

FRAMEWORK FOR "CO-TUTELLE" PROGRAMME

1. **Rationale:**
 - To foster research collaboration with overseas institutions and encourage networking.
 - To share facilities and sophisticated research equipment.
 - To facilitate professional mobility.

2. **Principle:**
 - Joint supervision of MPhil/PhD between two University/Research Institutions (A & B).
 - Candidate is awarded a degree in MPhil or PhD from both institutions.
 - Two Certificates will be issued separately, one by each institution. Each certificate will state that the student has been admitted to the relevant degree under the "Convention de Co-tutelle Universitaire" with the "name" of the Francophone University/Institution. This provision is expected to be reciprocal.

3. **Requirements:**
 - General institutional agreement (MoU) to develop a collaborative research programme.
 - Separate agreement for each candidature signed by responsible officers of both institutions, preferably at the outset of submission of application for MPhil/PhD.
The agreement shall comply with rules and regulations for MPhil/PhD program at the home institution with regards to:
 - mechanism for approval of MPhil/PhD proposal
 - supervisory arrangements;
 - candidature arrangements including enrolment requirements, insurance coverage fees, research costs, apportionment of research time at each institution; candidature withdrawal;
 - IPR arrangements and conditions;
 - examination process and appointment of external examiners.

4. **Conditions:**
 - Candidature: as per rules and regulations of 'home' institution. Home institution is **the institution to which the student submits** the research proposal.
 - Fee liability: candidate will pay tuition fee of the 'home' institution only. Fees to be waived for overseas students coming to 'home' institution.
 - Apportionment of research time: Candidate will have to normally spend a minimum of 30% of research time at each institution.
 - Supervision: according to established guidelines 'Roles and responsibilities of Supervisor/s.
 - Thesis: to be written in the language of instruction of 'home' institution accompanied by a summary in the language of the other institution if different from 'home' institution.
 - Examinations: as per rules and regulations of the 'home' institution.

5. **The institutions will register the student only after obtaining a "no objection" from each other**