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Between

Monash South Africa (MSA)

And

Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani Distt.- Nainital, Uttarakhand, India

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the terms and understanding between Monash South Africa and the Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Distt.- Nainital, Uttarakhand, India to collaborate on a research project on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

Purpose

This MOU makes provision for the parties to engage in collaborative research in the field of MOOCs.

Background

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are online courses available for anyone who qualifies to enroll. MOOCs provide a flexible way to learn new skills, advance a career and deliver quality educational experiences at scale. MOOCs are mostly presented free at primary, secondary and tertiary levels in Thailand and India. The research project will only focus on high school and university students and will explore the possibilities to expand the MOOC environment. At MSA the focus will be to investigate the opportunities to supplement the underperforming educational systems in South Africa. Special attention will be paid to low completion levels which is the biggest lagging factor worldwide.

Reporting

Uttarakhand Open University will be represented in the project by Prof. Jeetendra Pande. Dr. Abraham G. van der Vyver will represent Monash South Africa.

Funding

Each party will be responsible for its own funding unless otherwise negotiated and specified pre facto.

Intellectual Property

Ownership of any Intellectual Property shall remain vested in the party that generated it.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the partners. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the partners and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent or in terms of the termination clause that follows. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from the partners this MOU shall end on 29 February 2020.

Termination

Either party shall have the right to terminate whole or any part of this agreement without liability to the terminating party and without prejudice to rights already accruing to the terminating party in the event of any breach or non-observance of any provision of this agreement by the other party which that party fails to rectify within thirty (30) days of notification thereof.

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