

# Soroti BIBLE SCHOOL

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**AFRICA RENEWAL UNIVERSITY**

## **Memorandum of Understanding between Soroti Bible School and Africa Renewal University**

### **Preamble**

Following a meeting by two representatives of Soroti Bible School (SBS) to the campus of Africa Renewal University (AfRU) in May 2023 and a visit by three representatives of AfRU to the campus where Soroti Bible School is hosted in July 2023, both parties now agree to enter into this formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between each party.

It is recognised that SBS is an NGO registered with the NGO Bureau of Uganda, with a current Operating Permit due for renewal in November 2024 and that SBS is an initiative of Soroti School of Business Ltd, a registered company in Uganda. Soroti Bible School is part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme of Soroti School of Business Ltd.

### **Mutual Purpose and Vision**

The purpose of this agreement is to frame and provide governance and mutual understanding of the roles and responsibilities of SBS and AfRU in the following areas:

- The development of a two-year accredited Certificate of Proficiency in Christian Studies for full-time students of Soroti School of Business. This qualification will commence at Soroti School of Business from September 2023.
- The development of a two-year accredited Certificate in Christian Ministry for pastors, church workers and other relevant students, to be delivered outside of the semester timetable of Soroti School of Business. This qualification will commence at the same campus no earlier than June 2024.

### **Recruitment**

SBS shall abide by the mission, vision and objectives of AfRU in all its activities done in partnership with AfRU.

SBS and AfRU shall together agree a minimum level of qualification for all staff who teach and deliver the programmes done in partnership with and accredited by AfRU, whether this is the Certificate of Proficiency or the Certificate in Ministry programs.

SBS and AfRU shall together agree the minimum entry requirements that students of both programs names in this MoU shall first have to meet before being admitted onto the respective courses of study.

## **Academic Supervision**

AfRU shall be responsible for monitoring the standard and quality of delivery of teaching, coursework setting, and examinations set by SBS for students on programs that are accredited by AfRU. Soroti Bible School shall at all times endeavor to ensure the appropriate level of academic quality is assured in programs delivered by SBS that are AfRU-accredited.

The setting of continuous assessment and examinations for students at SBS who are studying programmes accredited by AfRU will be undertaken by SBS, with oversight from the appropriate academic staff of AfRU.

AfRU will provide whatever training and skills development to SBS as it feels it necessary and appropriate in order for academic standards to be established and maintained.

All academic records of SBS students studying AfRU-accredited certificate programmes will be held by AfRU, who will provide the appropriate level of training, support and passwords to SBS staff to upload documentation and coursework and view results.

AfRU will provide any notes and academic materials that it has approved for the teaching of the relevant modules being taught as SBS, so that SBS academic staff can deliver teaching broadly in line with the overall approach and expectations of AfRU.

Overall, the aim of the courses delivered at SBS that are AfRU-accredited will be to educate, not indoctrinate with a specific theological framework, but to make students aware of a broad range of academic insights, while providing students with the tools and resources to develop their own conclusions and understanding.

## **Communication**

SBS and AfRU seek to maintain the most appropriate level of communication on all matters of mutual interest, so that both parties are made as fully aware as possible of the key actions and decisions of the other party.

## **Finance**

The parties will agree the financial relationship between SBS and AfRU and this will include an annual fee payable to AfRU by SBS. The cost and remuneration that will be given for AfRU staff to attend SBS teaching sessions will be agreed between the parties before the training is held.

SBS will be responsible for collection and accountability of all monies paid by students for studying at SBS.

## **Duration of this Agreement**

This agreement will run for a period of four years, after which it will be subject to review and renegotiation and renewal.

This agreement is to be in effect for a period of four years from September 1, 2023, to September 1, 2027, as verified and signed.