



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into as of 01/04/2024 by and between:

Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a research institute located at Moscow, Russia (hereinafter referred to as "IAS RAS"),

and

Social Anthropology Department, Addis Ababa University, an educational institute located at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as "SOAN-AAU").

WHEREAS, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Social Anthropology Department, Addis Ababa University (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties") share a common interest in promoting collaboration in research, seminars, and experience sharing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows

1. Areas of Collaboration

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- **Research:**
 - Joint research projects in areas of mutual interest.
 - Exchange of researchers and scholars.
 - Sharing of research facilities and resources.
 - Joint publications and presentations.
- **Seminars:**
 - Organization of joint seminars and workshops on topics of mutual interest.
 - Exchange of faculty members as speakers and participants.
 - Promotion of student participation in seminars.
- **Experience Sharing:**
 - Exchange of best practices in teaching, research, and administration.
 - Faculty development programs.
 - Student exchange programs.

2. Forms of Collaboration

The specific forms of collaboration under this MOU may include, but are not limited to:

- Development of joint research proposals.
- Signing of specific project agreements for collaborative research projects.
- Exchange of letters of invitation for faculty visits and student exchanges.

- Joint organization of seminars and workshops.

3. Responsibilities of the Parties

- Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with its participation in collaborative activities under this MOU, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
- The Parties shall designate a liaison officer to coordinate collaborative activities under this MOU.
- The Parties shall establish a joint committee (optional) to oversee the implementation of this MOU and to make recommendations for future collaboration.

4. Intellectual Property

The Parties agree to negotiate the ownership and rights to any intellectual property arising from collaborative activities under this MOU on a case-by-case basis.

5. Confidentiality

The Parties agree to keep confidential any confidential information disclosed by the other Party under this MOU.

6. Term and Termination

This MOU shall come into effect on the date first written above and shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years, unless earlier terminated by either Party upon 90 days' written notice to the other Party.

This MOU may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party in the event of a material breach of this MOU that is not cured within 30 days of written notice.

7. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of or relating to this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultation between the Parties. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably, it shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the rules of the Ethiopian and Russian Government.

8. Entire Agreement

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.

9. Amendments


This MOU may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both Parties.

10. Governing Law

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ethiopia

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the date first written above.


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