



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
ETHIOPIAN HERITAGE AUTHORITY AND
UNIVERSITÀ DI NAPOLI L'ORIENTALE, ITALY**

Reff Nr: .../...../...../2024

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into force on November 29, 2024 between:

Abebaw Ayalew Asst. Prof., in his capacity as Director General of the Ethiopian Heritage Authority, having its registered office address King George VI St /The National Museum of Ethiopia Compound/, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

herein after as referred as to
THE FIRST PARTY

and

Prof. Roberto Tottoli in his capacity as Rector of Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Italy, having its registered office address at Via Chiatamone, 61/62, 80121 Napoli NA Italy

herein after as referred as to
THE SECOND PARTY

THE FIRST PARTY AND THE SECOND PARTY all together shall referred as to THE PARTIES or BOTH PARTIES.

The Parties have considered as follows:

- a. Whereas The First Party is a state agency aimed at the heritage research, management and protection and has a strong international reputation as one of the leading heritage agencies in Africa;
- b. Whereas The Second is the oldest school of Oriental and African studies in Europe and regarded as one of the world's most prestigious universities in this field;
- c. Whereas Both Parties have considered their common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the area of education and research and would expand the basis for academic and educational cooperation;
- d. Whereas under the above considerations Both Parties would set a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries, as well as the procedures and policy of the Government of Ethiopia and the Government of Italy concerning academic and educational cooperation;

The parties HAVE AGREED as follows:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to develop academic and educational cooperation based on equality and reciprocity and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the Parties. The Parties will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their staff and departments.

**ARTICLE II
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Parties undertake to promote and develop cooperation in the following ways:

- (1) Visit by, and exchange of graduate and PhD students and staff for training, study and research;
- (2) Visit and exchange of staff for research, teaching and discussion;
- (3) Joint research and training activities; and
- (4) Other areas of collaboration that are agreed upon by the Parties.

**ARTICLE III
PLAN OF OPERATION**

Both parties recognize that the development and implementation of each program based upon this MOU will need to be negotiated and agreed upon by Both Parties under a separate agreement (Memorandum of Agreement) prior to the initiation of specific programs and that such activities are carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.

The Memorandum of Agreement will include such items as:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed-upon activities;
2. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity;
3. Financial terms and conditions.

**ARTICLE IV
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT**

The Parties understand that all financial arrangements associated with the initiative shall be clearly outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement pursuant to Article III, and shall be signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

**ARTICLE V
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

1. If either Party wishes to disclose confidential data and/or information resulting from the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding to any third party, the disclosing Party must obtain prior consent from the other Party before any disclosure can be made; and
2. Any arrangement arising from this Memorandum of Understanding involving intellectual property rights pertaining to research, publication, and/or commercial purposes shall be determined by specific arrangements to be agreed upon by the Parties at the time and included in a formal Memorandum of Agreement pursuant to Article III.

**ARTICLE VI
LIMITATION OF PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES**

The Parties shall ensure that their personnel engaged in the activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will not engage in political affairs activities in Ethiopia and Italy outside the program of cooperation agreed upon in this Memorandum of Understanding.

**ARTICLE VII
SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES**

Any differences arising out of the interpretation and/or the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved amicably through consultation and/or negotiation by the Parties.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time, by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendment shall come into effect on the date as may be determined by the Parties and shall form an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**ARTICLE IX
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**


1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signing.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of five (5) years unless terminated earlier by either Party by giving written notification to the other Party six (6) months in advance.
3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the validity and duration of any ongoing projects or activities until the completion of such projects or activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.


Signed in duplicate on November 29, 2024 in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed for and on behalf of
Ethiopian Heritage Authority,

Signed for and on behalf of
Università di Napoli L'Orientale,



Abebaw Ayalew Asst. Prof,
Director General



Prof. Roberto Tottoli
Rector

