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WHEREAS, the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), hereinafter referred to as BPATC, established under the BPATC Act, 2018 (by repealing the Ordinance 1984 (Ordinance No-XXVI of 1984)) the principal capacity building agency of the government of Bangladesh mandated to undertake professional training courses for civil servants of different level, from entry level to secretary level; conduct research activities to generate new knowledge and insights to strengthen the training scheme and promote professionalism and knowledge base in the civil service to make the civil service competent to steer national development; build partnerships with like-minded different capacity building agencies and academic institutions to collaborate for professional and national development, situated at Savar, Dhaka-1343, steered by its Rector (Secretary/Senior Secretary to the Government);

WHEREAS, the North South University's graduate teaching and research institute the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), hereinafter referred to as NSU-SIPG, being authorized to represent the North South University in this partnership MoU, envisions to "be and remain a center of excellence in higher education in the field of public policy and governance". Keeping in view the vision statement, the SIPG runs a regional research-based graduate program called Master's of Public Policy and Governance (MPPG), aiming to enhance the academic and professional excellence of the young professionals and civil servants of the region covering Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Bangladesh;

WHEREAS, both BPATC and SIPG-NSU share the same commitment to contribute to public sector governance and development by way of undertaking professional training, dialogue and discussions; and research and policy advocacy; and agree to establish strong partnership to advocate for the improvement of the public sector governance and development.

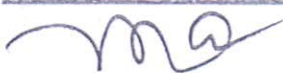
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THEREFORE, both BPATC and North South University via its SIPG agree to enter into a formal but non-binding partnership in the form of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the following terms and conditions.

Modalities of Collaboration between BPATC and SIPG:

1. In this context, as both institutions are united by common interests and objectives in research and academic collaboration in broad areas of public administration, governance, public policy and development, and they wish to maintain and promote collaboration that permit those mutual scholarly and academic ties and promote closer collaboration; BPATC and NSU-SIPG therefore agree to collaborate in the following areas:
 - ❑ Collaboration on research and publications on broader areas of process and practices in public administration, public policy, governance dynamics, development of course curricula catering to the need of changing dimensions of governance demand and deficit;
 - ❑ Joint research on dynamics and process of design and implementation issues of public policies and public administration practices;
 - ❑ Joint efforts to develop and improve new tools and techniques on public sector management, policy implementation, program management issues on the basis of the existing and forthcoming collaborative researches;
 - ❑ Institutional collaboration in organizing regional and international seminar, conferences and workshops;
 - ❑ Partnership for organizing workshops/ seminars and international conferences with any other national or international public or private institution/organization.
2. This MoU will govern the general framework for joint research, publications, arrangement of workshops, seminars, and conferences, and any other mutually agreed activities between BPATC and NSU-SIPG. Individual working agreement(s) for such collaboration, should they arise, will be executed for specific projects/ activities under this MoU.
3. The individual working agreement(s) referred to in paragraph 2 may be developed for, but need not be limited to, joint research and publications, arranging workshops, seminars, conferences, etc.
4. Each institution shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with the development, negotiation and implementation of joint work programs, including the



travel costs of its own faculty or officials involved in such exchange activities under this partnership MoU, except as may otherwise be agreed upon by both institutions in writing.

5. Each institution shall take action to make the substance of this Memorandum of Understanding known to its appropriate personnel, and shall provide normal and reasonable assistance to such personnel in regard to the administrative details of exchanges and work agreements. Each institution shall take affirmative steps to develop faculty exchanges and joint workshops/ seminars/ conferences and research programs. The collaboration involves pooling the unique strengths of each party to assist each other in achieving world-class status.
6. Each institution shall appoint a liaison official. The liaisons shall, together, be responsible for tracking cooperative efforts, facilitating mutual assistance, and making an annual report to both institutions of the previous year's joint activities and the initiatives in progress for the next year.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) may be modified or extended by written consent of both parties as provided by its officially authorized representatives: in the case of NSU-SIPG, by the Vice Chancellor, NSU, or, if not available, by a designee to be designated by North South University, and in the case of BPATC by the Rector, BPATC or a designee, designated by the Rector, BPATC.
8. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall become effective from the date of signing by both parties and remain valid for five years from that date. It may be renewed for an additional term of five years by an exchange of letters between the Vice Chancellor, NSU and the appropriate official of BPATC as authorized in clause 7.
9. This MoU does not oblige either NSU-SIPG or BPATC to undertake any financial expenditure or other contractual obligations.
10. The assignment of this partnership to any other party or parties is expressly prohibited except with the written concurrence by the appropriate authorities of both NSU-SIPG and BPATC.
11. Any interpretation, waiver or inclusion of any covenants shall be done by consent of both the parties and such changes must be incorporated in the MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties represented by the signatories below hereto have caused this MoU to be executed.

Done in duplicate on 25 November 2019 in English at BPATC, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh



Prof. Atique Islam PhD

Vice Chancellor

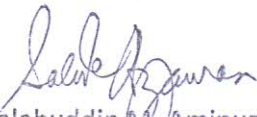
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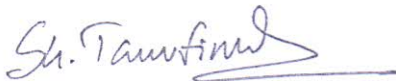
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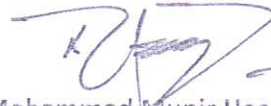
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