

Framework Collaboration Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

The University of Axum, having its headquarters in Axum, hereinafter AXU

And

University of Ferrara, having its headquarters in Ferrara, hereinafter UNIFE

PREAMBLE

Considering that the Parties:

- share the common interest and commitment in the field of international co-operation for development, according to the principles expressed in “*The Charter of Principles of the Centre for the International Development Cooperation of the University of Ferrara*”;
- taking into account the relevant institutional mandates, intend to launch an active collaboration based on the mutual utilization of intellectual resources and technical instruments with the purpose of promoting, coordinating and carrying out development co-operation projects, research, didactical, training and updating activities and providing services inherent to topics relevant to developing countries.
- share the common interest of establishing integrated forms of collaboration at scientific, didactical, cultural, technological innovation and assistance level;
- intend to share and join scientific competence and direct experience on the field with the aim of improving the effectiveness as well as the overall quality of the training and scientific research on issues related to cooperation to development, both at national and international level.
- profitable co-operation relationships between the parts already exist.

the parties agree upon the following:

Art. 1

The preamble forms an integral part of the present *Agreement/MoU*.

Art. 2

AXU and UNIFE commit themselves for the entire duration of the *Agreement/MoU* to develop the following activities subject to specific mutual agreements:

- 1) the elaboration, design and organization of programmes and courses aiming at cultural and scientific capacity building, particularly encouraging the integration of AXU scientists in international scientific networks;
- 2) the promotion of information, awareness and capacity building initiatives for Ethiopian local communities, supporting the organization of meetings and seminars as well as the publication of the results of the research carried out;

- 3) field research and planning programmes related to topics relevant to human and industrial development and to international co-operation projects;
- 4) transfer and exchange of knowledge among the parties;
- 5) joint cultural initiatives and programmes for international integration.

Art. 3

The activities indicated in Art. 2, are to be carried out by the staff of the two Parties within the Parties institutions, in the field or in other developing countries. The cost associated with these activities will be subjected to the rules and regulations in place by the two Parties.

Art. 4

AXU and UNIFE respectively identify the International Centre for Science and High Technology and the University of Ferrara Centre for the International Co-operation Development as operational institutions for the implementation of the collaboration activities.

Reference persons for the present *Agreement/MoU* are:

- For AXU: Vice President for Academic and Research of Axum University;
- For UNIFE: the Director of the University of Ferrara Centre for International Co-operation Development.

Art. 5

The thematic areas of joint activities, the modality for the utilization of the results achieved and the agreement on specific visits, exchanges or other forms of collaboration will be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Art. 6

In addition to the above mentioned forms of collaboration, the Parties may also identify and implement different modalities to co-operate in order to achieve the goal of the present *Agreement/MoU*.

Art. 7

The *Agreement/MoU* may be modified or amended following the clearance by the decision making organs of the contracting parties.

Art. 8

The present *Agreement/MoU* will enter into force on the date that it is signed by the Legal Representatives of UNIFE and AXU, and will remain in force, for a period of five years from such date.

For the University of Ferrara:

For the University of Axum:

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 Prof. Patrizio Bianchi
 Rector
 University of Ferrara

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 Prof. Mebrahtom Mesfin
 President
 University of Axum

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