MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE-AFRICA,

AND

THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY & LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA (IDEA)
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INITIATIVE-AFRICA & THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY &
LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA (IDEA)

United Religions Initiative-Africa, (hereinafter referred to as “URI-Africa”) on the first part and The Institute for Democracy & Leadership in Africa (hereinafter referred to as “IDEA”) on the second part

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”

Having regard to their respective mandates, vision, mission, purpose, terms of reference and programs; and

Considering that URI-Africa is a nonprofit interfaith peace building organizations working to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings; and

Recognizing that the vision of URI Africa is to see united, prosperous, and peaceful Africa where there is no religious strife and where followers of different religions live together in harmony; and

Considering that IDEA is a ‘Think Tank’, ‘ Training Institution’ and ‘Capacity Building’ organization committed to economic and political development of Africa by enhancing and promoting values and the principles of Good governance, Leadership, Democracy and Unity for Peace & Security in Africa.; and

Recognizing that the vision of IDEA is to become a leading organization of Excellence ensuring peace and stability in Africa by promoting and enhancing economic and political development through good leadership, good governance, peace building and also by championing a truly people driven and friendly democratic culture and political systems; and

Motivated by the two organizations commitment to promote a culture of peace, non-violence, democracy and good leadership; and

Considering that both organizations aims at catalyzing action to build a culture of peace through collaboration with the multitude of major groups actors who share the same purpose; and

Taking into account that peaceful co-existence and harmony can be significantly enhanced by inter-religious, inter-cultural and inter-civilization constructive dialogue, education and cooperation; and
Believing strongly on the need of partnership and cooperative spirit between and among the various actors to promote a culture of peace; and

Aware of the need to mobilize positive opinion at local, national, regional and international levels for the purpose of establishing and promoting a culture of peace and non-violence; and

Recognizing that the Golden Rule, which says “Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated” has been affirmed in many religions, traditions, indigenous cultures and secular philosophies as a fundamental principle of life and it is the best tool to educate people about peace and respect; and

Desirous of developing an effective framework of cooperation;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Objectives of this Agreement

1. To promote the aim and purpose of the African Union

2. To advance peace, security, reconciliation, justice, good leadership and democracy in Africa

3. To counter violent extremism, hate speech, radicalization and terrorism in Africa

4. To enhance and promote principles and values of good governance through training and research aimed at building capacities among the youth and leaders.

5. To establish partnerships and cooperation with individuals and non-partisan organizations, institutions and corporates that share common Values, Ethics and Morality for the purpose of enhancing peaceful co-existence.

6. To build the culture of good leadership for peace, stability, security and prosperity in Africa

7. To promote the teaching of the Golden Rule, inter-religious and intercultural constructive dialogue and build trust and peaceful coexistence in Africa

8. To cooperate, collaborate, network and partner with other stakeholders locally, regionally and internationally to promote peace and security in Africa
9. To jointly organize workshops, meetings, seminars, and develop and implement projects.

**ARTICLE II**

**Basis for Collaboration**

1. In their collaboration efforts, the parties shall be guided by their respective charter, plans of action and terms of reference.

2. When specific opportunities arise for the parties to implement joint project plans will be worked out among the organizations.

**ARTICLE III**

**Representation**

Representatives of the parties shall be invited to the appropriate meetings and event of the other.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Exchange of Information and Documents**

1. The parties shall exchange information and documents concerning matters of mutual interest.

2. Each party shall keep the other informed of the developments in the work and activities of mutual interest

**ARTICLE V**

**Amendments**

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the parties. The amendments shall enter into force after the approval of their appropriate bodies.
ARTICLE VI

Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

1. This Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated by members of the party subject to three months written notice.

2. If one of the parties decides to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding the obligations previously entered into with respect to projects under implementation through this Memorandum of Understanding shall be decided upon a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE VII

Entry into Force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon the date of last signature, and shall continue in force until termination.

In witness thereof, the undersigned being duly authorized, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding on the dates and at the places indicated below their respective signatures and seals.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE-AFRICA (URI-AFRICA)  
Ambassador Mussie Hailu  
Regional Director of URI-Africa & Rep of URI to the African Union, ECA & IGAD  
Date 5/10/15

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF IDEA  
Mr. Denise A. O. Kodhe  
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Date 5/10/2015

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