

Directive on Research Activities and Partnerships (DRAP-VLiGTA)

The objective of DRAP-VLiGTA is to regulate activities of research in the fields of law and policy within the scope of **Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP** as decided by its partners.

Chapter 1 – The Basics

Article 1 – Relationship with RCAD-VLiGTA and RCAD

1. The directive clearly complements the Research Credibility and Administration Directive¹ for the Vidhitsu Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs, the research institution of **Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP** (also referred to as “**The Firm**”).
2. The directive is not affected by the application of Research Credibility and Administration Directive for the member organisations of Indic Pacific Legal Research mentioned below:
 - a. Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law. Charitable Trust
3. The directive **does not affect the Firm’s consultancy and other legitimate operations/activities outside the scope of VLiGTA.**

Article 2 – Scope of the Directive

The directive covers a set of research operations in the Vidhitsu Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs, the research institution of **Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP**, which are **not related to consultancy-related activities of Indic Pacific Legal Research, nor does the directive in any way can affect or influence the activities of consultancy** performed by the Firm. The directive covers in-house research activities – in adherence to the **Article 6 and the Chapter 3 of RCAD-VLiGTA.**

Article 3 – Authority of the Partners and the Principal Researchers

The authority of the Managing Partner of the Firm/the Head of Research and Innovation/a Designated Partner delegated by the Managing Partner or the Head of Research and Innovation to make decisions with respect to the Research Departments of VLiGTA, in the absence of a competent superior, is final.

Chapter 2 – In-House Research Activities

Article 4 – List of In-House Research Activities

In line with the **Article 6 and the Chapter 3 of RCAD-VLiGTA**, the following list of in-house research activities, is provided as follows:

1. Developing Technical Reports
2. Developing Case Studies
3. Developing Analytical Reports
4. Developing Legal and Policy Academic Briefs

¹ The reference is to the **Research Credibility and Administration Directive for the Vidhitsu Law Institute of Global and Technology Affairs [RCAD-VLiGTA].**

5. Developing Research Content for Conferences and Colloquiums as Research Partners

Research activities within the scope of this chapter can be performed by the Research Members of VLiGTA and/or persons who are not a part of the Firm and are included into the specific in-house research activities in a substantive sense.

Article 5 – Remuneration for In-House Research Activities

1. As per the **Article 4 of RCAD-VLiGTA**, the Nature and Specificities related to any specific activity involved and not any task done in an ordinary course of nature in due consultation with the members of Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP, will clarify whether any research activity conducted clearly certifies providing remuneration to the Research Members of VLiGTA and/or any author who is not a part of Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP.
2. In certain cases, a concerned superior in the respective Research Department at the approval of the Designated Partners and the Head of Research and Innovation will clarify at the first Orientation session, whether the task/activity will certify remuneration to the involved Research Members and/or authors (who are not a part of the Firm) or not. If the same is not clarified, then it is to be **presumed that no remuneration shall be granted**, once the task/activity is complete, nor the Firm is responsible to grant in any way possible.
3. A Research Member or the author who is not a part of the Firm, must confirm that they agree with the terms stated by the concerned superior, including those on remuneration. Once agreed, the terms on remuneration cannot be changed, unless any adverse development happens, when **any research member(s)/author(s)**:
 - a. **opt out of the research task/activity, or**
 - b. **are dismissed from the research task/activity by the concerned superior(s)/Partner(s) of the Firm subject to approval, or**
 - c. **are inducted to perform the research task/activity in an existing cum ongoing research task/activity.**

The Guidelines on the Position of Responsibility & Resignation are required to be followed at the occurrence of any adverse development stated in this paragraph, especially the **Part 3 of the Guidelines**.

In addition, the opting out of an author who is not a research member nor a part of Indic Pacific Legal Research otherwise, is considered equivalent to the dismissal/opting out of a research member of the specific research task(s)/activity (or activities) as per the **Part 3 of the Guidelines on the Position of Responsibility & Resignation**.

4. **The article does not affect the moral authorship rights of the Research Members of VLiGTA as well as those authors who are not a part of Indic Pacific Legal Research LLP, whether in the Firm, or via VLiGTA.**
5. **The monetary specifics within the terms of remuneration, including matters related to payment are not covered by this Directive, nor RCAD-VLiGTA, as the Partners of the Firm (or a concerned person delegated by the Partners) are only competent to provide the specifics of the same to that concerned superior/Principal Researcher who will mentor the research member(s) and/or author(s) who are not a part of the Firm.**

6. **The terms of remuneration, in general, are only approved and amended by the Partners of the Firm taking into consideration any adverse development(s) as per paragraph 3.**