MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU was signed between the University of Sindh and Legal Rights Forum (LRF) on August 10, 2019 at Jamshoro.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to establish a relationship between Legal Rights Forum (LRF) and University of Sindh to impart the knowledge and work together in the best interest of society.

WHEREAS, both parties will complement each other through their mandate and expertise to students, community and staff/faculty. Furthermore, this MOU is signed to enable both organizations as University of Sindh will provide academic knowledge to the LRF and LRF’s best practices/role will enrich to the academia and students.

University of Sindh

The University of Sindh, informally known as Sindh University, is a public research university in the residential area of Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan. It is one of the oldest universities in Pakistan and is certified by ISO in 2015 an international organization of Quality Management System. In 2013, the university was ranked eighth in "General Category" by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Founded in 1947 in Karachi, the university was relocated to Hyderabad where it began functioning as a full-fledged teaching university. There are four law colleges and various other colleges affiliated with Sindh University. It is noted for research in literature, natural sciences, philosophy, and Sindhology. The university is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities of the United Kingdom.
Legal Rights Forum (LRF)

LRF envisions a democratic, just, educated, peaceful and inclusive society wherein all citizens, especially children, youth, women and transgender may live with equal protection of law, self-respect and dignity. LRF extends its services and programs including, advocacy, raising awareness, research, legal assistance and capacity building to the relevant stakeholders. LRF is a national platform of lawyers, educationists, media representatives and social sectors experts.

LRF implemented comprehensive programs and project for strengthening the rule of law; advancing and improving access to justice; Reforming in Criminal Justice System particularly Police, investigation, jails; promoting gender equality, social justice, labor rights and independent media; public awareness and education on their rights for a progressive and sustainable development society.

LRF is intend to influence policy change at provincial and national level to achieve on large scale change with regards their fundamental rights focusing youth and women. LRF has been instrumental in collaborating with the National Commission for Human Rights Pakistan, National Commission Status for Women, Sindh Human Rights Commission, Women Development Department, Social Welfare Department, Law Department, Education Department, Sindh High Courts, Sindh Bar Council, Sindh Judicial Academy, and all District Bar Associations of Sindh and selected District Bar Association of Punjab. LRF’s wish is to make its efforts with dedicated team of DoC for future collaboration in the area of criminal justice reforms through internship, research, training and etc.

Scope of work, Role and Responsibilities

- Joint activities will be organized on in the university and outside of the university on various legal, social and criminological issues
- LRF will provide the internship opportunities to the graduates/students of students so that they could be able to learn job skills.
- LRF will also conduct the sessions on personal development and skills based trainings with the students.
- University of Sindh and LRF would also be working on joint research projects and criminal justice system reforms and intervention services including cyber crimes and forensics etc.
• University of Sindh will seek the support of LRF in building capacity of faculty members of the department, similarly the University of Sindh will play its part to build the capacity of LRF's staff/team.

• University of Sindh and LRF could initiate the certificate and diploma programs in the university with prior permission of concern office of the university.

• Both organizations will cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests;

• Promote appropriate joint courses of study, with particular emphasis on internationally funded projects.

• Conduct short courses, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of any activity

• Conduct study tours, a, mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.

The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be to achieve a broad balance in the respective contributions and benefits of the collaboration, and this shall be subject to periodic review by both parties.

**Termination**

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time, within 30 day written notice to the other party. This agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments must be in writing and signed by both parties.

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