Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary & Higher Education (QAHE) and the Agency Accreditation of Quality and Rating (AAKR), Kyrgyz Republic

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into on this 21st November 2023 (the "Effective Date") by and between International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary & Higher Education (QAHE) and Agency Accreditation of Quality and Rating (AAKR), Kyrgyz Republic

Collectively referred to as the "Parties."

Preamble:

The Parties recognize the importance of fostering collaboration and cooperation in the field of quality assurance and accreditation in education. With the aim of promoting excellence in education and advancing mutual interests, the Parties agree to establish a partnership based on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Honorary Appointment:
 - QAHE extends an invitation to the Director of AAKR to become an Honorary Fellow of QAHE (Hon.FQAHE). This honorary appointment acknowledges the Director's distinguished contributions to the field of education and serves as a symbol of mutual respect and recognition.
- 2. Reciprocal Recognition:

The Parties agree to mutually recognize and respect the accreditation and quality assurance processes and outcomes conducted by each respective organization. This recognition aims to enhance the credibility and value of accreditation and quality assurance initiatives in both jurisdictions.

- 3. Joint Award Arrangement:
 - QAHE and AAKR will explore opportunities for collaboration in the development and implementation of joint award programs. These programs may include joint certifications, diplomas, or degrees that meet the standards of both organizations, promoting international recognition and mobility for students.
- 4. Cross Promotion:

The Parties agree to engage in cross-promotion activities to raise awareness of each other's accreditation services and promote the benefits of quality assurance in education. This may include sharing relevant information, publications, and success stories through various communication channels.

- 5. Joint Campaigns:
 - QAHE and AAKR will collaborate on joint campaigns and initiatives aimed at promoting quality education, accreditation, and the importance of quality assurance. These campaigns may involve organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, or other events to facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building.
- 6. Strategic Partnerships:

The Parties may explore opportunities for strategic partnerships with educational

institutions, government bodies, and relevant stakeholders to foster collaboration in promoting quality assurance and accreditation in education. These partnerships may include joint research projects, consultancy services, or collaborative initiatives to enhance educational quality.

- 7. Duration and Amendments:
 - This MOU shall remain in effect for a period of 5 years from the Effective Date. Any amendments or modifications to this MOU shall be made in writing and agreed upon by both Parties.
- 8. Termination:
 - Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing a written notice of termination to the other Party 30 days prior to the intended termination date. Termination of this MOU shall not affect any ongoing collaborative activities or obligations incurred prior to the termination.
- 9. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution: This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of USA & Kyrgyz Republic Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussions and negotiations between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the Effective Date.

For International Association for Quality Assurance in Pre-Tertiary & Higher Education (QAHE):

Authorized Signatory

For Agency Accreditation of Quality and Rating (AAKR), Kyrgyz Republic:

Authorized Signatory