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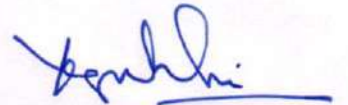
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**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Framework of Networking and Partnership with various Organisations**

As an apex think tank of the Government, the role of NITI Aayog is extremely wide and covers a range of activities such as fostering cooperative federalism, designing strategic and long-term policy and programme frameworks and initiatives, monitoring their progress and efficacy and creating a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system through a collaborative community of national and international experts, practitioners and other partners.

2. In this context, Guidelines for engagement framework for networking and partnership between NITI Aayog and leading knowledge, research, philanthropic, corporate, bilateral and multilateral institutions have been prepared and same are placed at **Annexure** for information and necessary action. It is reiterated that all such proposals would need to be brought before Senior Management Council of NITI Aayog for approval.
3. This issues with the approval of the Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

  
**Dr. Yogesh Suri**  
(Sr. Adviser)

**Encl: as above**

To,  
**Heads of all Subject Matter Verticals, NITI Aayog**

Copy to: Consultant (Communications vertical), NITI Aayog with a request to upload the Guidelines on NITI Aayog's website.

Copy also to:

1. PS to VC, NITI Aayog
2. PPS to Members (VKS/RC/VKP)
3. PSO to CEO, NITI Aayog
4. PS to SS, NITI Aayog

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**Framework of Networking and Partnership with various Organisations**

**1. About NITI Aayog:**

NITI Aayog is the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. It was set up on January 1, 2015 with a mandate that includes fostering cooperative federalism, designing strategic and long-term policy and programme frameworks and initiatives, monitoring their progress and efficacy and creating a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system through a collaborative community of national and international experts, practitioners and other partners.

**2. The Engagement Framework**

The idea of creating an Engagement Framework is to facilitate a framework for networking and partnership between NITI Aayog and leading knowledge, research, philanthropic, corporate, bilateral and multilateral institutions. The framework seeks to engage with various organisations for specialised inputs/support in areas such as envisioning India@2047, LiFE, Artificial Intelligence & blockchains, State Support Mission, energy, innovation, electric mobility, Sustainable Development Goals, Gati Shakti and any other area deemed appropriate by NITI Aayog.

**3. Broad Objectives of the Engagement Framework**

- To enhance NITI's institutional capabilities in diverse multidisciplinary areas to augment its services and offerings
- To create cutting-edge knowledge and explore ways of its implementation for citizen welfare.
- To catalyse holistic national development through short, medium and long-term strategic interventions
- To mobilise expert resources for developmental interventions
- To share data and knowledge for effective tracking of programmes/schemes/policies

**4. Qualifying Criteria for Collaborating Agencies**

- i. Excellent track record, high credibility and reputation
- ii. Capacity for providing requisite expertise
- iii. Established track record of high-quality performance in the area of partnership

**5. Categories of Institutions eligible for collaboration**

- i. Central Autonomous Bodies
- ii. Eminent Academic, Research and Policy Institutions

- iii. Renowned National and International Think Tanks
- iv. Leading Bilateral and Multilateral Institutions
- v. Corporate and Philanthropic Foundations and Trusts
- vi. Top Public Sector and Private Sector Organisations

## 6. Nature of Engagement

Nature of engagement would be in the form of collaborations with these organisations for leveraging their expertise for a diverse set of activities that include:

### (A) Knowledge Sharing and Outreach

- ✧ Undertaking evidence-based policy research
- ✧ Collation of sector and theme specific best practices
- ✧ Organising expert consultations with varied stakeholders
- ✧ Providing expert inputs to NITI Aayog on thematic and frontier areas
- ✧ Facilitate collation of case studies/technical notes/scholarly articles/working papers in a variety of areas as per the national development agenda and NITI's requirements
- ✧ Conducting workshops, training and capacity building programmes as per NITI priorities for diverse stakeholders

### (B) Partnership to improve efficacy of Government schemes & programmes

- ✧ Enabling networking with institutions in diverse thematic and geographical areas
- ✧ Designing and spearheading communication campaigns on subjects of national priority by mobilizing students, youth, institutions and civil society organisations
- ✧ Outreach and support to Aspirational Districts, Northeastern Region and the Hilly/Coastal States, etc.
- ✧ Engaging experts for specialized inputs on specific programmes/projects/initiatives
- ✧ Monitoring the outputs, outcomes, and impact of high priority schemes across diverse sectors, demographics and regions

## 7. Terms of Engagement

- i. NITI Aayog reserves the right to select the organisation(s) through a rigorous screening and selection process approved by the Senior Management Council of NITI Aayog, chaired by the Vice Chairman. All decisions regarding the selection by the Senior Management Council will be final and binding.
- ii. The selected organisation(s) will be engaged on a pro-bono basis to work towards fulfilling the national development priorities without any financial commitments at any level by NITI Aayog.
- iii. The copyright/IPR of any research study/publications/projects/ideas/innovations undertaken by the collaborating organisation with NITI Aayog would remain with NITI Aayog. However, on a case to case basis, NITI Aayog

- may consider the requests and accord permission to organisations to write research articles/ white papers or disseminate information regarding the work done under this framework for wider public debate and with necessary disclaimers as provided by NITI Aayog.
- iv. The collaborating organisation will be bound by the terms and conditions of NITI Aayog and the Government of India in terms of usage of brands, logos, titles, designations, etc.
  - v. Any violation of mutually agreed terms and conditions or actions leading to conflict of interest could lead to the immediate discontinuation of the partnership between NITI Aayog and the collaborating organisation.

## **8. Application Process**

The proposal may be submitted by the Head of the concerned Institution/ Organisation or by an authorized officer of the Organisation along with the following documents (wherever applicable):

- a. Brief profile of Organisation
- b. Key areas of expertise
- c. Relevant experience
- d. Type of engagement offered
- e. Profile(s) of person(s) whose services could be made available

The above details may be shared at [jindal.sanchit@gov.in](mailto:jindal.sanchit@gov.in) with "Proposal for collaboration – name of organisation" as the subject line.

## **9. Roles and Responsibilities of NITI Aayog**

- i. Identification and acceptance of work areas for specific collaborations and partnerships
- ii. Continuous engagement and coordination with experts and specialists from collaborating institutions
- iii. Creating mechanisms to recognise meaningful contributions of individuals and institutions
- iv. Periodic evaluation of the collaboration to ensure that mutually agreed objectives and targets are achieved
- v. Review, revise and modify the agreed terms and conditions to meet new and emerging institutional and national developments

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