

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
AGENCY FOR INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT
UNDER THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND
INNOVATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN,
THE FUND FOR FINANCING SCIENCE AND INNOVATION SUPPORT
UNDER THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND
INNOVATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN
AND
THE IRAN NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Agency for Innovative Development under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereafter referred to individually as “Agency”), the Fund for Financing Science and Innovation Support under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereafter referred to individually as “Fund for Science and Innovation”) and the Iran National Science Foundation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereafter referred to as “INSF”);

Hereafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”;

Taking into account the desire to develop and maintain mutually friendly relations and cooperation in the field of science, technology, research and innovation, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

Recognizing the need to further strengthen and develop friendly relations and exchange of experience between the Parties;

Have reached an understanding of the following:

Article 1
Objectives

The main objectives of this Memorandum are:

- to carry out cooperation in accordance with the laws of the states of the Parties in the field of research, technology and innovation;
- to encourage the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices in the specified fields.
- to support joint scientific research projects undertaken by Uzbek and Iranian scientists.

Article 2 Areas of Cooperation

Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

- share experience in the field of science, R&D, technology and innovation;
- launch a call to fund for joint Uzbek and Iranian research and/or innovation;
- organization and participation in conferences, exhibitions, seminars and other innovation activities of the Parties;
- other areas of cooperation mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Article 3 Forms of Cooperation

Parties within the framework of this Memorandum carry out cooperation in the following forms:

- visits of relevant stakeholders, and conduct training activities with the purpose of experience exchange in the fields of science, innovation, technology and R&D.
- launch joint research calls, which are developed jointly, in accordance with the foreseen priority areas of science, according to the cooperation program with the participation of each of the Parties. These tenders may be developed by either Party, but they must be approved by both Parties to be executed.

Article 4 Mechanism

The Parties will jointly carry out the following activities:

- to identify priority areas for cooperation, taking into account both academic and financial feasibility;
- to establish a framework of cooperation for each selected area (modes of cooperation, financing, etc.);
- to review ongoing programs, and to consult each other about the continuation of such programs;
- to maintain the close exchange of information between each other;
- to ensure that cooperation will bring real benefits to the development of science and technology in both countries.

Article 5 Contact Points and Exchange of Information

To facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties hereby establish the following contact points:

- for the Agency, Mr. Sardor Nazirov, Deputy Head of the Department of the Agency for Innovative Development;

- for the Uzbek Fund, Mr. Mukhsinbek Jurabekov, Head of Financing Entities of Innovative Activity Department, Fund for Financing Science and Innovation Support;

- for the INSF, Mr. Saeid Maddah, Director of the Office of International Affairs, the Iran National Science Foundation.

Article 6 Financing

Collaborative activity between the Parties, or facilitated by the Parties for the scientists of both countries, will be undertaken within the scientific remits and budgetary appropriations of each Party. The Parties will each use their own assessment and funding mechanisms for proposals for collaborative activity. The funding from the Uzbek Party will be allocated from the Fund for Science and Innovation. The funding from the Iranian Party will be allocated from the Iran National Science Foundation

Article 7 Rights to intellectual property

Protection and distribution of rights to intellectual property objects obtained in the course of cooperation under this Memorandum are carried out in accordance with national legislation and international treaties of the States Parties. Scientific and scientific-technical information obtained in the course of cooperation under this Memorandum, which does not belong to intellectual property and is open for publication in accordance with the legislation of the States of the Parties, may be open to the world scientific community through the use of generally accepted methods of its distribution.

Article 8 Making changes and additions

By mutual agreement of the Parties, this Memorandum may be amended and supplemented by separate protocols, which are an integral part of this Memorandum and will enter into force in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of this Memorandum.

Article 9 Enter into Force, Extension, Termination, Modification

This Memorandum comes into force from the date of its signing and is valid until one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing no later than three (3) months in advance of its intention to terminate this Memorandum. Termination of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of initiated and incomplete activities under this Memorandum unless otherwise agreed.

This Memorandum is not meant to be legally binding and may be modified by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any disagreement or dispute will be resolved amicably by mutual consultation and negotiation without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

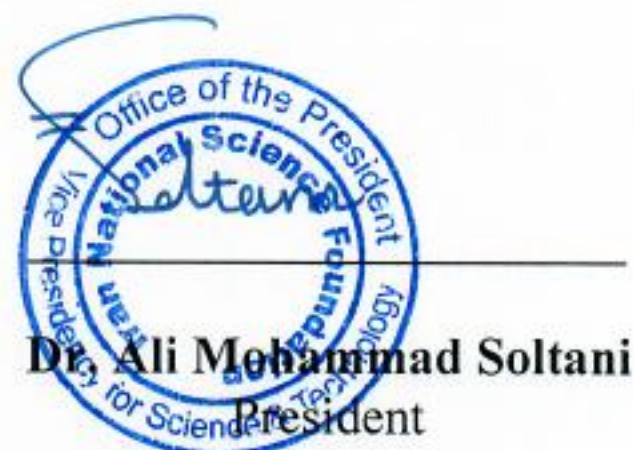
Signed and made effective on _____, _____, 2023, in three originals in English.

On behalf of the
**Agency for Innovative Development
under the Ministry of Higher
Education, Science and Innovation of
the Republic of Uzbekistan**



Olimjon Tuychiyev
Director

On behalf of the
**For The Iran National Science
Foundation of the Islamic Republic of
Iran**



Dr. Ali Mohammad Soltani
President

On behalf of the
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