

# Local Partnership MOU Template

## Purpose

The Local Partnership MOU Template provides a customizable framework for formalizing agreements between dialogue organizers and local stakeholders (e.g., spiritual communities, NGOs, youth organizations, educational institutions) within the Religious & Spiritual Dialogue Framework. It ensures collaborative, inclusive, and equitable partnerships to support interfaith and inter-spiritual dialogues, fostering mutual understanding and collective action on shared governance challenges.

## Intended Audience

- Dialogue facilitators coordinating local, regional, or global dialogue initiatives
- Community leaders, spiritual practitioners, and organizations partnering in dialogues
- Regional Hubs and the Global Council for Religious & Spiritual Dialogue (GCRSD) overseeing partnership agreements

## Core Principles

This template aligns with the framework's five core principles:

1. **Inclusivity:** Ensuring diverse stakeholders, including marginalized groups, are equitably represented in partnerships.
2. **Respect:** Honoring the cultural, spiritual, and organizational boundaries of all partners.
3. **Equity:** Addressing power imbalances to ensure fair contributions and benefits.
4. **Collaboration:** Promoting shared goals and mutual accountability in dialogue initiatives.
5. **Knowledge Integration:** Valuing spiritual and community wisdom as integral to partnership outcomes.

## Template Overview

The MOU template includes:

- **Preamble:** Context and purpose of the partnership.
- **Parties Involved:** Identification of signatories and their roles.
- **Objectives:** Shared goals of the partnership.
- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Specific commitments of each partner.
- **Resources and Support:** Contributions (e.g., funding, venues, expertise).
- **Conflict Resolution:** Mechanisms for addressing disputes.
- **Duration and Termination:** Timeline and conditions for ending the agreement.
- **Signatures:** Formal acknowledgment by all parties.

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## Customization Guidelines

- **Cultural Sensitivity:**
  - Adapt language to local norms (e.g., use "collaboration agreement" instead of "MOU" in oral-tradition communities).

- Example: In a Pacific Islands partnership, emphasize communal values like reciprocity in the preamble.
- **Accessibility:**
  - Provide the MOU in accessible formats (e.g., audio, large print, translated versions) per the [Digital Access & Inclusion Audit](#).
  - Example: Offer a verbal MOU explanation for low-literacy rural partners in Africa.
- **Youth Engagement:**
  - Include youth organizations as partners, assigning them roles like outreach or feedback collection.
  - Example: In a European partnership, involve a youth interfaith group to recruit young participants.
- **Remote and Rural Engagement:**
  - Ensure rural partners can sign MOUs offline (e.g., via community leaders) and access virtual dialogues through mobile data support.
  - Example: In a Central Asian partnership, deliver MOU copies to nomadic communities via local intermediaries.
- **Ethical Considerations:**
  - Ensure consent for all commitments, respecting partners' capacity and boundaries.
  - Use the [Cultural Appropriation Prevention Checklist](#) to guide partner contributions.

## Appendices

### • Sample Filled MOU:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

For Local Partnership in Interfaith and Inter-Spiritual Dialogue

Date: May 19, 2025

Location: Bogotá, Colombia (Hybrid)

#### Preamble

This MOU establishes a partnership between the Bogotá Interfaith Alliance and the

#### 1. Parties Involved

- Dialogue Organizer: Bogotá Interfaith Alliance, [interfaith.bogota@example.org](mailto:interfaith.bogota@example.org)
- Local Partner: Indigenous Spiritual Council of Cundinamarca, [indigenous.council@](mailto:indigenous.council@)

#### 2. Objectives

- Facilitate dialogues with ≥30% Indigenous representation.
- Develop a shared ethics charter for sustainable land use.

#### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

- Bogotá Interfaith Alliance: Coordinate logistics, ensure accessibility, document
- Indigenous Spiritual Council: Nominate representatives, provide cultural expertise
- Joint: Co-create opening ceremonies, monitor feedback.

#### 4. Resources and Support

- Bogotá Interfaith Alliance: Funding for venue, virtual platform.
- Indigenous Spiritual Council: Community venue, outreach to rural members.
- Shared: Travel subsidies for remote participants.

#### 5. Conflict Resolution

- Use Deep Listening and mediation per [Conflict De-escalation Protocols](/frameworko

#### 6. Duration and Termination

- Effective: June 1, 2025–May 31, 2026.
- Termination: 30 days' notice.

#### 7. Amendments

- Agreed in writing by both parties.

#### 8. Signatures

- Dialogue Organizer: Maria Gómez, Lead Facilitator, [Signature], May 19, 2025
- Local Partner: Chief Ana Taira, Council Leader, [Signature], May 19, 2025

- **Facilitator Checklist:**

- Identify and engage local partners via the [Living Directory](#).
- Customize MOU to reflect cultural and community needs.
- Ensure accessibility and consent for all commitments.
- Document and share signed MOU with Regional Hub.
- Monitor partnership progress and resolve conflicts.

- **Resources:**

- [Dialogue Facilitation Guide](#)
- [Representation Assessment Tool](#)
- [Cultural Appropriation Prevention Checklist](#)
- [Conflict De-escalation Protocols](#)
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