



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF)

&

e-Learning Association of Iran (YADA)

**on developing a mutual cooperation to promote e-Learning and
Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) in the ECO region.**

The ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) and e-Learning Association of Iran (YADA) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have a shared interest in improving e-learning and enhancing technology enhanced learning in the ECO region, which includes, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the terms and understanding between the parties to develop mutual cooperation to promote e-Learning and Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) research and implementations with more emphasis on capacity development of the ECO Member Countries.

Background

Technology enhanced learning (TEL), or e-learning refers to the use of technology to support and enhance the learning process. This usually take many forms, including the use of online platforms, virtual classrooms, educational software, and mobile applications. TEL can be used to support various forms of learning, including traditional face-to-face instruction, distance learning, and self-directed learning.

The potential benefits of TEL and e-learning applications include the ability to reach a wider audience, provide flexible learning options, and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the learning process.

However, it is important to note that TEL or e-learning is not a one-size-fits-all solution, and its effectiveness depends on a variety of factors, including the specific technology being used, the learning context, and the learner's needs and preferences. In addition, the Parties do recognize that use of TEL and e-learning tools and delivery is still limited, whereby not many academic or research institutions and universities in the ECO region are equipped with right tools and devices; or hold the adequate technical capacity to implement the TEL or e-Learning framework in their respective institutions.

This MoU is the first step to bridge this gap and build the capacity of ECO Member Countries in enhancing their technical expertise, skills, knowledge creation and research in TEL framework. Through this platform, both organizations aim to work together to bring the right people together to create the technologies of the future and share best practices with the next generation on all aspects of e-Learning and TEL. Therefore, joint collaborations between ECOSF and YADA will add values to ECO Member Countries by fulfilling following potential objectives:

Objectives

- Encouraging cooperation to promote sustainable development through e-Learning and TEL in the ECO Member Countries.
- Holding joint educational, training and capacity building programs, workshops, sessions, and events for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of the ECO Member Countries.
- Strengthening cooperation to promote Technology Enhanced Learning TEL tools for improving the learning processes in the era of the 4th Industrial Revolution in the ECO region.
- All parties will keep informed the others and will help the others within their networks and businesses.

Potential Means of Cooperation

In this context of above-mentioned objectives, the Parties agree to explore opportunities for cooperation through following ways:

- Sharing of best practices and experiences in the development and implementation of e-learning and technology enhanced learning initiatives in the ECO Member Countries.
- Collaboration on research and development projects related to e-learning and TEL, including the development of new teaching and learning technologies and approaches.
- Exchange of expertise and capacity building in the field of e-learning and TEL, including sharing of educational materials and organizing training workshops as well as seminars in the ECO region.
- Carrying out joint efforts to promote the use of e-learning and TEL in schools and higher education institutions of ECO region, including development of policies and strategies to support the integration of these approaches into the curriculum.
- Enhancing cooperation on the development of online platforms and resources for e-learning as well as technology enhanced learning, including the sharing of open educational resources amongst the ECO Member Countries.
- Coordinating with each other to promote the use of e-learning and technology enhanced learning in the professional development of teachers, instructors, and educators of the ECO region.

Reporting

- The Parties agree to meet periodically to review the progress of this Memorandum of Understanding and to explore additional areas of cooperation.

Funding

- This MOU is not a commitment of funds. The funds need for any activity will be discussed and agreed as a separate agreement.

Duration

- This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective for a period of [five] years and may be renewed by mutual agreement of the Parties.

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