

**AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN FACULTY OF
LAW, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN (SOUTH AFRICA) AND FACULTY OF
LAW, UNIVERSITY OF HARGEISA, SOMALILAND**

PREAMBLE

The Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa (UCT) and Faculty of Law, University of Hargeisa, Somaliland,

RECOGNISING their shared missions and visions and their common goal of academic excellence

RECOGNISING the mutual interests in the fields of research, development, education, transfer of technology and dissemination of knowledge on a long-term basis

CONSIDERING the already existing informal networks between the Faculty of Law (UCT) and **HARGEISA** expressing the idea of partnership

NOW, THEREFORE, the Faculty of Law, UCT and **HARGEISA**:

HEREBY AGREE to enter into this memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the two institutions to enhance cooperation at both faculties according to the terms and conditions set out in the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Cooperation will take the form of:

- a) Research, including joint research projects
- b) Exchange of undergraduate and post-graduate students
- c) Exchange of staff, sabbaticals
- d) Mutual assistance in the establishment and development of programmes
- e) Exchange of information and publications
- f) Organisation of Conferences and Workshops

ARTICLE 2: ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Within the fields designated under Article 1, all parties agree to, and shall endeavor, in as far as their financial means allow, to facilitate the achievement of the following forms of academic cooperation:

- a) Exchange of publications and other information for scientific scholarly and educational purposes
- b) The exchange of academic staff for a short or medium period of time to promote scientific and scholarly cooperation.
- c) Organisation of joint conferences, seminars and symposia
- d) Organisation of joint research projects and joint publications
- e) Joint efforts to secure funds from national, regional and international donors; and
- f) Joint efforts to solicit the cooperation of other relevant centers.

ARTICLE 3: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- a) To facilitate curriculum development and research work, each party to this agreement shall nominate a faculty member to participate in the exchange within a time frame to be mutually agreed. The sending and the hosting faculty will agree in advance on the acceptability of each exchange candidate in the framework of this agreement.
- b) To encourage staff development at **HARGEISA**, **UCT** Faculty of Law shall endeavor to admit to its postgraduate programme one student or staff member from the Faculty of **HARGEISA**. The two faculties shall jointly explore sponsorship for such staff development students.
- c) In furtherance of the objective laid out in subsection (b), the parties shall agree in advance on the acceptability or suitability of the nominee.
- d) The Parties agree to initiate mechanisms for implementation of staff exchanges during sabbaticals.
- e) The parties agree to take all measures necessary to ensure that the staff exchange program is adequately implemented through joint efforts to obtain funding, guarantee of academic supervision where appropriate, assistance in finding appropriate accommodation and guarantees of employment for requisite faculty nominee.

- f) Each party to this agreement may subject to agreement, impose such reasonable conditions for hosting of a Faculty member from the other party for a fixed duration as may be necessary to ensure the success of the program.

ARTICLE 4: STUDENT EXCHANGES

- a) Post-graduate student exchange shall generally take place for the duration of one semester (or the equivalent) per student
- b) Study credits obtained at the host university shall be recognised by the home university
- c) Both parties agree to guarantee the academic supervision of visiting students by teachers qualified to supervise students at the relevant level of study
- d) Both parties shall assist exchange students in finding appropriate accommodation
- e) The Parties may support outgoing or incoming students financially in order to maximise accessibility for all students, including the possibility of waiving academic fees in whole or in part
- f) Both parties shall cooperate and endeavor to obtain funding to award scholarships to students from the region and elsewhere
- g) This agreement covers up to two such students per semester in each direction. Any extension on the number of students shall be subject to negotiation.

ARTICLE 5: ADMINISTRATION

- a) The activities and exchanges in the framework of this agreement shall be coordinated by the Deans of both Faculties or delegated to appropriate members of the respective faculties and in cooperation with the offices for international relations/links of the two universities. In the case of UCT, the agreement shall be coordinated by the Centre for Comparative Law in Africa.
- b) Each institution shall designate one individual to fulfill the responsibilities of coordinator of activities under this agreement.

ARTICLE 6: DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall take effect 30 days upon ratification by signature of the Deans of the both institutions and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years.

ARTICLE 7: REVIEW AND MODIFICATION

- a) Both institutions may review this agreement at any time and the actions taken under it.
- b) This agreement may be modified by mutual agreement and confirmed through an exchange of letters and subject to further approvals as may be required under the statutes and regulations of each institution. Such letters of modification shall form part of this agreement as addenda.

ARTICLE 8: WITHDRAWAL

Either Party may withdraw from the agreement by giving written notice of its intention before 1st of January of any year of its currency to withdraw with effect from the beginning of the next calendar year.

ARTICLE 9: EXECUTION

The Deans of the two institutions hereby execute this agreement on behalf of their respective faculties. This Agreement is made in two equally authentic copies for each of the signing parties

PROFESSOR MOHAMOUD HUSSEIN FARAH
DEAN, HARGEISA

DATE: 20/10/11



PROFESSOR PAMELA J. SCHWIKKARD
DEAN, UCT FACULTY OF LAW

DATE: 24/10/11

