



**PROTOCOL**  
**on Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation**  
**between**  
**the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye**  
**(TÜBİTAK)**

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**and**

**The National Center for Research and Development**  
**Jordan (NCRD)**

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Represented by Acting President: Prof. Abdullah M. Al-Musa

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the National Center for Research and Development (NCRD) (hereinafter referred to individually as the "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants"),

Recognizing the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies,

Wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have decided as follows:

**Paragraph 1**  
**Purpose**

The Participants will encourage and support cooperation in the field of science and technology between research entities, universities, research institutes and industrial enterprises of Türkiye and **Jordan** according to the provisions of this Protocol and the existing legislation and regulations of each country.



## **Paragraph 2 Forms of Cooperation**

The cooperation will have the following forms in particular:

- 2.1. Joint research, development, and innovation projects;
- 2.2. Exchange of experts, and individual scientists for the purpose of conducting academic research work;
- 2.3. Organising and participating in joint academic scientific and technological events, conferences, seminars, symposia, round tables and other scientific bi-multilateral events;
- 2.4. Exchange of information on the management of technoparks, conduct activities about Joint Centers of Excellence and Joint Laboratories.
- 2.5. Applying for joint grants and projects in the framework of international research programs, and participation in European Union Framework Programmes (EU FPs) for research, development and innovation.

## **Paragraph 3 Areas of Mutual Interest**

Considering priority objectives for their respective countries, the Participants will develop cooperation in the following fields of common interest:

- a. Natural Sciences and Environment
- b. Engineering and Technology
- c. Medical and Health Sciences
- d. Agricultural Sciences
- e. Social Sciences and Humanities

## **Paragraph 4 Joint Committee**

For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a Joint Committee, composed of equal number of representatives designated by the Participants, will be established. The Joint Committee meetings are arranged by mutual agreement when matters requiring detailed discussion arise. However, the Joint Committee may also operate by correspondence.



### **Paragraph 5 Joint Research, Development, and Innovation Projects**

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2.1., the joint research, development and innovation projects will be implemented as follows:

- 5.1. The Participants will publish simultaneously a Call for Proposals every two years, unless both sides agree otherwise in writing.
- 5.2. Application and evaluation provisions, number of projects to be supported and financial details as well as the other rules about the call will be determined by mutual consent of the Participants in line with their own national legislations. All of the mentioned details will be included in the Joint Call Document

### **Paragraph 6 Exchange of Individual Scientists and Experts (Short Term Visits)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Paragraph 2.2., the exchange of experts, and individual scientists for conducting academic research and development activities will be implemented as follows:

- 6.1 Other than joint research projects, the Participants agree upon an annual quota of eight weeks for the exchange of individual scientists and experts in each direction. The duration of the individual scientific visit should not be more than ten days.
- 6.2 Before proposing a scientific visit, the scientists of both Participants will make the first contacts themselves and agree to cooperate on a specific topic and activity. The sending Participant will supply the receiving Participant with the information requested in the "Application Form for Short Term Academic Visit" (Annex) at least two months prior to each visit. The receiving Participant will review, finalise and approve the programme.

### **Paragraph 7 Joint Academic Events**

In accordance with the provisions of the Paragraph 2.3., organization of the joint academic events will be implemented as follows:



- 7.1. Proposals should include the required information on proposer, participants and proposed events.
- 7.2. Proposals for scientific and technological events will be approved by TÜBİTAK and the NCRD.

### **Paragraph 8 Expenses**

The costs of joint projects, exchange of scientists and experts and joint academic events, resulting from this Protocol, unless mutually decided otherwise in writing, will be covered on the following basis:

- 8.1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 2.1., 2.2 and 2.3, each party will cover the costs of activities from its own budget. Each party will bear the percentage that will be agreed upon in writing between the Parties.
- 8.2 The number of projects, workshops and any other cooperative activity to be supported each year will be set in a separate Agreement and will be contingent upon funding availability in each party's budget.
- 8.3. For the Joint Academic Research and Development Projects and Short Term Visits;
  - The sending Participant will meet all related costs connected with travel (international and domestic), lodging and allowances according to their own rules and regulations.
  - The sending Participant will be responsible for the provision of adequate emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care against accidents that may occur during the stay in the host country. The visitor should have insurance entitling the holder to free emergency medical treatment in the host country. The receiving Participant will provide the visitor with all indispensable organizational assistance in the situations requiring such steps.
- 8.4. Besides the financial support towards the exchange of project researchers, the Participants may provide additional research funds to their respective project teams for Joint Academic Research and Development Projects, whenever they consider it appropriate. It is desirable but not essential to fund the two sides equally.



