

## LETTER OF INTENT

This Letter of Intent executed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009, at New Delhi between:

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**, an educational institution with principal office at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110068, India, which expression, unless repugnant to the context and meaning hereof, shall include its nominees, administrators and at present represented by its Vice Chancellor and is referred to as “**IGNOU**”.

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**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE** which implements a social investment program namely, telecentre.org that aims to improve the capacity and sustainability of telecentres around the world. Telecentre.org Academy is a flagship program of telecentre.org with principal office at Ottawa, Canada, and represented by its Regional Director for South East and East Asia, hereinafter referred to as “**IDRC**”.

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS during the Consortium of Universities Meeting held in New Delhi on 17-18 August 2009, a collaboration towards the establishment of the global telecenter.org Academy has been reaffirmed;

WHEREAS IGNOU is committed to facilitate creation of a platform that implements and uses its expertise and experience in delivering programs and courses in the distance mode to administer, create content and implement a global curriculum for the telecentre workers;

WHEREAS IDRC is committed to implement the telecenter.org Academy as one of the pillars of the telecenter.org 2.0, in pursuit of its advocacy to provide venues that would create the knowledge society from the ground up through the telecentres;

WHEREAS both parties collectively recognize that:

- a. the telecentre activity throughout the world has increased significantly over the last decade and focused effort and momentum for upscaling telecentre related activities exist in all the involved countries;
- b. individual National / Regional telecentre.org Academies in various countries, have been successfully conducting appropriate capacity building programmes relevant and useful to the telecentres in the respective nations / regions;

- c. there is a felt need worldwide, to build the capacity of telecentre workers to increase the sustainability, efficiency and effectiveness of the telecentres all over the world;
- d. there is also a felt need to consolidate the efforts being made by the individual telecentre academies spread across the world, by creating a global platform;
- e. IGNOU has been very successfully conducting various online distance learning professional courses in many disciplines which are administered to hundreds of thousands of learners; and
- f. IDRC through the telecentre.org has been working relentlessly for the last few years to promote the cause of telecentre movement throughout the world and has already been recognised as the most visible platform for the telecentre stakeholders all over the world and will continue such undertaking through the telecentre.org Foundation which will be hosted at the Commission on Information and Communications Technology in the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE for and in consideration of the foregoing, both PARTIES have agreed to establish the telecentre.org Academy to be hosted by IGNOU. The telecentre.org Academy shall be a global consortium of academia and telecentre networks, that would administer capacity building programs of telecentre.org Academy at national and regional level.

The telecenter.org Academy shall serve as a guiding, consolidating, coordinating, supporting, and accrediting institution in shaping a focused and organized international effort to build the capacity of telecentre stakeholders throughout the world.

.A Charter with provisions for guiding the workings of the telecenter.org Academy shall be drawn subsequently and be ratified accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands on the date and place first above written.

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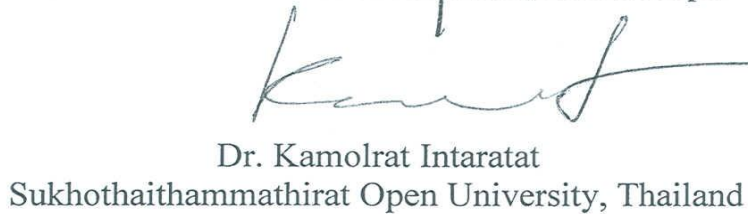




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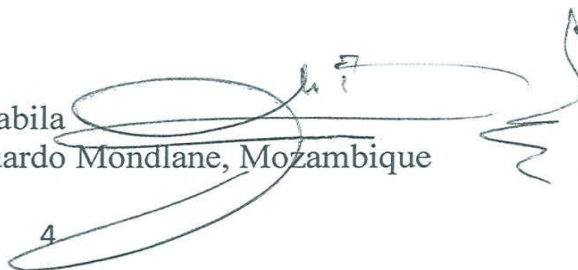


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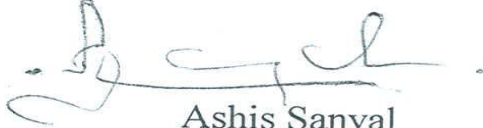
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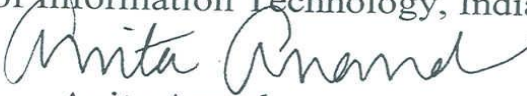
  
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