



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

Independent Kazakhstan Quality Assurance Agency in Education (IQAA)

and

National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA)

1. General provisions

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as (Memorandum) establishes the relationship between Independent Kazakhstan Quality Assurance Agency for Education (hereafter IQAA) and National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (hereafter ANQA) hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties have entered into this memorandum to establish an effective cooperation in the field of quality assurance, training of competent experts, implementation of joint educational projects and exchange of experience in the field of education.

2. Areas of Cooperation

To execute this Memorandum the Parties agree on cooperation in the following areas:

- ensure transparency in European Higher Education Area and in the activities of international organizations in the field of independent accreditation on a global level;
- share experience in the field of procedures and mechanisms of accreditation in higher education institutions with a focus on accreditation of universities and colleges;
- promote cooperation through participation of ANQA agency's employee in Accreditation Council of IQAA;
- promote cooperation in accreditation by exchange and training of experts;
- cooperate in conducting workshops, conferences, round tables aimed at improving the system of quality assurance including both parties, focused on accreditation of Parties;
- consult on improvement of standards and criterias of the Institutional and Specialized (Program) Accreditation;
- mutually represent the accreditation-related interests at national and international levels and support promotion of partners;
- conduct any other cooperation activities agreed by the Parties.

3. Interaction of the Parties

Within the framework of the Memorandum, the Parties shall cooperate on principles of equality, transparency and integrity.

The Parties shall cooperate with each other in the fulfillment of this Memorandum' points through authorized representatives delegated by the Parties to address emerging issues and joint actions. From ANQA this shall be the Director, from IQAA this shall be the President,

Any amendment or addition to this Memorandum shall be agreed by the Parties in writing.

4. Final provision

The Parties shall consider this Memorandum as a declaration of intent without involvement of legal and financial obligations of the joint activity.

In addition, the Parties recognize that any actions within this Memorandum shall not violate any obligations and rights either Party.

Disputes and disagreements between the Parties on issues related to the scope of this Memorandum shall be settled by negotiation or consultations between the Parties.

The order of settlement of disputes and disagreements arising at implementation of contracts (permissions), signed for carrying out operations within the present Memorandum, is established by the specified contracts (agreements).

Changes and amendments to this Memorandum shall be prepared in written form and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties and constitute an integral part of this Memorandum.

This Memorandum comes into force upon being signed by both Parties and shall be valid until terminated by mutual consent of both Parties or at the request of one of the Parties with the prior notice of other Party not less than 30 days. Termination of this Memorandum shall not entail termination of contracts (agreements) concluded between IQAA and ANQA.

The text of Memorandum is prepared in two (2) original copies in English, one (1) copy for each Party.

Signed in Yerevan city on the 13th of May in 2015.

Signatures of the Parties:

Ruben Topchayn

Director

National Center for Professional
Education Quality Assurance Foundation



Sholpan M. Kalanova

President

Independent Kazakhstan Quality
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