



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

**INTERNATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS STUDIES**

September, 2020

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This collaborative framework here referred to as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), is made between:

**The INTERNATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**, (hereinafter referred to as IOU)

21 Kanifing Mosque Road,  
P.O. Box 2340, Kanifing South, KMC,  
The Gambia

Website: [www.iou.edu.gm](http://www.iou.edu.gm)

Represented by **Dr. Cherno Omar Barry, Vice Chancellor**,

and

**The UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS STUDIES**,  
(hereinafter referred to as UTB)

Kicukiro-Sonatubes, Inind House  
P.O. Box 350 Kigali,  
Rwanda

Website: [www.utb.ac.rw](http://www.utb.ac.rw)

Represented by **Dr. KABERA Callixte, Vice Chancellor**

1. The **INTERNATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY** (<https://iou.edu.gm/>), a private online higher learning institution established by the Law 2015/C1817 of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 having its office located at KK 21 Kanifing Mosque Road, P.O. Box 2340, Kanifing South, KMC, The Gambia
2. The **UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS STUDIES** (<https://utb.ac.rw/>), a private higher learning institution established the Law n° 41/08.11N°01/2017 of 15/03/201231/01/2017 governing the organisation and functioning of Higher Education



in Rwanda, having its office located at Kicukiro-Sonatubes, Inind House P.O. Box 350  
Kigali, Rwanda

**IOU and UTB** are hereinafter individually referred to as “**Party**” and collectively referred to as, “**the Parties**”.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

**Article 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a cooperation framework between the Parties.

**Article 2: SCOPE**

The scope of this MoU covers the areas of Teaching, Learning Enhancement (TLE), Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies (PGS) and Research for the mutual interest of the Parties.

**Article 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

Both Parties agreed to partner in the following:

- (1) Sharing experience in e-learning & teaching
- (2) Providing exchange internship, research hosting and placement opportunities for qualified students of the two universities
- (3) Exchange materials in education, research, publications, and academic programming; and other professional development activities
- (4) Exchange in academic staff
- (5) Partnering in establishing an IOU learning center at the UTB in Rwanda



- (6) Partnering in establishing a new IOU examination center at the UTB in Rwanda
- (7) Collaborating in training and research in areas of mutual interest
- (8) Facilitating and coordinating joint research programs and curriculum development;
- (9) Organizing joint conferences, workshops, and symposia.
- (10) Partnering in recommending scholarship beneficiaries at each of the parties

#### **Article 4: TERMS AND TERMINATION**

This MoU shall come into force on the date of signature by the Parties and continue in force for a period of five (5) years. Termination may occur by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice. However, it may be amended or modified only in written agreement signed by each Party any time or after five (5) years.

#### **Article 5: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The Parties hereby agree that any information relating to (A) affairs received by or made available by one party (the “disclosing Party”) to the other Party (the “receiving Party”) shall be regarded by the receiving party as confidential and shall not be disclosed to the third parties, or used for any purpose other than that for which it was disclosed, without the disclosing Party’s prior written consent.

#### **Article 6: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

The parties shall amicably and by mutual understanding settle any problems, disputes or differences arising from or in connection with this MoU with their duly appointed representatives within a reasonable period after either party giving notice in writing to the other party of such dispute.





## Article 7: NOTICES

All notices, deliveries and other communications pursuant to this MoU shall be in writing and shall be made by personal delivery or by nationally recognized courier to the other party at the address set forth below. Any notice to a party may also be given electronically so long as a hard copy of the notice is also delivered to the party where possible.

## Article 8: CONTACT PERSONS

The Contact Person for the purposes of this MoU is the following:

### a. For IOU

On behalf of IOU:

Name: Mr. Pierre Celestin BIMENYIMANA  
Position: IOU Representative in Rwanda  
Email: [rwanda@iou.edu.gm](mailto:rwanda@iou.edu.gm)  
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### b. For UTB

On behalf of UTB:

Name : Dr. Jean Baptiste MBANZABUGABO Kabera Callixte, ( Ph.D.)  
Position: Dean of B&IT : UTB Vice Chancellor  
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A Party may change its Contact Person through written notification to the other Parties at any time.



**Article 9: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

9.1. **Expenses:** Both Parties shall negotiate the source of funds in relation to all matters before implementation.


9.2. **Implementation plan:** Both Parties will jointly elaborate a strategy and an implementation timetable for operationalizing the above objectives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned, being duly authorized by either respective parties, has signed this MOU on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

**Agreed between IOU and UTB**

**On behalf of:**

**The International Open University**



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**Dr. Cherno Omar Barry**  
Vice Chancellor



**The University of Tourism, Technology  
and Business Studies**



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