



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN

**CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE HABITAT (CSH),  
GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR**

AND

**CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT (CSE)**

ON

**ADVISORY, RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE SUPPORT FOR  
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**



This **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** is being entered into on .....<sup>Wednesday</sup>.....day of  
<sup>9:12:2020</sup>.....2020 between **Centre for Sustainable Habitat, Guru Nanak Dev University**,  
located at Amritsar, Punjab (hereinafter referred to as 'CSH'), legally represented by its Vice  
Chancellor on the one part,

and

**Centre for Science and Environment**, located at 41, Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New  
Delhi, 110062 (hereinafter referred to as 'CSE'), legally represented by its Executive Director  
on the other part.

## **BACKGROUND**

Centre for Sustainable Habitat is established at Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar (Punjab, India) under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) – 02. It aims to propagate the agenda of sustainability in education, living and professional practice. It attempts to demonstrate coexistence of the natural and built environment in a way that reduces our planetary footprint, emissions, resource consumption and waste, and improves quality of life for all. This is done by integrating multi-faceted ecological, social, economic and cultural perspectives together and translating into applied sciences, technology and most importantly behaviour. The Centre specializes in research towards comprehensive understanding of environmental issues facing, but not limited to the country. University's expansive resources provide the opportunity for a practice-oriented and evidence-based research. This research not only augments the academic curricula and training but contributes to the larger scientific community, informs policy, generates platforms for dialogue with society, and shapes an engaging and enabling ethos that resonates in the University Campus and beyond.

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) is a non-governmental, independent policy research institution based in Delhi that was started in 1981 by the late Anil Agarwal, a leading figure in India's environment movement. For more than three decades now, CSE has helped shape policies and build public awareness to bring change in areas of pollution mitigation and public health security, low carbon development, natural resource management and livelihood security to make growth sustainable and inclusive. CSE's Sustainable Building and Habitat Programme is designed to reduce energy and resource consumption, waste generation and emissions from urban



development. The programme seeks to promote a collaborative system of research, pilot studies and capacity building in issues related to sustainable development of the built environment.

The two institutions agree to jointly promote the cause of sustainable habitats by specialized research, pilot studies, training programmes, dissemination and building awareness among the community.

#### **POINT 1: SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF MoU**

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas: -

##### **1.1 Knowledge Partnership**

CSE will act as the knowledge partner of CSH to help mainstream sustainability in the built environment and attaining sustainable development goals. CSE shall assist CSH for greening of the GNDU campus and beyond by research, training, demonstration, dissemination and promoting sustainability. CSE will provide advisory and knowledge support by handholding with CSH to conduct research, training and pilot studies in line with the identified six research tracks of CSH and helping build capacities if and when required. Considering the ongoing COVID-19 disruption, initially the discussions and meetings will be conducted remotely through online platforms.

##### **1.2 Needs-based Research and Capacity Building**

Based on mutual need, both Institutions shall explore additional ways of collaborating to help strengthen the research, training and capacities. Activities may include joint research, workshops, seminars, conferences, and training programmes among other potential areas of cooperation in the field of sustainable and liveable habitats. The details of such arrangements shall be negotiated at the appropriate time on a case-to-case basis and be governed by the relevant approval processes.

#### **POINT 2: RESPONSIBILITIES**

Both institutions acknowledge the mutual alignment of their institutional vision, mission and values. Both organizations commit themselves to jointly accomplish the goals of the Capacity Building Project.



**2.1 Sharing of information:** Both CSH and CSE shall maintain their respective lawful status with the appropriate authorities for the duration of the MoU. Either institutions shall keep the other informed of any change whatsoever occurring in the engagement plan which may affect the timely delivery of services and accomplishment of Project outcomes.

**2.2 Financial support:** CSE will not charge CSH for the technical assistance and knowledge support. In case of any travel arising under this Project, related costs shall be borne by the respective institution making the travel. For any meeting(s)/seminar(s)/workshop(s)/training(s), primary host/organizer shall arrange for the logistics and bear the associated costs as discussed mutually on case-to-case basis.

**2.3 Focal Person:** Both institutions shall each assign a designated focal person (Senior Official from CSH and Senior Official from CSE) to provide support to the Project, whose duties include supporting the visits of either institutions, or who will also arrange training and logistics for the smooth implementation of the Project.

### **POINT 3: LANGUAGE**

All written correspondence and activities relating to the Project shall be transacted in the English Language.

### **POINT 4: ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

The said Project shall be implemented in line with relevant policies and law of the Government of India, and shall comply with the institutional guidelines of both Institutions. This MoU is not binding or legal enforceable, does not impose enforceability of obligation upon the institutions and does not grant any rights.

### **POINT 5: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND COPYRIGHT**

**5.1** Neither Institution shall disclose confidential information of the other Party to any person or third-Party or use of such confidential information for its own purpose at any time without the written consent of the other Party.

**5.2** Any idea, innovation, training materials, management processes or documentation arising out of this collaboration shall be the intellectual property of both Institutions. Both Institutions may however use such intellectual materials, but with appropriate acknowledgement to the contributions made by either Party.



**POINT 6: FORCE MAJEURE**

No Institution covered under this MoU shall be liable for any failure to perform its obligation where such failure is a result of Acts of God, which are here defined as force majeure.

**POINT 7: DURATION AND TERMINATION**

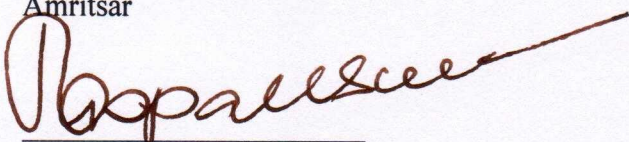
This MoU shall come into effect on the date of signature by both Institutions and shall remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years, unless otherwise terminated by mutual consent, and with 30 days prior written notice to the other Institution.

**POINT 8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Both Institutions agreed that if there is any dispute of difference between both arising out of the MoU or in the interpretation of any of the provisions thereof, they shall endeavour to meet in an effort to resolve such dispute by discussion, within 30 days of such dispute arising, failing such resolution then the Parties in dispute shall refer at their costs the dispute to a mutually to the senior executive/faculty member of institution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Institutions, have signed this MoU.

**Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu**  
Vice Chancellor  
Guru Nanak Dev University  
Amritsar

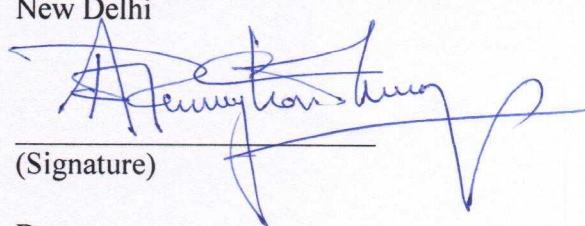


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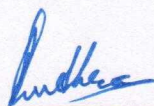
**Anumita Roychowdhury**  
Executive Director  
Centre for Science and Environment  
New Delhi



(Signature)

Date

Witness 1:



Witness 2:

