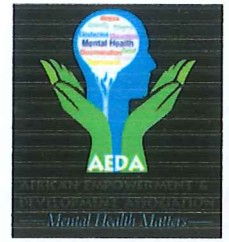




MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



BETWEEN

**AFRICAN EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION (AEDA)**

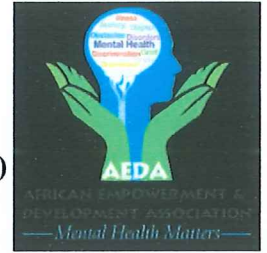
AND

BIAKA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF BUEA

Done at BUIB this 18th day of February 2022



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AND
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The Biaka University Institute of Buea, Cameroon, represented by its Vice-Chancellor, and The African Empowerment and Development Association (AEDA) represented by its C.E.O. both linked by common health education interests have resolved to develop collaborations and exchanges in the field of shared interest and expertise.

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as a written understanding agreed upon principles between the Biaka University Institute of Buea, (BUIB) and the African Empowerment and Development Association (AEDA), concerning a set of general academic and educational objectives. This is a non-binding agreement and it is intended to clarify the nature and extent of the complementary activities that might be undertaken for mutual benefit of the two parties.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are :

1. To lay down the conditions for the partnership in the areas of teaching, training and research.
2. To collaborate on exposing students on Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Health Care, including field studies and relevant research on these subjects that AEDA will conduct in Cameroon.
3. To enhance Career Professional Development for faculty members of BUIB.

ARTICLE 3: SCOPE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

In the context of this Memorandum of Understanding, the word “partnership” shall apply to all activities arranged and carried out by common agreement between the Biaka University Institute of Buea and the African Empowerment and Development Association (AEDA)

1. The activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding are based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity that is intended to be of mutual benefit to both parties.

ARTICLE: 4 MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The partnership will encourage the development of the following types of activities for the benefits of both parties.

- 4.1 Visits and informal exchanges of faculty, scholars and administrators in specific areas of Mental Health education, research and outreach.

4.2 Organize joint conferences, symposia or other training, workshops and meetings on subjects of mutual interest.

4.3 Exchange of academic and educational information and materials.

4.4 Pursue avenues for students and staff exchange during the academic year or summer terms.

4.5 The joint use of expertise, skills Laboratories, classroom space and other research facilities.

4.6 Establishing further forms of cooperation in all fields of mutual interest.

4.6 Financial Responsibilities

1) The parties, in accordance with the regulations force, undertake to mobilize specific financial resources to achieve their objectives, depending on the timeliness actions envisage and within the limit of financial resources available.

ARTICLE 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE PARTIES

1. Within the framework of this Agreement, the parties (BUIB and AEDA) undertake mutually to:

5.1 Make available to each other, in a timely manner information in their possession directly related to the implementation of this Agreement

5.2 Organize meetings and to reflect on scientific issues relating to the mental Health Care, with our context and internationally

5.3 prepare and supervise specific activities within the framework of the Agreement, as appropriate and depending on the availability of budgets and resources.

5.4 Evaluate and put in place the funds necessary for the execution of this Agreement, as appropriate and within the limits of the financial resources available and in accordance with the regulations in force.

5.5 Ensure the proper implementation of the activities covered by this Agreement.

2. The Biaka University Institute of Buea (BUIB), shall Specifically undertake to:

- i. Collaborate on Substance Abuse Disorder and on mental Health care awareness and sensitization efforts initiated by AEDA
- ii. Provide students, academic and scientific staff in the field of activity related to the corporate objectives of AEDA (research of relevant area of studies)
- iii. Propose thrust and themes for the improvement concerning the activity plan of AEDA (survey, data collection, statistic, inventory)
- iv. Participate, within the framework of its activities, towards the promotion of AEDA



The African Empowerment and Development Association (AEDA), shall Specifically undertake to:

- i. Invite BUIB 'S students to facilitate a feasibility study on mental health as part of their research project as approved by AEDA.
- ii. Conduct Drama Therapy sessions with undergraduate students who have experienced trauma and substance abuse issues.
- iii. Organize exchange activities to expose BUIB 'S students to professionals in the field of substance abuse disorders. Additionally, experts in various disciplines of mental health care may be invited for lectures that will be compensated by BUIB.
- iv. Assist BUIB in developing certification programs (Postgraduates courses) in Mental Health Care as part of the Department of Nursing under the School of Health Sciences.
- v. Provide resources and advice to interested BUIB students about mental health care.
- vi. Give BUIB students access to online certification courses/modules offered by American institutions. Partnerships can be developed with BUIB through these courses.
- vii. Aid in the establishment of an Association of Psychological and Psychiatric Services for Cameroon to help provide potential careers for BUIB graduates and Cameroonian youth in the field.

ARTICLE 6: GENERAL TERMS

- 7.1 This MOU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees or agents.
- 7.2 Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the two parties.
- 7.3 Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MOU

ARTICLE 7: DURATION

This Agreement is signed for a period of two (02) year renewable after a satisfactory evaluation of its execution and the parties' explicit agreement, unless one of the parties denounces it three (03) months before its deadline and without compensation.

ARTICLE 8: OPTION TO AMEND, EXTEND OR TERMINATE

- 8.1 The agreement may only be modified, amended or supplemented by written amendment between parties
- 8.2 This agreement may be terminated at any time after a three (03) months' notice
- 8.3 The party taking the initiative to terminate this agreement shall notify the other party by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or by any means in writing

8.4 Any denunciation of this Agreement shall be followed by an audit of the activities carried out. The number of activities accepted by both parties shall be evaluated and processed in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 9: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

9.1: Any misunderstanding resulting from the implementation or interpretation of this partnership shall be resolved amicably and through consultation in the best interest of both parties.

9.2 : If the parties fail to reach an amicable settlement, it is mutually agreed to terminate this Agreement as null and void, without any terms or notices and without an obligations or consequences for the parties.

FOR BUIB

~~Dr. Hongla Francisca Biaka DU~~
Chair & Vice Chancellor
VICE -CHANCELLOR BUIB



FOR AEDA

Victor ELOKUNZAN
Founder / President

FOUNDER/ C.E.O AEDA



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