

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Algerian Consortium of Universities
(Biskra, Skikda, Oum El Bouagui, Guelma, Ouargla, Tebessa)
And
The University of Vaasa, Finland**

For the purpose of further strengthening ties and the exchange of knowledge between The Algerian Consortium of Universities, and The University of Vaasa, Finland. Rectors of the involved institutions, hereby affirm their intent to promote such academic collaboration and exchanges for the mutual benefit of their respective institutions.

Article 1

Exchange of Faculty members shall be conducted for specific periods. Travel, accommodation and other related costs shall be paid by the sending institution. The faculty members shall have the right to benefit from the facilities of the campuses. Agreement shall be made by the involved institutions about the number of visiting faculty members, and the duration of the individual's visits. All such exchanges shall be governed by the agreement to be specified at the faculty level.

Article 2

Student exchange shall be for the purpose of attending courses, training placement or research work connected with the student's thesis. Students exchange shall be governed by the registration procedures in their respective universities. Agreement shall be made by the involved institutions about the number of exchanged places, and the duration of the individual's exchange of students. The host institution shall assist in providing appropriate housing, and the students shall incur their housing and living expenses

Article 3

In light of the parties' willingness to establish cooperation in research, the involved institutions affirm the following:

- I. Encouraging cooperation in Scientific and research, and the exchange of information related to their activities in the field of education and the transfer of knowledge of common interest, as well as the exchange of scientific materials as far as possible.
- II. Undertaking collaborative research projects through the units concerned in both institutions
- III. Organising Scientific conferences, seminars, workshops as shall be agreed upon the involved institutions in advance

- IV. Encouraging the conclusion of consultancy agreement between the involved institutions

Article 4

The Algerian Consortium of Universities will create a Liaison Office at Biskra University where each university of the consortium has a representative to develop, coordinate and ensure the follow up of specific activities and programs. Similarly University of Vaasa will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs.

Article 5

Details of the implementation of any academic exchange or consultancy agreement between the involved institutions shall be negotiated by experts directly involved.

Article 6

In case of specific needs that arise during the course of the implementation of this MoU, separate agreements will be annexed to this MoU.

Article 7

This agreement remains in force for a period of five years (subject to the availability of funds). Any amendment and/or modification of this agreement require written approval of the Rectors and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this MoU can be renewed if mutually agreed.

Article 8

Neither party shall have the right to cancel or amend this MoU without mutual consent. The MoU becomes effective upon completion of signatures

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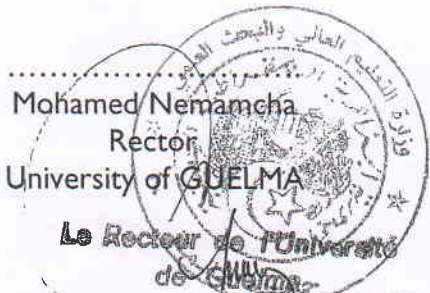


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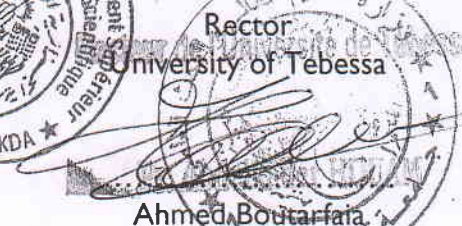
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