

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

Represented by Hon. Nangolo Mbumba in his capacity as the Minister of Education

AND

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

Represented by Hon. Henna Virkkunen in her capacity as the Minister of Education and
Science

(Jointly hereinafter referred to as "The Participants")

ON

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCE



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PREAMBLE

RECOGNIZING the mutual interests between the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Namibia and Ministry of Education of the Republic of Finland in the fields of education, research, development, training, transfer of technology and dissemination of knowledge on a long term non-commercial basis; and

RECOGNIZING the importance of the role of Higher Education Institutions in the promotion of international collaboration, equality and increased contribution to the development of society.

CONSIDERING the already existing formal and informal networks between the Institutions of Higher Education of the two countries.

DESIROUS of developing cooperation between the two countries in the fields of higher education and science,

CONVINCED that such cooperation will contribute to a better mutual understanding and enhancement of relations between the Participants at different levels.

NOW THEREFORE, the Participants conclude a Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

ARTICLE 1 OBJECT AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall form the basis for the *Participants* to promote and encourage direct cooperation between the universities and other relevant educational institutions in their respective countries, as well as between



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institutions that deal with scientific research and technological development, which non-exclusively includes-

- (a) The exchange of information on higher education studies and degrees in order to facilitate the appropriate evaluation of studies and degrees taken in the other country; and
- (b) Upon mutual agreement between High Education Institutions of both Participants, the offering of training opportunities to administrative and technical staff.

ARTICLE 2 SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1 The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Finland shall through the Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) award and administer scholarships within the framework of the Finnish Government Scholarship Pool Programme to the candidates availed by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Namibia in collaboration with the respective institutions of Higher Education of Namibia as provided under sub-Article 2.3.

2.2 The scholarships of three (3) to nine (9) months are offered to postgraduate students (after Master degree level), researcher and teaching (after Master degree level including post doctorates), at a higher education institution or public research institute in Finland; with priority be given to doctoral students.

2.3 The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Namibia in collaboration with the institutions of Higher Education shall avail candidates to be considered for scholarships within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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ARTICLE 3
SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

- 3.1 The *Participants* will encourage cooperation in science and other fields of research between universities, academies of science and other relevant institutions in their respective countries.
- 3.2 The *Participants* will encourage joint research projects, in accordance, where appropriate, with agreements concluded directly between the institutions concerned.
- 3.3 The *Participants* will encourage cooperation in supporting and promoting the principles of sustainable development in the fields of science and research.
- 3.4 The cooperation between the *Participants* could take the following non-exhaustive forms:
- 3.4.1 Joint research projects,
 - 3.4.2 exchange of scientists, experts and professors,
 - 3.4.3 joint participation in relevant international research programmes,
 - 3.4.4 exchange of information on science and technology policy issues
- 3.5 All relevant details will be specified directly between the institutions concerned.

Article 4
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Participants agree that:

- 4.1 *The Participants shall resolve any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of this MoU through consultation and negotiations between the Participants.*
- 4.2 *Either Participant can declare a dispute by way of serving a notice of dispute on the other Participant.*



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Article 5

DOMICILIUM CITANDI ET EXECUTADI AND NOTICES

5.1 The Participants choose as their domicilia citandi et executandi the addresses mentioned below, provided that such domicilium of either Participant may be changed by written notice from such Participant to the other Participant with effect from the date of receipt or deemed receipt by the latter of such notice:

Ministry of Education of the
Republic of Namibia
Private Bag 13186
Windhoek
Namibia
Tel: 061 2933111
Fax: 061 2933932
Email: nmbumba@mec.gov.na

Ministry of Education of the
Republic of Finland
P O Box 29
FI – 00023 GOVERNMENT
FINLAND
Tel: +358 9 1607 7410
Fax: +358 9 1607 7493
Email: opmkirjaamo@minedu.fi

5.2 Correspondence between the Participants shall be made in writing, in the English language and must be sent by registered mail, by international courier service or by email at the address above or at such other address as it may have been notified to the other Participant in accordance with this clause.

Article 6

REVIEW , AMENDMENTS, VARIATION OR ALTERATION

6.1 This MoU may be reviewed by joint agreement at any time by the Participants.

6.2 The Participants may further amend this MoU by joint agreement, following a written proposal from either of the Participants. Amendments shall enter into force three (3) months after the date of notification of the consent of both Participants.



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6.3 No variation or consensual cancellation of this MoU shall be of any force or effect unless reduced in writing and signed by both Participants.

Article 7
TERMINATION

Either Participant may terminate this MoU upon serving a prior five (5) months written notification to the other Participants of its intention to terminate.

Article 8
ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon being signed by both Participants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF representatives of the Participants have signed two original copies of this Memorandum of Understanding in English.

DONE at.....on this.....day of
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**FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
OF NAMIBIA**



**FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
OF FINLAND**