



**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

FOR

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE
RELATIONSHIP**

Between

**Beaconhouse National
University (BNU), Lahore,
Pakistan.**

&

**Centre for Governance and Public
Accountability (CGPA).**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) is hereby made and entered into on this date of **December 24, 2024** by and between:

- (i) **Beaconhouse National University**, Pakistan's pioneering not-for-profit liberal arts institution, chartered by the Government of Punjab in 2005, hereinafter referred to as “**BNU**”, which expression shall, wherever the context so admits, shall be deemed to mean and include its authorized agents, representatives, administrators, successors-in-interest and permitted assigns of the one part

AND

- (ii) **Centre for Governance and Public Accountability** – a not-for-profit, non-governmental, civil society organization working for promotion of public accountability & good governance, hereinafter referred to as “**CGPA**” which expression shall, wherever the context so admits, shall be deemed to mean and include its administrators, successors-in-interest and assigns of the other part.

PURPOSE/SCOPE

This MoU sets forth the basic principles and guidelines under which **BNU** and **CGPA**, hereinafter referred to as “**Parties**” will work together on advancing regional and national initiatives through policy research, capacity building, and resource mobilization. The partnership is designed to address critical challenges such as economic development, governance, social justice, poverty reduction, demographic changes, and climate change.

1. Joint Research and Resource Mobilization

BNU and CGPA will collaboratively bid for research grants, consultancy projects, surveys, and studies to tackle critical development challenges effectively. Research efforts will be directed toward generating evidence-based solutions that advance knowledge and inform policy. Both parties commit to conducting high-quality research, leading interdisciplinary projects, and fostering collaboration with academia, industry, and government. Ethical research practices and efficient management of resources, including funding, facilities, and equipment, will remain a priority.

2. Research Dissemination and Impact

Research findings will be disseminated through policy briefs, working papers, reports, and roundtables to engage stakeholders and ensure evidence-based decision-making.

3. Capacity Building and Training

Both parties will organize training programs for early-career faculty, researchers, and practitioners, utilizing the expertise of resource persons from both parties. These programs will enhance professional competencies and foster a culture of learning and innovation.

4. Knowledge Exchange and Advocacy

The partnership will facilitate knowledge-sharing through seminars, policy dialogues, and forums. These collaborative events aim to encourage intellectual engagement and drive joint advocacy initiatives for impactful policy reforms.

5. Internship Opportunities

BNU students and recent graduates will be provided with project-based internships, enabling them to gain hands-on experience and fulfill academic requirements while contributing to meaningful initiatives.

APPLICABILITY

This MoU shall take effect from the date of signing and shall be valid for a term not exceeding '2' years [or otherwise explicitly agreed upon by both the parties] unless terminated earlier or extended in accordance with this MoU. This MoU may be extended or renewed for a further term subject to mutual written agreement between the Parties. Any dispute between both parties may be settled by a committee of two senior representatives from both sides.

USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The parties hereto acknowledge that in carrying out some of the activities contemplated in this MOU, the joint use of the parties' names, branding and logos (the "**Intellectual Property**") may be required to be used. In this regard, each of the parties hereto authorizes the other to use its Intellectual Property for the purposes of the activities contemplated in this MOU only. The manner/form/method in which such Intellectual Property may be used otherwise for any other purpose mutually agreed to between the parties hereto shall be subject to prior written approval of the party who owns the concerned Intellectual Property.

INDEMNIFICATION

Both parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the other for any loss, damages, costs and claims sustained due to unauthorized and/or negligent use of their respective Intellectual Property by the other.

TERMINATION

The parties hereto shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement without assigning any reason at any time, by serving a prior written notice of 30 days. The parties hereto shall be bound by all obligations under this MoU, including any payments, accruing up till the date of such termination. Where any separate agreements have been executed pursuant to the provisions of this MoU, the termination of this MoU shall not automatically terminate any such separate agreements.

GOVERNING LAW

This MoU shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of Pakistan.

ETHICAL RELATIONSHIP

To ensure that the foundation of relationship between the parties is based upon clearly defined ethical parameters which are as follows:

- **Trust**

Both parties shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that appropriate confidence building measures are taken to strengthen teamwork and faith in the abilities of each other.

- **Program Integrity and Intellectual Rights**
Both parties agree to honor and respect the integrity of intellectual rights of each other and will abide by all ethical and legal norms.
- **Confidentiality**
Both parties shall ensure that all information and documentation exchanged between them for the purposes of and to further the arrangements contemplated in this MoU are kept strictly confidential and are handled appropriately. Both Parties shall ensure that appropriate measures are taken to maintain the integrity of such confidential information and documentation. Upon termination of this MoU and/or any agreements executed pursuant hereto, both parties shall destroy all copies of confidential information available with them pertaining to the other and provide proof/declaration of such action. Where any party hereto possesses any confidential information of the other in original, the same shall be handed over to the other upon termination against proper receipt.
- **Honesty**
Both parties shall ensure honesty in all data and information provide to each other and respective activities including financial and professional matters.
- **Respect**
Both parties shall ensure due respect with each other.
- **Discipline**
Both parties shall follow a disciplined approach.

For and on behalf of:
**Centre for Governance and Public
Accountability (CGPA)**

For and on behalf of:
Beaconhouse National University (BNU)

Signature: _____



Mr. Muhammad Anwar
Executive Director

Signature: _____



Dr. Moeed W. Yusuf
Vice Chancellor

Witness:



Mr. Zubair Faisal Abbasi

Witness:



Mr. Babar Jamil