#### 8.5. For other Joint Academic Events;

- The sending Participant will meet all related costs connected with travel, lodging, allowances and emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care according to their own rules and regulations.
- The receiving Participant will be responsible for the organization and full costs of the event.

### **Paragraph 9 Dissemination of Resulting Information**

- 9.1 Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Protocol will be shared, announced, published or commercially exploited with the written consent of both project partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which states of the both Participants are parties.
- 9.2 An agreement about ownership of intellectual property rights has to be signed between project partners before execution of a joint research and development project. The agreement on intellectual property rights must include the competent court and applicable law for solution of any disputes. The said agreement will be concluded in compliance with regulations of the Participants.

### **Paragraph 10 Implementation and Legal Aspects**

- 10.1. This Protocol is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Participants under international law. No provision of this Protocol will be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.
- 10.2. Any dispute related to the interpretation or implementation of this Protocol will be settled through consultations within the Joint Committee or between the Participants.
- 10.3. This Protocol will not affect the validity or execution of any obligation





arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by the States of the Participants.

- 10.4. This Protocol may be amended at any time through mutual written consent of the Participants, in writing.
- 10.5. This Protocol does not affect the right of any of the participants to work with any other organisation and to sign similar protocols, to the extent that does not contradict with the rules herein.

### **Paragraph 11 Initiation and Termination**

- 11.1 This Protocol will come into effect upon signature and remain valid for a period of five years. Unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing its intention to terminate this Protocol six months prior to the expiration of its validity, this Protocol will automatically be extended for successive periods of five years.
- 11.2. Each Participant may terminate this Protocol at any time by giving to the other Participant a written notification to that effect. In this case, the Protocol will be terminated in six months after the date of the receipt of the notification.
- 11.3. The termination of this Protocol will not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Protocol and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Protocol.

**The Protocol consists of 11 Articles and is signed on 09/11/2023, in two copies in English, both being equally authentic.**

**For**

**The Scientific and Technological  
Research Council of Türkiye  
(TÜBİTAK)**

**Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal**

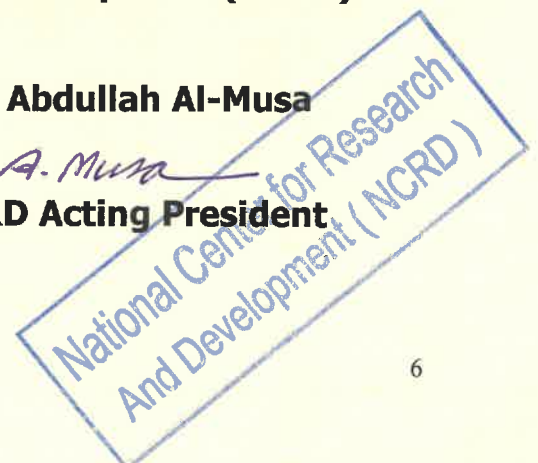
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**For**

**The National Center for Research  
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**Dr. Abdullah Al-Musa**

**NCRD Acting President**





## **ANNEX**

### **APPLICATION FORM FOR SHORT-TERM ACADEMIC VISIT**

1. Last name:
2. Name:
3. Name of research institution:
4. Contact telephones:
5. Specialization:
6. Term of the visit:
7. Place of destination:
8. Names of scientists/research institutions to be visited:
9. Programme of the visit:
10. Brief write up on the purpose of the visit and results to be expected:
11. Attach CV and list of publications of the visitor: