

Implementation Arrangement between All India Council for Technical Education, Government of India and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

1. This Implementation Arrangement (IA) is intended to establish a cooperation arrangement between All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) - Government of India and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS), on the joint operation of the activities under UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).
2. All India Council for Technical Education and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) herein referred to individually as "the Participant" and collectively as "the Participants".

Background

3. This IA is in keeping with the purpose of inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding signed in March 2015 between Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (formerly Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) setting out the framework for implementation of UKIERI Phase 3.
4. In January 2013, MoU was signed between AICTE and British Council, which sets out the framework for implementation of joint activities under UKIERI.

Programme Details

5. This IA is an extension of the MoU signed by AICTE and British Council in January 2013. Participants have decided as follows:
 - **Programme Title:** UK-India Education and Research Initiative - Phase Three Collaboration with AICTE
 - **Duration:** April 2016 to March 2021
 - **Partners:**
 - All India Council for Technical Education
 - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) through the UKIERI Secretariat based in New Delhi (entrusted by UKIERI Board to operate and manage the overall programme)
 - **Additional contributors:** UK and Indian Higher and Technical Education Institutions

It has been agreed that UKIERI Secretariat based in British Council New Delhi would be nodal organisation from the UK side and AICTE would be the

implementing organisation from the Indian side. Only those institutions which are approved by AICTE will be eligible for financial assistance in this programme.

Aim

6. UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) started in April 2006 with the aim of enhancing educational links between India and the UK. UKIERI is an education programme covering all segments of the education sector and mutuality of benefit is a core principle. The aim of UKIERI is to build an internationally competitive skills base and to create a dynamic and efficient skills system with informed, empowered learners and employers served by responsive colleges and other providers in their areas.
7. In Phase 3, UKIERI will focus on three strands listed below :
 - a. Leadership and Faculty Development
 - b. Integration of Skills in Education System
 - c. E-partnership and Research Incubation

This IA aims to work with AICTE for implementation of programme activities, events and programmes of UKIERI Phase 3 relating to Higher and Technical Education across the three strands.

Activities

The IA will be the guiding document for overall collaboration between AICTE and UKIERI and the following type of activities will be supported:

8. Institutional partnerships that aim to provide opportunities for the UK and Indian institutions/organizations to collaborate on jointly decided thematic areas relating to curriculum development, industry linkages, faculty development, skills education, leadership, technical education, research and innovation. The subject areas/themes will be decided in consultation with AICTE and a joint call will be announced.
9. Activities and strand programmes that aim to foster mobility of young faculty across the two countries.
10. Leadership Programme for technical and vocational institutions both at central and state level.
11. Any partnerships, events and activities which are jointly decided on mutually beneficial sectors across the programme.

Monitoring and Evaluation

12. The progress of the programme will be monitored through six monthly UKIERI Board meetings which will include representation from all the funding partners. AICTE will be a member of the UKIERI Board in Phase 3, after signing of this IA.

Overall governance, strategic direction and financial control of the collaboration will be the responsibility of the UKIERI Board.

13. Regular reports as per the requirement of the UKIERI Board will be produced jointly by AICTE and the UKIERI Secretariat. Monthly reports will also be shared with the Programme Management Board. AICTE will be represented at this Programme Management Board to ensure joint ownership of the collaboration.
14. All monitoring and evaluation processes will be followed as approved by the UKIERI Board and jointly delivered by AICTE and the UKIERI Secretariat after signing of this IA.

Reporting Mechanism

15. Establishment of capacity building programmes and sustainable partnerships with commitment to the programme by Indian and UK Higher and Technical Education Institutions, measured against completion of all commitments, including active participation in the reporting, feedback and dissemination processes.

Candidates and Participation

16. The participating institutions will be chosen through the overall processes decided upon by the UKIERI Board. Competitive bidding will be undertaken and evaluation of the proposals will be done on criterion decided under the UKIERI programmes.
17. The bidding and evaluation process will be jointly decided by UKIERI and AICTE.

Finance

18. The financial arrangement for the co-operative activities undertaken within the framework of this IA will be on a co-funding basis by the Participants, subject to the availability of funds.
19. All partnerships, events and activities which are jointly decided will be financed by AICTE in a matching funding mechanism together with UKIERI. AICTE will pay directly to the Indian institutions for the in-country costs as per AICTE policy on travel, consumables, accommodation etc.

Implementation

20. The Participants will arrange regular meetings and communication with one another and with the other relevant UKIERI stakeholders, to review and finalise the detailed plans for each stage of the programme.
21. Any disputes that may arise in the implementation of this IA will be resolved through discussions between AICTE and DBEIS.

22. This IA may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.
23. This IA may be terminated by either Participant giving 3 months written notice.
24. This IA will come into effect on the date of signature by the Participants and will continue in effect until terminated.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Participants on the matters referred to in this IA.

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