

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

PREAMBLE

The Governments of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Burundi
hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" and in the singular as "a Party");

DESIRING to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education;

RECALLING the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social
development;

RECOGNIZING that greater linkages between both the countries in the field of education
would be mutually beneficial;

HAVE AGREED has follows:

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The Parties agree to encourage exchanges and cooperation in the field of education by
facilitating appropriate contacts and activities between institutions and individuals of the
two countries.

ARTICLE II

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Programme shall be:

- a) In the case of the Government of the Republic of India, the Ministry of Human
Resource Development; and
- b) In the case of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, the Ministry of Higher
Education and Scientific Research.

ARTICLE III

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall:

- (a) Encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation
between the education institutions of the two Governments, based on their
respective academic and educational needs;

- (d) Exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
- (e) Organise joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
- (f) Organise joint research programmes and publications;
- (g) Organise training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;
- (h) Exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- (i) Exchange of scholars, teachers, experts and students;
- (j) Twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- (k) Develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- (l) Examine the possibility of mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- (m) Set up chairs on contemporary studies;
- (n) Provide mutual assistance in the field of Information Technology, Computer Science, Mathematics and Science;
- (o) Initiate any activity as agreed by both Parties;

ARTICLE IV FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The Parties agree to prepare joint programmes of cooperation that may be submitted to third partner countries and international organizations for financing;
- (b) The costs of the cooperation activities under this Programme shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds;
- (c) Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Party upon the other, in carrying out this Educational Exchange Programme;
- (d) The full cost of visits by the sending Party in various fields covered by this Agreement shall be met by the sending Party or autonomous body as the case may be, unless the contrary is agreed to in writing;
- (e) The sending Party shall furnish the receiving Party with the particulars of the proposed programme and number of delegates one month before the delegates arrives.

ARTICLE V
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application and implementation of this Programme shall be settled amicably through negotiations or consultation between the parties.

ARTICLE VI
MONITORING OF THE AGREEMENT

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group shall be composed of two officials from each Parties and shall meet once a year alternately in the two countries on dates to be agreed upon by mutual consent through the diplomatic channel. The Party hosting the Working Group meeting shall chair the proceedings. The Working Group shall decide on its own rules of procedure.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS

This Programme may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel. The amendment shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.

ARTICLE VIII
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- (a) This Programme shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof;
- (b) This Programme shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewable for a period of five years. Each Party reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Programme;
- (c) Either Party may terminate this Programme by giving six-month prior written notice of its intention to terminate it to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.

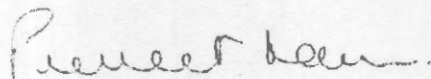
ARTICLE IX
EXISTING OBLIGATIONS

- (a) Termination of this Programme shall not affect obligations or programmes undertaken in terms of any separate agreements or contracts until their completion;
- (b) The substances, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this educational exchange programme may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between selected institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of this Educational Exchange Programme.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Programme in two originals in English, French and Hindi languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

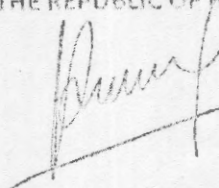
DONE at New Delhi on this 18th day of September 2012.

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