as it contributes to international trade in services and to the freedom of movement of skilled and qualified professionals
- D. TVET UK and NAQAAE wish to promote co-operation between the two organisations in The future

TVET UK and NAQAAE have agreed to collaborate to share knowledge and understanding of respective TVET education, quality assurance, accreditation and inspection systems, and the implementation of such systems including the development of external auditing champions and teams in all 27 governorates. In particular they have agreed to:

1. Discuss the logistics, including costs, associated with the delivery of workshops, training, technical assistance and other such activities related to this Memorandum of Understanding;
2. Collaborate in the development of workshops to promote principles and practices that address current and future needs of either party for the benefit of introducing the quality assurance and accreditation of TVET programs;
3. Facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe quality assurance and accreditation evaluation activities of both TVET UK member organisations and NAQAAE, with the final aim of reaching agreements on the mutual recognition of facilitations;

This understanding comes into effect from the date it is signed by both parties and shall be reviewed at any time when either party wishes to make substantial changes to the terms contained herein.

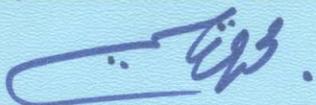
This understanding is valid for an initial period of 2 years, with a review after the first year. On expiry, its terms may be extended by written consent of both parties.

This understanding may be terminated by either party upon six months written notice to the other.

The implementation of the above tasks is subject to agreement between the 'Principal Partners' on the following:

- Agreement on respective roles and responsibilities, including financial control and governance procedures;
- Agreement to a business and action plan to guide implementation which will be reviewed on a quarterly basis;
- Identification and securing of the necessary funding to cover local and UK costs incurred in the course of execution of this Framework Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the 'Principal Partners'.

Signed on 22nd JANUARY 2009

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