

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Development of Programs in Hospitality and Tourism at The University of Jordan in Aqaba

Between

The University of Jordan and the USAID/Jordan Tourism Development Project

October 2, 2011 Amman - Jordan

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) defines the terms of cooperation between The University of Jordan and the USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project (implemented by Chemonics International), together collectively known as 'Parties' to this MoU.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to support the development of programs in hospitality and tourism at The University of Jordan in Aqaba.

WHEREAS The University of Jordan was established in 1962 to develop all fields of science and education in Jordan and build up the cadres that would lead the development of the country in various fields. The Aqaba branch was established in 2009 to serve the needs of the Aqaba Governorate and surroundings and is considered to be central in materializing the objectives of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) in developing the Aqaba zone.

WHEREAS the USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project is a five-year project (2008-2013) implemented by Chemonics International that aims at supporting the development of the tourism economy in Jordan by promoting Jordan's competitiveness as an international tourism destination, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is supporting Jordan in creating new job opportunities for Jordanians.

THEREFORE, the Parties hereby mutually understand and agree to the terms and conditions as follows:

ARTICLE 1: GOALS OF THE MOU

The Parties wish to cooperate in mutual effort to support the development of programs, curriculum, and capacity building for the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism.

ARTICLE 2: THE PARTIES AND WITNESSES

The Parties and witnesses to this Memorandum of Understanding are:

- The University of Jordan, Party
- The USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project (implemented by Chemonics International), Party
- The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Witness
- The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Witness
- The Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority, Witness
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Witness

ARTICLE 3 - THE PARTIES' UNDERTAKINGS

A) UNDERTAKINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN

In order to achieve the goals of this MoU, The University of Jordan agrees to undertake the following:

- Upgrade the Hospitality and Tourism programs and curriculum;
- Support a hospitality and tourism awareness program aimed at academics, career councilors, students and graduates to promote tourism as a career of choice;
- Develop and support capability and capacity building of lecturers and teachers specializing in hospitality and tourism specialties;
- Develop new programs in Event Management and Sustainable Destination Tourism;
- Provide the best practice, state-of-the-art physical training workshop facilities, equipment and training environment;
- Conduct an annual international conference specialized in hospitality and tourism; and
- Acknowledge USAID support in signs and associated print materials.

B) UNDERTAKINGS OF USAID JORDAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In order to achieve the goals of this MoU, the USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project (implemented by Chemonics International), intends to undertake the following:

- Facilitate revision of the program curriculum;
- Coordinate and facilitate the preparation of a tourism awareness campaign aimed at academics, career councilors, students and graduates to promote hospitality and tourism as a career of choice;
- Support the development, capability and capacity building of lecturers and teachers specializing in hospitality and tourism specialties;
- Support the development of a new Event Management program;
- Support conducting an annual conference on hospitality and tourism;
- Coordinate the sourcing of support and adoption of computer lab and specialized IT programs, such as Operah and Galilio; and
- Support The University of Jordan to establish international networking and support negotiation of cooperation agreements with international universities of similar and related standing.

ARTICLE 4 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS

The purpose of this MoU is to set forth the understandings and intentions of the Parties with regard to these shared goals. The Parties are entering into this MoU while wishing to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other agreements or contracts entered into by either of the Parties, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of this MoU. The Parties further specifically acknowledge that this MoU does not constitute an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by either Party or USAID. In addition, the Parties agree that all activities to be undertaken by the USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project, as implemented by Chemonics International, are subject to the availability of funds and subject to the terms of a separate contract between Chemonics International and USAID, which terms, in the event of any conflict with the terms of this MoU, shall prevail. This MoU shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties and, by written mutual agreement, maybe amended at any time by either Party during the effective period of the MoU.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMUNICATION & BRANDING

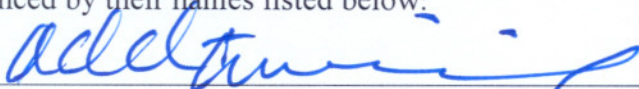
The Parties to this MoU shall appropriately recognize each other in communication messages, materials and other publicity. Such recognition shall include marking of printed materials and facilities in accordance with USAID branding regulations.

ARTICLE 6 - EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THIS MOU

The effective period for this MoU shall be from the date of signing until June 1, 2013, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

Accordingly,

Each of the University of Jordan and USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project (implemented by Chemonics International) have signed this MoU by and through their duly authorized signatories as evidenced by their names listed below:



The University of Jordan, H.E. Prof. Dr. Adel Tweissi, President



USAID Jordan Tourism Development Project, Mr. Ibrahim Osta, Chief of Party

In witness whereof this now has been signed by the partners below:



The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, H.E. Dr. Wajih Owis, Minister



The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, H.E Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Minister



The Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority, H.E. Issa Ayoub, Chief Commissioner



The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Dr. Kevin Rushing, Acting Mission Director



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