



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

#### **BETWEEN**

HARVARD GLOBAL HEALTH CATALYST (HGHC)

**AND** 

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION USA AND ICT-U CAMPUSES IN AFRICA (ICT-U)

2019





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#### **BACKGROUND**

### Harvard Global Health Catalyst

The Harvard Global Health Catalyst (HGHC)'s at Harvard University is dedicated to catalyzing high impact international collaborations and initiatives to eliminate global health disparities with main focus on cancer and other non-communicable diseases. The HGHC is funded by the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard, Harvard Medical School Institutions: the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well as a growing number of foundations, NGOs, Diaspora Organizations, Industry, and other partners across the world, with goal to dramatically increase access to quality healthcare for all regardless of where they live. Over the past years, the HGHC has catalyzed and collaborated with many partners to establish cancer centers and control programs in Africa, helped in building crucial human capacity needed to strengthen the healthcare systems, leveraging unprecedented engagement with industry, governments and the diaspora to turn brain drain to global health gain. Building on existing infrastructure at the world-renowned Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, and NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, the HGHC's initatives/activities have also included: 1) establishing the world's premier comprehensive cancer center in the cloud (C4) (www.ecancer4all.com) powered by faculty from the world's leading institutions including: Harvard University, University of Heidelberg, University of Pennsylvania, Oxford University, industry partners and other partners; the award winning C4 education component has grown into a global oncology University; 2) organizing premier yearly global health summits at Harvard Medical School, Europe and Africa, designed to educate/share knowledge and seed or strengthen high impact collaborations with different stakeholders, global health leaders, industry, government leaders and the diaspora/minorities to eliminate global health disparities, saving lives.

### ICT University

The ICT University operates a purely US-based curriculum to provide quality ICT and Managerial Human Capacity Development specially targeted for Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, the ICT University is a vibrant institution which aims at imposing itself as premier destination for research, innovation and training of scholars relevant for the context of developing economies. Founded in 2010, The ICT University (The American curriculum-based university serving developing nations), has multiple campuses of The ICT University Foundation, USA. All ICT University Foundation campuses are based in Africa. The ICT University Foundation is registered and chartered in the State of Louisiana, USA (Charter





Number: 40115325N). The Foundation is the funding organ of all ICT University campuses. It also funds donations of ICT equipment, Health Information Technology and Telemedicine Laboratories, E-Learning laboratories and E-Libraries for many universities based in the developing world in general and Africa in particular. The ICT University's African campuses is serving more than 15,000 students worldwide via on- site and online programs, the ICT University develops productive and relevant Diploma, Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level scholars to utilize their research and training in solving the substantial problems in their countries.

With a plethora of programs at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels, including diploma and certification programs, the ICT University offers a dynamic and flexible learning environment that inspires innovation and creativity and places emphasis on student access. The ICT University prides itself on offering an intimate, cutting edge campus environment disposing of all resources essential for producing tomorrow's leading ICT experts, technopreneurs, renewable energy engineers, telemedicine and Health Information Technology Experts. The university has also created collaborations, partnerships and exchange agreements with leading US, African and other international institutions that further enrich the academic, social and cultural diversity of our campus.

## ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION

This MOU provides a framework for collaboration between the parties to realize the following specific objectives:

- 1. The HGHC is choosing to partner with ICT-U in a manner that is mutually beneficial. The purpose of this collaboration is to further promote public health research and teaching interests shared by both organizations.
- 2. ICT-U will provide access to its facilities and assist in the recruitment of students in the context of research training. The HGHC will facilitate the training of these students as part of their education.
- 3. The leadership of both organizations has approved this collaboration.
- 4. This collaboration will be guided by the extant rules, regulations and internal ethics guidelines of both HGHC and ICT-U.
- 5. HGHC will work in accordance with rules, regulations and policies of USA, its benefactors, and internal ethics guidance.

# ARTICLE II: STRATEGIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following strategies and responsibilities will be followed to fulfill the overall goal and project objectives as agreed upon by both parties:





# i. Responsibilities of the Harvard HGHC

- 1. To provide all relevant contact information to ICT-U that would facilitate the collaboration between students and HGHC once interest has been expressed
- 2. To include ICT-U staff as co-author on any paper published from its datasets.
- 3. To ensure that ICT-U staff sign off prior to it being submitted for publication and receive a copy of the publication once it is published.
- 4. Collaborate to leverage funding opportunities and apply for additional grants to advance the goals of the collaborations
- 5. Willing to support and/or host ICTU'S Health Information Technology, Complimentary and Alternative medicine (through its Green Center) and Telemedicine Certificate and Diploma Students for workshops once a year at HGHC's facility in the US
- 6. Willing to host ICTU'S Masters and Ph.D in Public Health and Epidemiology students for research or workshops once a year at HGHC's research facility.
- 7. Involve ICT-U Health IT experts / professors as Visiting Professors in HGHC trainings (as one of our staff, Prof. Mbarika, is currently involved).

## ii. Responsibilities ICT University

- 1. Grant full access to HGHC to utilize ICT-U's elearning facilities for trainings in Africa and other developing countries.
- 2. Support HGHC in any of its planned projects in Africa and other developing countries where ICT-U already has full time staff and administrators.
- 3. Send representatives to HGHC's annual Cancer summit in Boston and other countries.
- 4. Involve staff of HGHC (if available) in giving talks or teaching (mainly online) at ICT-U campuses in different countries.
- 5. Support in full (or in part) any travel expenses of HGHC staff involved in joint projects of both institutions.
- 6. ICT-U will make available to students and faculty at the HGHC its facilities and administrative assistance.
- 7. To work collaboratively with students and faculty from HGHC to support, train and mentor students within joint educational initiatives.
- 8. Send other academic experts to complement HGHC staff in the delivery of the identified programs;
- 9. Organization of lectures, symposia, international conferences and workshops and
- 10. Send ICTU'S HIT, Telemedicine, MPH and Ph.D in Public Health students to conduct in Research in HGHC's facility.
- 11. Perform any other roles as may be expressly and mutually agreed upon by the Parties.





# **ARTICLE III: GENERAL TERMS**

- 3.1 This MOU is not intended to, and does not create, any substantive or procedural right, benefit, or trust responsibility enforceable at law or equity by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents.
- 3.2 This MOU shall not obligate the parties to commit to transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the parties.

#### 3.3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

Each party has background intellectual property (IP) that it will be using in the performance of the collaboration outlined in this MOU. Neither party provides any rights to the other in such background IP other than the right to use the IP for the performance of the collaboration. Ownership of any other inventions developed during the collaboration will be determined by inventorship as attributed in accordance with United States patent law.

3.4. This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of representatives from the parties involved. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time and for any reason by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. The MOU is initially valid for a period of one (1) year beginning from when it is signed by both parties, after which it may be extended by written and signed addendum to this MOU.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Signatures**

Parties indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures

Harvard Global Health Catalyst	ICT-O Foundation
Party 1	Party 2
Prof Wilfred Ngwa, Director	Prof. Victor Mbarika, Board President
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