



JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

between

The Land Berlin

and

The State of Queensland

ON COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF HEALTH

The Land of Berlin and the State of Queensland are each a centre of health and medical research excellence, with expertise in the design and delivery of high quality and innovative healthcare services.

The strengthening of cooperation in these areas has the potential to deliver better health outcomes and enhanced economic and commercial opportunities for the people of Berlin and Queensland.

Recognising this opportunity and through this Joint Declaration of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "JD"), the Land of Berlin and the State of Queensland (hereinafter referred to as the "Partners") express their desire and determination to increase cooperation in the field of health.

- I. Subject to the availability of funds, the Partners intend to engage in cooperation and an exchange of experience especially in the following areas:
 - a. Health and medical research and innovation;
 - b. Health and medical education and training;
 - c. Healthcare system design and service delivery (including digital health);
 - d. Healthcare industry and commercial development; and
 - e. Any other area of cooperation as may be mutually decided upon.
- II. The Partners designate the Directorate for International Relations and Protocol of the Berlin Senate Chancellery and Department of Health of the State of Queensland as the entities responsible for implementing this JD. Specific details of cooperation with regard to this policy area should be coordinated with the Partners' departments responsible for such policy.
- III. The cooperation specified above should be carried out through the following methods:

The Partners intend to set up a group of experts from science, higher education, research, industry and health from Berlin and Queensland, with the aim of developing a Roadmap to promote the partnership in the areas listed above over future years.

The specific arrangements of cooperation projects arising from this JD should be decided on separately.

In particular, the Roadmap should take the following measures into account:

- Exchange of experts;
 - Exchange of professional expertise, information, and experience;
 - Fostering and strengthening direct contacts between the relevant foundations, institutions, and organisations; and
 - Participation in meetings, conferences, and policy dialogues.
- IV. The Partners may decide on additional forms of engagement and on further cooperation in line with this JD.
- V. Information received in connection with cooperation projects must be kept strictly private and confidential. In particular, it should be protected from unauthorized access and disclosure.
- VI. This JD is not legally binding and is not intended to create any legal rights or obligations and, in particular, has no financial implications for the Partners.
- VII. This JD comes into effect on the day of signature by the parties. Cooperation in accordance with this JD may be discontinued by either of the Partners at any time with prior written notice to the other Partner, if possible no later than six (6) months prior to the date of desired discontinuation. The discontinuation of cooperation is not intended to affect the implementation of activities and projects that have already been initiated or are ongoing.

Signed in **Brisbane, on 11 October 2018**, in duplicate on the same terms, in English and German, with both texts being equally authentic.

For the Land Berlin

For the State of Queensland