



**UNIVERSITE  
CHEIKH ANTA DIOP  
DE DAKAR**



**UNIVERSITÀ  
POLITECNICA  
DELLE MARCHE**

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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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**UNIVERSITE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP DE DAKAR  
(UCAD)**

**And**

**UNIVERSITA' POLITECNICA DELLE MARCHE  
(UNIVPM)**

Between

Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, a public institution of higher education and research, located at 19 Boulevard Martin Luther King, Corniche Ouest Dakar, BP 5005 Dakar Fann, SENEGAL, represented by Professor Alioune Badara KANDJI, acting in his capacity as Rector

And

Università Politecnica delle Marche (UNIVPM), a public university located in Piazza Roma n. 22 - 60121 Ancona, Italy, represented by Prof. Enrico Quagliarini, acting as Rector.

### PREAMBLE

- Having regard to the legislative and regulatory texts on cooperation in the fields of higher education, scientific and technical research and culture between Senegal and Italy;
- Having regard to the desire of Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar and Università Politecnica delle Marche to work together to implement projects of common interest with a view to contributing to the development of higher education and scientific research.

Cheikh Anta Diop University, founded on 24 February 1957 and officially inaugurated on 9 December 1959, is a public higher education and research institution and a pioneer among universities in French-speaking Africa. Its main missions are to train a high-level, scientifically and technically qualified staff; to develop research in all disciplines of Science, technology and culture; and to mobilise its human, financial and material resources for the economic and cultural development of local communities.

The Università Politecnica delle Marche, founded in 1969 in Ancona, is a public university with five faculties located across three campuses: a science and technology campus in Monte Dago, home to the Faculties of Engineering, Agriculture, and Science; a biology, science, and health campus in Torrette, consisting of a building complex for the teaching and research needs of the Faculty of Medicine; an economics campus in the city's historic center, comprised of the Faculty of Economics, housed in the restored 19th century Villarey barracks. UNIVPM aims to be, above all, a global university, focusing on internationalization, digitalization, and the enhancement of the local area through technology transfer. Its shared values are ethics, openness, inclusiveness, responsibility, and a sense of belonging.

**IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS**

## **ARTICLE 1 – Purpose of the agreement**

Cheikh Anta DIOP University of Dakar and Università Politecnica delle Marche (UNIVPM) decide to collaborate in research, teaching and training as well as the dissemination of knowledge and culture on the following bases:

- development and participation in training programs;
- development and participation in joint research programs;
- facilitation of access to scientific knowledge (exchange of documentation, publications, conferences, etc.);
- teacher exchanges ;
- exchanges of researchers ;
- student exchanges ;
- exchanges of technical and administrative staff according to specific needs;
- promotion and participation in all forms of exchange likely to enhance the value of their establishments and their staff, whether within the framework of their internal functioning or that of relations with their economic, industrial, social or cultural environment.

## **ARTICLE 2 – Partnership area**

Cooperation may cover all disciplinary fields common to the two institutions. The parties may exchange any non-confidential information or documentation each year, allowing the envisaged cooperation to be carried out in the best possible conditions.

## **ARTICLE 3 – Convention application**

Amendments to this framework agreement will specify, depending on the components of the universities and/or disciplinary fields concerned, the objectives, content, staff involved and the educational, administrative and financial modalities for implementing the bases of cooperation described in Articles 1. and 2. These same amendments will also indicate the monitoring and evaluation procedures as well as their frequency.

## **ARTICLE 4 – Confidentiality**

All information collected or exchanged within the framework of cooperation and, in particular, during scientific stays, as well as the results of research carried out or techniques developed in common cannot be disclosed to third parties without the authorization of each of the parties.

## **ARTICLE 5 – Intellectual property rights**

For each project involving cooperation in the field of research, the parties must ensure effective protection and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights. The following rules will apply to cooperation:

- within the framework of research projects, each party remains the sole owner of all intellectual property rights previously acquired or resulting from independent research;
- the results from projects not covered by the preceding paragraph, carried out in the scientific fields described in the amendments to the agreement and likely to be protected under intellectual property, will be subject to protection on the bases following: in the event of filing a patent, the two parties will examine together the terms of filing, extension and maintenance of property titles based on the respective intellectual and financial contributions of the two institutions.

#### **ARTICLE 6 – Legislation**

Exchanges and other forms of cooperation provided for in this agreement will be carried out in accordance with existing regulations in both countries.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – Funding**

To enable the implementation of the cooperation provided for in Articles 1, 2 and 3 of this agreement, the two institutions will request the allocation of resources falling on the one hand, in the bilateral domain and on the other hand, in the multilateral domain. Requests concerning the financing of research projects (equipment, operation, missions and training courses) will be the subject of attached documents presented to the competent government services and/or partners.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – Duration of the agreement**

This agreement is concluded for a period of 5 (five) years and takes effect on the date of its signature. It is renewable after having been resubmitted to the competent authorities in each institution concerned.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – Litigation**

In the event of a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this agreement and its amendments, the parties shall endeavour to find an amicable settlement. In the event of persistent disagreement, the conflict will be resolved by arbitration or submitted to the competent courts of the defendant's place of residence.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – Amendment/Termination**

This agreement may be modified (or amended) by mutual agreement of the parties, at the end of each academic year at the written request of one of the parties. This agreement may be terminated in writing by either party, subject to six months' notice and without prejudice to ongoing cooperation.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – Language**

This framework agreement is drawn up in English in two original copies, each copy being equally authentic.

**ARTICLE 11 – Contacts and follow-up**

Each contracting party will appoint a coordinator who will be responsible for promoting and monitoring cooperation activities between the two institutions.

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Signatory of the agreement: .....

For Università Politecnica delle Marche : [protocollo@pec.univpm.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.univpm.it)  
Signatory of the agreement: Prof. Enrico Quagliarini

**ARTICLE 12 – Contacts and follow-up**

The Parties/institutions undertake to process all personal data solely for the purpose connected to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and in accordance with European Regulation (GDPR 2016/676).

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Ancona, date of digital signature

Cheikh Anta DIOP University of DAKAR

Università Politecnica delle Marche (UNIVPM)

The Rector

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