

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION
IN EDUCATION AREA
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, hereinafter referred to as "the parties" :

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in education area;

Recalling the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social development;

Recognizing that greater linkages between both the countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote, when deemed timely, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of both countries, based on their respective academic and educational needs.

The following activities may be included, either in part or in full:

- a) The exchange of educational research and educational support materials, on both university and pre-university levels;
- b) Technical cooperation and work, study and technical missions;
- c) Exchange of faculty members and students between universities, research centers, technical and vocational schools and institutions linked to primary and secondary education of both countries;
- d) Joint promotion of scientific, technical and cultural events.

Article 2

The following areas can be contemplated by this programme :

- a) Cooperation between Rwandan and Indian Higher Learning Institutes (HLIs) and research centers, with emphasis on the following areas of knowledge:

- i. Mathematics;
 - ii. Systems Engineering, Information Technology, and Computer Science;
 - iii. Biotechnology;
 - iv. Health;
 - v. Appropriate Technology for Sustainable Development,
 - vi. Education;
 - vii. Applied Sciences;
 - viii. Economy.
- b) The development of integrated research projects through partnerships and consortiums between Rwandan and Indian universities and institutes of scientific and technologic research. The mentioned research projects shall include the holding of work missions and the mobility of researchers from both countries.
- c) The implementation, with symmetric reciprocity, of an academic exchange Programme, with the objective of awarding scholarships to Rwandans in India as well as Indians in Rwanda, for the following :
- i) Visiting professors and researchers;
 - ii) Post-doctoral studies;
 - iii) Sandwich doctorates;
 - iv) Doctoral studies.
- d) The establishment, with symmetric reciprocity, of an associated scientific publication promotion Programme among representatives of the Rwandan and Indian scientific communities, with emphasis upon electronic publishing.
- e) The implementation of pre-university education cooperation Programme aimed mainly at the exchange of social inclusion experiences, in the areas of literacy, youth and adult education, education of girls and women and the provision of educational opportunities to people with special needs.
- f) The establishment of an inter institutional cooperation Programme aimed at:
- i. The improvement of educational evaluation instruments and methodologies and the development of educational statistics and index systems;
 - ii. The study of procedures used by the Parties in order to establish the acceptance among the different educational degrees, certificates and diplomas.

- g) Cooperation in the area of distance learning, with emphasis upon computer mediated learning.

Article 3

The substance, scope and implementation of activities of cooperation within the terms of this Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) may be the subject of more specific agreements concluded between selected Institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of the present Educational Exchange Programme.

Article 4

Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Party upon the other, in carrying out the Educational Exchange Programme.

Article 5

The costs of the co-operative activities under this Programme shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article 6

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda by a representative of the Ministry of Education, and on the part of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Rwanda at least once annually or as the Parties may otherwise mutually determine, to approve new areas and actions of cooperation, review and monitoring the implementation of this Programme.

Article 7

Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of this Programme. Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Parties shall be received in writing and shall form part of this programme. Such revision or amendment shall come into effect on a such date as may be determined by both Parties.

Article 8

The Educational Exchange Programme shall become operational on the date of signing by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years renewable.

Each party reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this EEP. It shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five years at a time, unless one of the parties declares its intention to terminate the Programme by a written declaration before six months of the expiry of the Programme.

Done at New Delhi, on 25th July 2006 in two originals in English.

**For the Government of The
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