



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

ZRCPC

and

ASEZ

In furtherance of their mutual interest in the field of education and research and as a contribution to increased international cooperation, **Zanzibar Research Centre for Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis** and **African School of Economics Zanzibar**, hereby adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

ARTICLE 1

The link between the parties involves collaboration between Zanzibar Research Centre for Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis and African School of Economics Zanzibar (ASEZ), in related disciplines.

The two institutions shall seek to promote:

1. The exchange of staff in programs for the mutual benefit of both institutions.
2. Collaboration in research and development, consultancy studies and policy analysis work.
3. The exchange of data, academic materials and publications.
4. Mutual collaboration in entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities for various stakeholders

ARTICLE II

The activities under the link will include:

1. **Government policy related research**

ZRCP & ASEZ may work collaboratively in policy analysis and research in areas including economic transformation, good governance and other topics that are a priority to the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and/or that promote the prosperity of the Zanzibari people.

2. **Stakeholder convening**

ZRCP and ASE will collaborate on convening relevant stakeholders to policy roundtables, workshops and other events for the discussion of topics important to Zanzibar's economic development and to facilitate cross-government coordination and mobilizing the public and private actors to achieve policy goals and priorities.

4. **Roadmap**

ZRCP and ASEZ will periodically collaborate to create roadmaps for Zanzibar's economic transformation and related activities. These roadmaps aid in prioritizing and sequencing necessary for effective policy implementation.

Detailed terms of agreement for each of the activities may be separately signed by the parties, and included as annexures.

ARTICLE III

The implementation of cooperation based on this Memorandum shall be dealt with between the relevant personnel of both institutions. Where necessary, a specific plan shall be worked out for each activity setting forth the detailed arrangements for collaboration. Such plans shall be subject to the approval of the appropriate authorities of each institution. To facilitate the development of such plans, each institution shall nominate a senior member of its staff to coordinate activities arising under this agreement. Unless otherwise informed Dr. Twahir Khalfan (Director of Research and Policy Engagement, ZRCP, at twahir.mohammed@zrcp.org and Kurtis Lockhart (Board Member, ASEZ, at kurtis@cci.city will act as the Focal Persons and the institutional interface to coordinate the activities at the respective parties and ensure effective communications between the relevant personnel of all parties.

ARTICLE IV

Both institutions agree and undertake to keep confidential at all times any information and/or data that may be exchanged, acquired, and shared in connection with the area of cooperation unless otherwise the same has already been in the public domain.

ARTICLE V

Ownership of any research findings shall be vested in both parties to this Memorandum and any publication regarding the same shall only be possible after prior approval of both parties.

ARTICLE VI

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of 3 years commencing from the date of signing and may be reviewed by mutual consent by serving 3 months' written notice to the other party. Upon renewal, both parties shall select either to proceed with the existing or new terms of understanding.

ARTICLE VII

Both ZRCP and ASEZ reserve the right to terminate this Memorandum by either party giving 3 months' written notice to the other. Where such termination occurs, the provisions of this Memorandum shall continue to apply to ongoing activities until their completion.

ARTICLE VIII

Participating staff and students involved in any activities under this Memorandum must adhere to the law of the host countries and the rules and regulations of the host institutions.

ARTICLE IX

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

ARTICLE X

In case of any disputes or differences arising out of or in relation with this MOU, the same shall be resolved by way of mediation.

ARTICLE XI

In case of the occurrence of any fire, pandemic, epidemic, storm, cyclone, strikes, or any events beyond the control of either party ("Force Majeure Event") the Parties agree that the timelines of any project between the Parties shall get extended without any cost or consequence to the other Party.

ARTICLE XII

The Parties agree to keep confidential all matters arising under or in relation to this agreement or the engagement between the Parties. Neither Party shall make any announcements or statements in public in relation to this Agreement or the understanding between the Parties except by mutual consent and as agreed in writing.

The parties welcome the establishment of this Memorandum for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above. There will be four copies of this Memorandum equally valid, two for each party, effective from the date of its signing.

For
**Zanzibar Research Centre for
Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis
(ZRCP)**

For
**African School of Economics Zanzibar
(ASEZ)**

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