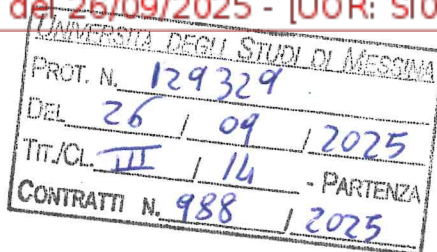




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**FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA**

**AND**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

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

*and*

The University Johannesburg, legally represented by the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Prof. Annah Moteetee,

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 wish to enter into this Agreement to record their intention to consider, negotiate and agree to work together to expand cooperation and the exchange of ideas in areas of mutual interest and 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 equipment and other facilities of both Institutions.

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### **3rd Article**

It is acknowledged that the activities contemplated herein shall remain subject to further review and due diligence by the Parties and that prior to undertaking any activity contemplated hereunder, the Parties shall conclude a legally binding programme specific activity agreements setting out each Party's rights and responsibilities in regard to such activity (a "Programme Specific Activity Agreement").

In addition, it is intended that each Programme Specific Activity Agreement will inter alia include but not limited to:

- (a) the details of the activity and how it will be managed, delivered or implemented;
- (b) a budget and sources of finance for the activity;
- (c) each Party's rights in regard to intellectual property; and
- (d) any other provision that the Parties deem necessary to regulate the activity including governing laws, confidentiality and dispute resolution..

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 3 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 3 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

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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.

#### **7th Article**

To fulfil the aims of this Agreement, the Parties shall each appoint an authorised representative whose details shall be set out below:

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