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Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,

Greetings from AIU!

As you are aware that over the period of time various new professions have emerged. The Academic profession has undergone a sea change. The regulatory mechanism and related policies have become complex which needs time bound compliance. All these issues have made the university governance complex presenting a plethora of challenges before higher education organisations. Taking the advantage of the situation, a large number of private consultancies have mushroomed which not only fleece the Universities but are also counter-productive as they misguide the universities in terms of the quality and standards while inducing them to use unfair means.

In order to address the issue and support to the member universities in complying with the requirements of various regulatory organisations and other aspects like NAAC accreditation, NIRF Ranking, implementation of NEP-2020, realizing SDGs, Internationalization of Higher Education, Community Engagement & financing, University-Industry Linkages, other academic and research consultancy services etc. the Association of Indian Universities is introducing consultancy services. It has been decided to empanel senior level academics—both superannuated and working professionals and educational administrators and create a selective pool of consultants who will be providing paid consultancy services to the member universities. The consultancy services will be provided by the empanelled consultants within the framework of a tripartite agreement and incompliance with the guidelines

The detailed Guidelines and format of application for empanelment of consultants has been finalised by the Governing Council of AlU. A copy of the policy guidelines including the application format for empanelment of interested superannuated and working professionals and format for tripartite agreement (AIU, Institution and Consultants) is attached as ready reference and internal consumption. The detailed Guidelines with formats can also be accessed from AlU website: www.aiu.ac.in

I hope, you will appreciate the initiative and give publicity to the information with wider dissemination in your university and encourage the academic and administrative professional to volunteer themselves for empanelment in AIU Consultancy Services.

At the same time, should you require any Consultancy Services from All, for your university, you may send us your Expression of Interest (EoI) indicating the areas in which your university/institution requires Consultancy Services out of the purposes mentioned above.

I am sure that your valuable cooperation will help the higher education institutions to address one of the major issues in higher education governance which needs attention.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely

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To: All Vice-Chancellors/Directors of AlU Member Universities/Institutions