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AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITE CENRALE GROUP IN TUNISIA

AND

AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA

THIS AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION (this Cooperation) is made this .....day of .....2025 between, The **UNIVERSITE CENRALE GROUP IN TUNISIA**, hereinafter referred to as "**UCG**", currently composed of 7 higher education groups of institutions (Central Health, Central Polytech, Central Com, Central Business, Central Law, Central IT and UPSAT) in multi-disciplinary fields such as business, engineering, heath, architecture..., two vocational training groups of institutions (IMSET and AAC), one executive education program, a collective Lab specialized in Entrepreneurship, Lifelong learning center and a medical simulation center, and represented by the CEO, **Houbeb AJEMI** and **AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA** hereinafter referred to as "**HUI**" a private higher education institution, located in Ilorin, Nigeria, currently composed of nine (9) Faculties [Agriculture, Computing, Engineering and Technology (Computer Science, Software Engineering, Cyber Security), Education, Health Sciences (Medical Laboratory Science, Public Health, Anatomy, Physiology), Humanities and Social Sciences (Islamic Studies, Arabic Language, History and International Relations, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology and Criminology) Law (Common Law & Common and Islamic Law) Management Sciences (Accounting, Business Administration, Economics), Natural and Applied Sciences (Mineral and Geological Sciences, Bio-Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry) and Nursing Sciences] including Postgraduate School and College of Basic Medical Sciences (MB;BS) and represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Noah Yusuf celebrate this Agreement for Cooperation.

CLAUSE 1 – Purpose of the agreement

The UCG and HUI agree to foster collaboration between the two institutions and, within available resources, to support research activities of mutual interest. According to established priorities, both institutions will work together to develop teaching initiatives in shared areas of interest, facilitate international exchange opportunities for faculty and researchers, strengthen the exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students, and pursue any other joint objectives deemed appropriate.

To achieve these goals, representatives from UCG and HUI will develop an annual program to identify the key areas for research, teaching, and mobility in which both institutions will collaborate.

This Cooperation Agreement between UCG and HUI includes provisions for the international mobility of students and faculty, as outlined in the following terms.

CLAUSE 2 – Student Exchange

The UCG and HUI agree to promote the international mobility of undergraduate and postgraduate students, allowing exchanges for one semester or a full academic year.

The international student mobility program includes the following activities: attending course units; participating in curricular, extracurricular, and professional internships; and undertaking research projects, such as master's and PhD theses. Credits earned during the mobility period at the host institution shall be transferred to the student's academic record at the home institution, as outlined in the individual learning agreement signed by both institutions in advance.

Students participating in the mobility program shall have equal rights and obligations, particularly in adherence to the rules and regulations of the host institution. Furthermore, students in the mobility program shall not be required to pay any tuition fees at the host institution.

Students are responsible for travel, accommodation, and other personal expenses, and each student must obtain valid health insurance for the duration of their stay in the destination country.

Both institutions may seek financial support from external sources to facilitate the student mobility program.

CLAUSE 3 – Teachers Exchange

The UCG and HUI agree to promote international teacher mobility for training and research activities in areas of mutual interest.

The duration and type of mobility may vary based on the needs of the host institution and the availability of teaching staff. Visits may occur upon personal written invitation from the host institution, and, following each visit, an activity report shall be submitted to both institutions. Formal authorization from the designated authority at each institution is required for all teacher mobility activities.

Each teacher participating in the mobility program shall be responsible for transportation expenses. Teachers may seek financial support based on the provisions of this agreement. The host institution shall provide living accommodations according to its available resources. Each teacher participating in the mobility program must obtain valid health insurance for the destination country.

Both institutions may secure additional financial resources from external sources to support the teacher mobility program.

CLAUSE 4 – Discounts and On-Campus Initiatives

HUI shall receive a special discount on services related to summer camps at the Medical Simulation Center, as well as on the establishment of a shared lab or career center on its campus in Nigeria.
These services will be specified in an annex, tailored to the specifics of the agreement.

CLAUSE 5 – Intellectual Property Rights

Each Party retains all rights to its own industrial property, including patents, patent applications, disclosures, inventions and improvements (whether patentable or not), trademarks, copyrights, registrations, and applications, as well as software, firmware, source code, trade secrets, and know-how. Joint research activities that produce results eligible for intellectual property protection will be governed by the Additional Terms outlined in this Agreement.

CLAUSE 6 – Confidentiality and Personal Data Protection

Sensitive data obtained or exchanged under this Agreement shall be treated with strict confidentiality. The Parties agree to fully comply with personal data protection laws and regulations applicable in both jurisdictions.

CLAUSE 7 – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of its signing and will remain in validity for a period of three years.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing formal written notice at least ninety days in advance, or in the event of a legal impediment. In all cases, the ongoing projects and mobility programs shall continue as planned until their completion.

Tunis, Tunisia,

UNIVERSITE CENRALE GROUP IN TUNISIA,

Nesrine Chebbi
CEO

Ilorin, Nigeria

AL-HIKMAH UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA,

Prof. Noah Yusuf
Vice-Chancellor

In the presence of:

Dr. K. A. Oladimeji
Registrar