

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Abu Dhabi University, United Arab Emirates

And

University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between:

The Abu Dhabi University, hereinafter referred to as ADU or the First Party, is a higher education institution established in 2003 as an independent comprehensive academic and research university. It has its registered address at P.O. Box 59911, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It is represented by Chancellor, Prof. Ghassan Aouad.

The University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy, hereinafter referred to as UNIOR or the Second Party, is a University established in 1732 as an independent comprehensive academic and research university. It has its registered address at Via Chiatamone 61/62. It is represented by the Rector, Prof. Roberto Tottoli.

AND

Hereinafter, both parties are collectively referred to as "The Parties"

The Parties wishing to establish and strengthen their international collaboration in research and academics, agree to establish this MoU to serve as the framework of cooperation in identifying areas of mutual interest.

1. Scope of the Cooperation:

The areas of collaboration between the Parties may extend to all activities and programs that foster and develop this relationship, including:

- 1.1. Exchange of faculty, researchers, and staff;
- 1.2. Promote the exchange of students and mobility programs (i.e., graduate and undergraduate);
- 1.3. Promote joint supervision of Master and Ph.D. students;
- 1.4. Conduct joint research activities and grants applications;
- 1.5. Establish joint/dual academic degrees and special short-term academic programs;
- 1.6. Collaborate in E-learning programs;
- 1.7. Collaborate in consultancy, training, teaching & learning, and curriculum development;
- 1.8. Organize joint international workshops, conferences, and seminars;
- 1.9. Exchange of academic and scientific materials and other information;
- 1.10. Exchange of institutional data for joint strategic benchmarking.
- 1.11. Collaborate and exchange institutional information on media, mass media, journalism, and public

communications.

2. General Procedures:

- 2.1. The Parties agree that their collaboration on any activity, including any of the above-listed activities, shall be subject to securing appropriate funding, and approval of each institution's respective authorities, and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective Countries.
- 2.2. The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed upon between the Parties and will be subject to a separate written Memorandum of Agreement in conformity with the institutional policies in place by both Parties.

3. Financial Commitments:

This MOU does not imply any material, financial or other forms of commitments for any of the two Parties. The Parties agree that specific projects and activities shall be developed based on further consultations and under a mutual specific agreement stating the respective financial commitments and responsibilities of each Party.

4. Confidentiality and Intellectual Property Rights

- 4.1. The receiving Party shall not disclose any information relating to this MOU or information received from the other Party to any third party unless otherwise approved by the other Party in writing.
- 4.2. The intellectual property policies in place at each institution shall apply to the activities initiated and implemented by the respective researchers.
- 4.3. Should the collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, each party shall seek an equitable and fair agreement as to ownership and other property interests that may arise.
- 4.4. The Parties agree to support each other in knowledge dissemination, publicity, marketing, and branding upon prior written consent.

5. Dispute Settlement

The Parties shall attempt to settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this MoU by mutual good faith mediation and negotiations between the Parties. Any disputes, claims, or controversies arising out of or related to this MOU that are not successfully resolved shall be settled through the corresponding specialized Emirate of Sharjah and Abu Dhabi Courts whichever is the defending party in such dispute.

6. Period of the MoU

This MOU shall be effective on the date of signature by The Parties, and it shall remain effective for a period of five (5) years. Upon the written approval of each party, it may be extended or amended. Subject to a written prior notice of three (3) months, the Memorandum may also be terminated by either party.

7. Amendments and Termination

- 7.1. This MOU constitutes the complete agreement between The Parties and supersedes all prior agreements with respect to the subject hereof.

- 7.2. Amendments and modifications to the terms of this MoU shall solely be done upon written instrument signed by all Parties hereto or by their duly authorized representatives. No waiver of any provision of this MOU or consent to departure therefrom, by either Party, shall be effective unless it was decided by writing and signed by both Parties.
- 7.3. Any specific agreement deemed necessary to be signed by both Parties shall be considered an integral part of this MoU.
- 7.4. At the expiration or termination of this MoU, its provisions and the provisions of any other agreement, protocol, contract, or addendum made pursuant thereto shall continue to govern any unfinished project or unexpired obligation commenced there under until the completion of such obligations or projects.

8. Administration

The Parties shall designate a liaison officer to serve as a point of contact to the other party and coordinate the activities initiated under this MoU.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have caused this MOU to be executed in 2 copies, in English with each of the copies being equally authentic and signed by their duly authorized representatives.

Abu Dhabi University



Prof. Ghassan Aouad
Chancellor

Date:

University of Naples L'Orientale



Roberto Tottoli
The Rector

Date:

