



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN GOLIS UNIVERSITY
AND THE ISLAMIC ONLINE UNIVERSITY (IOU)**

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This AGREEMENT made between:

GOLIS UNIVERSITY <http://www.golisuniversity.com> - with office located in Hargeisa, represented by its **Acting President, Prof. Mustafe Abdirahman Ismail.**

And

The Islamic Online University (IOU) - www.islamiconlineuniversity.com - with office in Doha, Qatar -- represented by its **Chancellor, Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips**

WITNESSETH, that:

WHEREAS, both parties (GOLIS and IOU) have mutual interests in educating the Ummah of Somaliland and beyond;

WHEREAS, both parties are embarking on a strategic alliance to provide curricular programs designed to promote core competence and excellence in authentic Islamic education and other disciplines, as may be within the legal mandates, viabilities and capabilities of either or both institutions;

WHEREAS, both parties have a good online educational exposure vis-a-vis various modular object-oriented, dynamic learning environments (like MOODLE);

WHEREAS, Golis University, pursuant to its mandate to provide higher education on the ground and online, is offering various degree courses, recognized and accredited by the government of Somaliland;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the PARTIES expressly stipulate and mutually agree as follows:

A. The Role of Golis University, Obligations and Responsibilities:

1. Golis University will grant a Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies (BAIS) degree to successful online BA graduates of the Islamic Online University who opt for the Golis degree at the time of registration;
2. Golis University will issue BAIS degree certificates to IOU graduates, based on the IOU curriculum as approved by the Department of Islamic Studies of Golis University, and upon receiving payment for the corresponding material, printing, processing and mailing costs. The BAIS degree will be issued in accordance with the

- official list of graduates and their transcripts of records prepared by IOU.
3. Golis University will be responsible for providing the BA document and its authentication and verification from the Somaliland Ministry of Higher Education upon receiving payment for documentation, validation, processing and mailing costs where applicable.
 4. Golis University will be an official exam center for IOU, in addition Golis University will prepare teaching spaces and supervisory operations to IOU students in Somaliland.

B. IOU Role, Obligations and Responsibilities:

1. IOU agrees to offer support in developing the degree programs of Golis University and sharing its technical and academic expertise and materials where requested. Along this line, IOU agrees to provide teacher access to Golis Staff for viewing video and listening to audio lectures as well as reading PDF texts/documents to be used as references;
2. IOU will prepare and submit through Golis the yearly reports and other documents as may be required by the National Commission for Higher Education including students' transcript of records, photo ID, students' progress report, promotion list of students, etc.;
3. IOU will be responsible for remitting to Golis University the total cost of degree certificate and transcript of records, authentication and verification and any related stuff.

C. Operational Concept and Joint Strategy

1. The MOODLE system for the BAIS program will be installed on IOU's website. Golis University will have non-editing teacher's access to IOU's online BAIS courses to facilitate monitoring, inspection and evaluation.
2. IOU will develop an ELC (English Learning Center) to upgrade the English level of high school graduates, especially from the Madrasahs, in order to facilitate their enrollment in both IOU and Golis undergraduate programs.
3. For publicity and marketing purposes, Golis and IOU as strategic partners will have mutual linking of their websites and facebook pages. This will also help promote the academic reputation and global presence of both parties.

D. Tenure, Termination Clause and Dispute Settlement

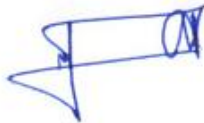
This Agreement shall be valid for 5 years, and shall be subject for review and enhancement as needed. Part of the review shall be to cover any future degree programs of IOU not mentioned under this agreement. The MOA will be automatically renewed for another 5 years unless terminated by the mutual consent of both parties. One party may give the other party (by registered mail) six months' prior notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement. However, Golis and IOU will do everything possible to resolve any or all disagreements in the spirit of mutual cooperation and brotherhood. In the event that either party serves notification of termination of the agreement, the parties agree to meet together during the six-month termination period and to apply every reasonable effort to resolve disagreements so as to continue the cooperation.

E. Governing Law

This agreement is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Somaliland Republic, especially but not limited to those under the jurisdiction of the country's Ministry of Higher Education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have hereunto set their hands this day of March 2013 in the City of Hargeisa, The Republic of Somaliland.

Golis University



Prof. Mustafe Abdirahman Ismail
Acting President,



SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Islamic Online University (IOU)



Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips
Chancellor, IOU



Mr. Ahmed Jambir Suldán

Sameer Khan
Vice-Chancellor, IOU

Golis University, Public Relation



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