



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

Bahir Dar University (BDU), Ethiopia

and

The University of Naples L'Orientale (UniOr), Italy

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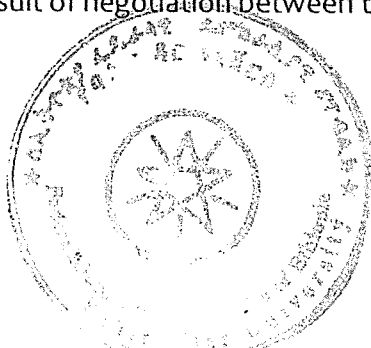




Article 1

Bahir Dar University (BDU) and the Oriental University of Naples (UniOr), hereafter referred to as the Parties, hereby enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a desire to develop academic exchange and cooperation in teaching and research in the furtherance of the advancement and dissemination of learning in the areas of mutual interest of the two Parties. Therefore, they agree as follows:

1. Based upon the principles of respect for each other's independence and mutual benefit, the Parties will engage in the following activities:
 - (1) Joint research activities in the field of Manuscript Studies, Ge'ez literature, Folklore (Culture Studies) and Ethiopian languages and literature (Amharic).
 - (2) Joint lectures, symposia, conferences, publications, etc.;
Academics from both parties shall be encouraged to develop and implement joint lecture series and joint seminars.
 - (3) Exchange of professors and research scholars;
The parties intend to provide academics from both parties with the opportunities to offer courses and seminars, and teach in the partner faculty. They shall, where possible, set in motion development programs for academics and young researchers.
 - (4) Launching dual MA and PhD programs in Manuscript Studies at Bahir Dar University.
 - (5) Organizing International conference and summer school training on Ethiopian Manuscript Studies
 - (6) Exchange of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students;
Both parties shall encourage students to study abroad at the partner faculty, and both parties shall provide exchange students with the opportunities to take courses of their choice at the partner faculty. Both parties attempt to facilitate credit transfer for students participating in an exchange.
 - (7) Cooperation in the field of masters and doctoral programs of the two Partners.
 - (8) Exchange of scientific materials, publications, and other information of mutual interest;
 - (9) Exchange of groups of people for acquiring cultural experiences, work ethics and technological exposure.
2. Within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, other institutions or organisations from Ethiopia, Italy, or third countries may take part in specific projects that are of mutual interest for the two main Partners, i.e., BDU and UniOr.
3. In order to carry out any of the above activities, a detailed plan or addendum may be drawn up after consultation between the Parties. Such a plan shall be the result of negotiation between the Parties concerned in each specific case.





4. The Parties shall comply with the laws of Ethiopia and Italy, as well as the regulations of each of the two institutions regarding faculties, departments, and both incoming and outgoing student exchanges, the exchange of academic material and information, and joint programs.
5. This agreement shall impose no financial obligation on either party.

Article 2

This agreement shall continue to be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of its signature by the two Partners, and will be automatically renewed afterwards. It can be subject to change, renewal or termination at any time by mutual consent or by six months' written notice by either party.

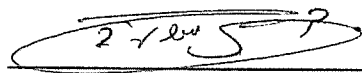
Article 3

Both Parties will each retain a signed copy of the English version of this agreement, which is considered to be valid. Any translation in any other language shall be for reference only and shall not be considered as binding by either party.

Article 4



In case of controversy over the interpretation or the enforcing of the present Memorandum, the two Parties will appoint an arbitration committee composed of three members designated by each party and a third one who will be jointly selected.

On behalf of
Bahir Dar University (BDU)


Firew Tegegne
President
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On behalf of Oriental
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