



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), India**

**And**

**Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in  
Higher Education and Healthcare (ECAQA), Kazakhstan**

*Date: **24<sup>th</sup> March 2018***

*Venue: **Nagpur, India***

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The **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in India.

**And**

**The Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Health care (ECAQA)** – is a non-governmental, non-profit organization for the quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education and focused on the Healthcare Professions Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan. ECAQA is recognised by the Kazakhstan Ministry of Education and Science and included to the National Register of Accrediting Agency. ECAQA is External Quality Assurance Agency that authorised to evaluate and accredit the higher education institutions and educational programmes.

**Recognising** the importance of Assessment and Accreditation in the development of higher education;

**Mindful** of each party's achievements in the education field; and

**Desiring** to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of higher education in their respective countries on the principle of equality and mutual benefit;

**Have reached the following understanding *to interalia*:**

**1. Exchange of information**

Exchange of information and expertise which will include information on programmes of study and institutions in which each party has an interest, subject to any overriding requirement of confidentiality to which either party may be subject.

**2. Understanding**

Work to enhance understanding of each other's approach to assuring quality in higher education and the respective systems in place.

**3. Quality Systems**

Enhance awareness in India of the existence of ECAQA in assuring quality of higher education in Kazakhstan, including transnational education activities, and ensure that the role of NAAC in assuring quality of higher education institutions in India is fully understood within Kazakhstan

**4. Staff Exchange**

When appropriate and possible, support staff from NAAC and ECAQA:

- to participate as observers in institutional audits
- to be involved in training activities

So that staff are acquainted with each other's systems processes and other relevant activities.

**5. Uses of Each Other's quality assurance Audits**

Where appropriate and possible, draw on quality assurance auditors or other specialists from each other's systems to strengthen the international dimension of institutional audits

**6. Joint capacity building initiatives**

Where appropriate and possible, to run capacity building programmes/ workshops/ seminars in relation to the quality assurance for the benefit of both parties

**7. Information and Recognition of accreditation**

Collaborate through exchange of information on issues pertaining to mutual recognition of accreditation as per the rules and procedures in place in the respective countries.



## 8. Quality Assurance and Regulatory Framework

Both parties commit themselves to provide advice, consultancy, support and share knowledge, experience and expertise with regard to the development of regulatory and Quality Assurance Framework and systems issues e.g., quality assurance guidelines, benchmarks, setting of standards and governance.

## 9. Duration of the Memorandum

The memorandum will take effect from date of signing for a period of three years. The memorandum may be altered at any time with the consent of both parties. The Memorandum may be terminated by either party giving 6 (six) months prior notice.

## 10. Resources

Where possible and upon prior agreement, local hospitality will be provided by the host agency for an appropriate number of staff, with airfare borne by home agency. For other activities, unless a specific contract is agreed, the two agencies will normally cover their own costs. For particular co-operation areas, donor funding could be sought.

## 11. Officers responsible for managing the Agreement

The Director, NAAC and The Director General, ECAQA will have responsibility for managing the Memorandum of Understanding. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant member of their staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

  
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Date: 24/03/2018