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**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**  
**AND**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL**

The University of Messina - Italy, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Giovanna Spatari,

*and*

The University of KwaZulu-Natal, legally represented by the Executive Director of the Corporate Relations Division, Ms. Normah Zondo

hereby “the Parties”;

*Considering the interest of the Parties to establish a cultural scientific and didactic cooperation in fields of mutual scientific interest;*

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

Agree under the following conditions:

### **1st Article**

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.

### **2nd Article**

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 equipments and other facilities of both Institutions.

### **3rd Article**

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.



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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.

#### 4th Article

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 written by the Parties.

At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written, unless 6 months before the expiry date one of the Parties notifies to the other Party the decision not to renew it.

#### 5th Article

The processing of personal data related to this agreement is carried out by the Universities in accordance with the European General Regulation No. 679/2016 for the protection of personal data and the Code regarding the protection of personal data, Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions and with the conforming Regulation in force in both universities.

#### 6th Article

The present framework agreement includes two equivalent texts in English language.

Date

Date

Prof. Giovanna Spatari

Ms. Normah Zondo

Rector of the University of Messina,

Executive Director: Corporate Relations  
Division of the University of KwaZulu-  
Natal, South Africa

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Dec 16, 2024



