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PLANADES AND IDEC, PAKISTAN SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

The Planning and Development Research Institute (PLANADES), Inc. and Innovative Design and Engineering Consultancy Private Limited (IDEC) of Lahore, Pakistan, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 12, 2026, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at fostering international cooperation in research, planning, and development initiatives



Figure 1. From Left to Right: Engr. Muhammad Farhan Afzal, Dr. Shaker Mahmood, Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza

PLANADES was represented by its Executive Director, Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza, while IDEC was represented by its CEO, Engr. Muhammad Farhan Afzal. Witnessing the signing of the MoU was Prof. Dr. Shaker Mahmood of the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore, Pakistan.

The partnership represents a significant step toward strengthening institutional collaboration between PLANADES and IDEC. It seeks to advance cooperation in local and international research, consultancy, and extension services, as well as in academic development and professional training in the fields of environmental, urban, and regional planning and other related disciplines.

In addition, the partnership encompasses the provision of technical and professional services, particularly in architectural and engineering design, Building Information Modeling (BIM), and related consultancy areas. By combining their expertise, technical capabilities, and professional networks, both institutions aim to foster knowledge exchange, drive innovation, and develop responsive and sustainable solutions to emerging development challenges.

Furthermore, the agreement provides opportunities for joint research initiatives, capacity-building programs, specialized training, and the development of innovative approaches in planning, architecture, and engineering. By leveraging their institutional strengths and technical expertise, PLANADES and IDEC aim to expand their professional networks, enhance their respective capabilities, and contribute to the advancement of sustainable development practices at both the national and international levels.



Figure 2. Seated from left to right are Engr. Muhammad Farhan Afzal, Prof. Dr. Shaker Mahmood, and Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Standing behind them are representatives and witnesses from IDEC.

This strategic partnership reflects the shared commitment of both institutions to fostering innovation, promoting professional excellence, and supporting inclusive, sustainable, and transformative development through research, technical collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

This landmark collaboration is one of the few milestones in PLANADES' achievement of their strategic plan in maintaining excellence and service on the international stage.

This landmark collaboration represents a significant milestone in the implementation of PLANADES' Strategic Plan and its continuing pursuit of excellence in research, development, and professional service. It further strengthens the institute's presence on the international stage and underscores its commitment to building meaningful global partnerships that contribute to sustainable development and knowledge advancement.



Figure 3. From Left to Right: Engr. Muhammad Farhan Afzal, Prof Dr. Shaker Mahmood and Dr. Engr Tabassam Raza after the successful signing of the MoU.



Figure 4. Following the signing of the MoU, Dr. Engr. Tabassam Raza visited IDEC's facilities to explore the firm's technical resources, professional expertise, and institutional capacity.

