

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## **BETWEEN**

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

### AND

# THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL

The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof Salvatore Cuzzocrea

and

The University of KwaZulu-Natal legally represented by the Executive Director, Corporate Relations, Mr Ashton Stanley Bodrick.

# hereby "the Parties";

Both parties agree to establish a cultural, scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest and recognition;

Considering cultural diversity an incentive, rather than an obstacle, to innovation and international cooperation.

### Article one

The Parties are committed to promote joint didactic, research and cultural activities as well as scientific exchanges in the areas of mutual interest; to maintain the highest standards of teaching and research; to keep up with academic trends and to share innovations.

### Article two

The cooperation between the Parties may consist in cultural and scientific activities such as:

- mobility of academics, researchers, technical-administrative staff and students.
- mobility of Ph.D. students for thesis co-tutorship whose terms and conditions will be defined in specific agreements.

- joint research projects in areas of common interest.
- exchange of information, scientific works and other scientific and didactic materials of mutual interest.
- joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, symposia, etc.
- access to IT and research equipment and other facilities at both Institutions.

### Article three

Scientific aims, implementation procedures as well as expected results of each specific cooperation activity will be defined in specific protocols annex to the present framework cooperation agreement.

Within the limits of rules and regulations in force in each country, the Parties are engaged to find the necessary financial means to implement each specific cooperation activity.

## **Article four**

The present framework agreement shall be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in writing by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in writing, 6 months before the expiry date of the agreement.

## Article five

The present framework agreement includes two equivalent texts in English.

Date: 23/10/2019

Date: 12/09/19

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