

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The APEC Digital Hub for Best and Innovative Practices in Mental Health Partnerships, hosted at the University of British Columbia in collaboration with the University of Alberta and the Mood Disorders Society of Canada (herein referred to as “Host Institution”)

AND

El Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatría Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz, México (herein referred to as “INPRFM”)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is dated August 8th, 2016 and sets forth the understanding of the **Host Institution** and the **INPRFM** (the Parties), with respect to how they will collaborate in support of the Hub’s mandate. This MOU is set forth under the Hub’s Operating Procedures.

Section 1. Purpose

The Digital Hub is established under the authority of the APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) Executive Board. The Hub’s mission is to enhance awareness, share information and experiences, develop customized curricula, and facilitate the identification and implementation of evidence and practice-based models in multi-stakeholder collaboration and public-private partnership for the APEC region that (A) strengthen mental wellness in support of sustainable economic growth and (B) best meet the needs of individual member economies, in alignment with established international best practices. The Hub serves as a regional incubator of new ideas and practices as well as the focal point in APEC’s work to strengthen mental health.

The Host Institution serves as the administrative and secretariat point of contact that supports the Digital Hub’s work, including its network of regional partner institutions (“Partners”). Administrative and secretariat support may include, but is not limited to, coordinating activities related to the Hub, serving as the focal point for raising and distributing financial and in-kind resources, and receiving instructions from and reporting to the Digital Hub’s Advisory Board.

The INPRFM is a decentralized public organization of the Mexican Public Federal Administration and part of the National Institutes of Health in Mexico. The **INPRFM**’s mission is to conduct studies and clinical, epidemiological, experimental research, technological and basic development, biomedical and sociomedical in the field of mental health, for understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness and rehabilitation of affected areas and measures to promote health, and others. The **INPRFM** is committed to advancing mental health in Mexico as well as across the Asia-Pacific. The **INPRFM** serves as a regional partner of the Digital Hub. Digital Hub Partners provide resources, services, and expertise that advance the Hub’s mission and align with the interests and needs of the Partners’ APEC member economy, as well as the resources, interests, and capacity of the Partner.

The Parties have a common interest in the strengthening of mental wellness across the APEC region. Both Parties recognize the Hub will support this objective by building, sustaining, and actively promoting an interactive, web-based platform to facilitate the exchange of best practice models, assess specific interventions, and inform the launch of new pilot collaborations.

The Parties therefore endorse this MOU to facilitate collaboration in support of the Digital Hub.

Section 2. Collaboration Parameters

Mutual activities to be undertaken by the Parties include any activities relating to the creation and operation of the Digital Hub. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Contributing to and shaping the overall vision of the Hub consistent with the agreed vision, business plan and operating procedures, including new and planned features and functionality;
- Nominating and/or contributing members for the Digital Hub's Advisory Board, Ad-Hoc Advisory Committees, and other governing and administrative committees and roles;
- Developing, submitting, and reviewing Hub content, including evidence- and practice-based models of multi-stakeholder collaborations and public-private partnerships with demonstrated results in strengthening mental health; profiles and analysis of evidence and practice-based models; interactive, virtual capacity-building modules and webinars; research projects, data, and results; and other content in keeping with the Hub's scope and goals.

Additional areas of collaboration may be considered.

Section 3. Final clauses

1. Term of Agreement

This MOU shall be effective for an initial period of 2 (two) years, beginning from the date of mutual signature. The Parties may renew this MOU in writing for such term as they may decide.

2. Funding

Nothing in this MOU obliges either Party to any commitment, whether financial or in-kind. Rather, this MOU is solely intended to provide a framework within which the Parties can work collaboratively in good faith to advance the policy objectives set forth herein. Parties may enter into discussions on resource requirements for specific projects carried out by the Hub.

3. Transparency and Openness

Work product and findings resulting from this collaboration are expected to be made available publicly, subject to applicable laws.

4. Mutual Understandings and Representations

- a. This MOU is a working document and is not intended to create binding legal obligations on the parties, but instead to reflect their good faith intention to cooperate in achieving the shared goals outlined in this MOU. The Parties' participation in this collaboration through financial and possible in-kind contributions is voluntary, and is not made in exchange for any promise or undertaking regarding current or future business or benefit to the Parties or to any third party.

- b. No current or future decisions by or on behalf of either Party, or associated third parties, will be influenced or affected by their contribution to or participation in this project, or any decision not to contribute or participate.
- c. Both Parties' contributions to and collaboration in this effort is contingent on sufficient progress being made in achieving the goals and objectives as specified herein. Any work or other activities outside the scope of this MOU shall require a separate written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
- d. The project will be operated in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of Canada and Mexico. Both Parties agree to comply fully with all anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, including but not limited to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.
- e. The Parties agree that rights to any intellectual property generated by the Hub will be assigned pursuant to a separate written agreement between the Parties.

5. Signatories

This MOU has been executed in duplicate originals by the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

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