



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

### THE NATIONAL TRAINING PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE of FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Herein referred as "NTPC of FNU" or "The Partner", duly registered under the Fiji National University Act 2009 with its registered head office located at Lot DSS 1722, 5 ½ Miles, King Road, Nasinu, Fiji represented herein by the **Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Unaisi Nabobo Baba**

AND

### THE COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

herein referred as "CMI", with its head office located at 1258 Ocean View Drive, Majuro MH, 96960, Marshall Islands, represented herein by the **President, Dr Irene Taafaki**

with FNU and CMI, hereinafter separately referred to as a "Party" or mutually referred to as the "Parties".

#### PREAMBLE

The Parties will cooperate and work together for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding, leading to the strengthening of both institutions through identified development activities. The Parties agree to promote, strengthen and enhance cooperation in the areas of vocational education and faculty development.

#### IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

##### ARTICLE 1 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MOU is to bind both of the signatories to a partnership by working together on matters of common concerns, hence provide human capacity building and flexible e-learning design and development of programs, this will not only benefit both Universities, but the Pacific region as a whole.

## ARTICLE 2 – SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The two institutions agree to deliver the following educational activities:

FNU NTPC:

- I. Provide trainers to deliver the Short Courses
- II. Administration of enrolment for the Short Courses.
- III. Provide all assessments on completion of the Short Courses.
- IV. Upon successful completion of each course, students will be awarded with either Certificate of Attainment or Certificate of Participation
- V. Provide Resources that are not readily available in the Marshall Islands but limited to Print Materials, small portable tools, and teaching equipment.
- VI. Provide CMI with a complete list of required equipment, hand tools, supplies/materials for the Vocational Training to cross verify their availability at the training facility,
- VII. Other activities (including additional courses and services) as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties

The College of the Marshall Islands:

- I. Recruitment and Promotions of the FNU NTPC Short Courses as per the TVET Fundamentals Certificate Program.
- II. Provide and arrange for all venues and practical resources, tools, equipment for the delivery of the Short Courses.
- III. Provide for all travel costs delivery costs (international return airfares), accommodation costs and any other costs incurred by FNU NTPC while carrying out the approved trainings in the Marshall Islands through funding provided by the National Training Council (NTC, Marshall Islands).
- IV. Provide for student fees for all enrolled students in all the Short Courses.
- V. Other activities as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties

## ARTICLE 3 – DURATION

This MOU is valid for a period of three years and will enter into effect on the date of signing by the Parties. The operation of this MOU may be extended by mutual consent for such period(s) that may be considered desirable by the Parties, which period shall be set out in writing in letters of exchange signed by both Parties.

## ARTICLE 4 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

FNU NTPC Will Invoice College of Marshall Islands upon commencement of the course for all monies owing and will be paid on a 30day Invoice from time of invoice.

All certificates will be issued to Students on completion of Full Payments to FNU NTPC.

This agreement can only be changed through an agreed modification in writing by the undersigned parties.

## **ARTICLE 5 – LEGAL EFFECT**

The Parties acknowledge that this MOU is not legally enforceable, but that it does not diminish the intention of the Parties to comply with the terms, conditions, responsibilities and undertakings stipulated in this MOU.

## **ARTICLE 6 – TERMINATION**

Either Party may terminate this MOU upon giving the other party 6 (six) months' notice in writing of its intention to do so. In the event of termination, both Parties agree to protect the interests of staff and students currently participating in collaborative programmes or initiatives and to provide all the support necessary to enable them to conclude those initiatives successfully.

## **ARTICLE 7 – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and/or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably in good faith through consultation or negotiation between the Parties without reference to any third party or any international tribunal.

## **ARTICLE 8 – CONFIDENTIALITY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The Parties shall not disclose or distribute any confidential information, documents, data received or supplied to the other in the course of the implementation of this MOU to any third party except as authorized in writing to do so by the requesting party. The Parties further agree to recognize each other's intellectual property rights in relation to the performance of the responsibilities of each party under this MOU.

## **ARTICLE 9 – FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MOU due to exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as, but not limited to, act of God, war, flood, earthquake, strikes, lockouts, epidemics, riots, civil commotion, etc., provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the Party affected thereby shall give a notice in writing to the other Party within 1(one) month of such occurrence or cessation.

## **ARTICLE 10 – MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

This MOU may be varied and/or amended by the mutual agreement of the Parties and any such variation shall be set out in writing and signed by the Parties.

**ARTICLE 11 – DESIGNATION OF OFFICE**

Each Party shall designate an office and/or an officer which/who shall serve as liaison for implementing this MOU. Unless the other party is advised in writing, for the FNU, this person is Acting Executive Officer Mrs. Archana Sami. For CMI this person is Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth Switaj ([eswitaj@cmi.edu](mailto:eswitaj@cmi.edu)).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures:


**SIGNED** on behalf of  
**The Fiji National University by**

**SIGNED** on behalf of  
**The College of Marshall Islands by**



**Professor Unaisi Walu Nabobo Baba**  
Acting Vice Chancellor  
Fiji National University

Date: 12/05/23

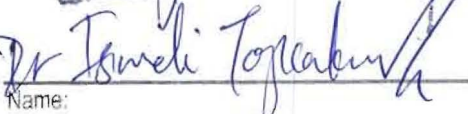
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**Dr Irene Taafaki**  
President  
College of Marshall Islands

Date: 5/11/2023

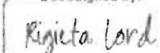
Witnessed by:

Signed:   
**Dr Isimeli W. Tagicaliverata**  
Director  
National Learning Productivity Centre  
Fiji National University

  
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Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 13/05/23

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Signed: 5/11/2023

**Rigieta Lord**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Dean - Workforce, Adult and Vocational Education Services

Date: 5/11/2023