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POLICY HARMONIZATION AND CURRICULUM CONCEPTUALIZATION WORKSHOP HELD FROM 9th TO 12th JULY 2012 IN NAIROBI KENYA

We, leaders of the participating universities and participating in the Policy Harmonization and Curriculum Conceptualization Workshop, organized by the African Virtual University, held at the Intercontinental Hotel Nairobi Kenya, from 9th to 12th July 2012:

Cognisant of the existing cordial relationship between our respective institutions and the African Virtual University underpinned by the shared interest of expanding access to quality higher education and training in Africa;

Recognizing the contributions of the AVU Multinational Project I in highlighting the potential and crucial role of Open Distance and eLearning in assisting institutions to deal with a growing student population, the need for capacity building in competences and in accelerating the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in our countries;

Recognizing the importance of Open Educational Resources in the success of the AVU Consortium Program Model;

Recognizing that distance education and eLearning can be integrated into conventional institutions, and that the innovative use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) can assist in providing quality education and training;

Recognizing the role of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in the development of our countries;

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Realizing the confidence placed in us by our Governments, the African Development Bank and the African Virtual University;

Convinced that this workshop has produced tangible outcomes that will inform the implementation of the Multinational Project II across national boundaries and language groups, that will strengthen the good relations between and among our countries and institutions, that will trigger collective and productive collaboration and networking between the participating countries and institutions, the African Virtual University and other institutions in Africa and beyond;

- Declare our appreciation to the African Development Bank for financial and technical support to the AVU Multinational Project II in 21 countries and 27 universities;
- Declare our appreciation and support for the initiative by the African Virtual University to facilitate the implementation of various programs across the participating countries and institutions;
- Encourage countries and institutions who have not done so to adopt ICT integration in education and Open Educational Resources policies;
- Encourage African countries to adopt the AVU Charter, and tertiary education institutions to join the AVU network;
- Agree on a collaborative approach of implementing the AVU Multinational Project II across the participating countries and universities;
- Endorse the project's framework for curriculum design, development, and production of learning materials in various formats, delivery, accreditation, award and quality assurance, as well as Open Educational Resources;
- Endorse its collaboration framework for the project's activities including: the implementation of the teacher education, computer science and peace and conflict resolution programs; AVU Capacity Enhancement Program; Establishment and Upgrade of Open Distance and eLearning Centers; gender mainstreaming and scholarships; research and development; technical assistance to countries and universities, and open educational resources;

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- Endorse its collaboration framework for the project's governance, sustainability and quality assurance strategies that include: communities of practice; Teacher Education Advisory Committee; Teacher Education Virtual Consortium; Computer Science Advisory Committee and Computer Science Virtual Consortium.
- Encourage Governments and development partners to support AVU and to contribute in strengthening and expanding the outputs of the Multinational Project I; and
- Noting the existence of similar initiatives in Africa and beyond, encourage AVU to strengthen or establish strategic partnership with such initiatives

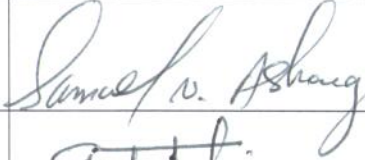
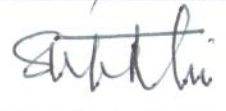

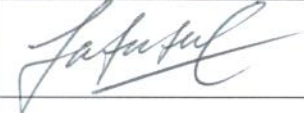





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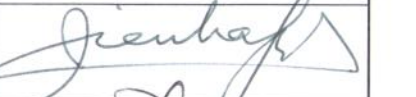
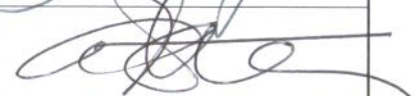

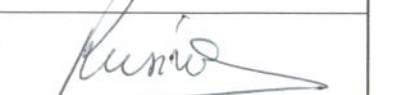


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