# PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA AND EUCLID (EUCLID UNIVERSITY) PERTAINING TO THE ACADEMIC HEADQUARTERS



The Government of the Republic of The Gambia (hereafter referred to as "the Government") represented herein by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (MoHERST), on the one hand, and the international intergovernmental organization EUCLID (Euclid University / Pôle Universitaire Euclide) (hereafter referred to as "the Consortium") on the other hand;

CONSIDERING that in agreement with the Government, a headquarters implantation, hereinafter "Headquarters") for EUCLID (also including EUCLID's specialized institutes) has been approved for implementation in Banjul (or any other city in The Gambia);

Having also noted the ongoing and successful implementation of the educational agreement between the ECOWAS and EUCLID approved in September 2009 as well as other important institutional milestones;

Desiring to settle by this agreement all questions relating to the establishment of this Office in Banjul (or any other city in The Gambia);

### Have therefore agreed as follows:

01. The relationship between the Government of The Gambia and EUCLID as an intergovernmental organization is further defined by a separate agreement in which the present protocol is to be attached and incorporated as integral annex.

#### **EUCLID AS AN INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL UNIVERSITY**

02. The Ministry of Higher Education, Research Science & Technology (MoHERST), being the proper accrediting body and oversight authority in The Gambia, hereby acknowledges the charter, academic accreditation and legal recognition granted to EUCLID in the instrument of participation signed on July 15, 2012 and further formally acknowledges the "Academic Standards applicable to the programs of EUCLID" which are attached as Appendix in English and French but which are not considered as part of this agreement for publication purposes. EUCLID will also participate in any Quality Assurance Framework

A AM

2

being implemented to ensure ongoing conformity with updated processes of academic accreditation.

- 03. The Ministry will encourage the Consortium to apply for reassignment of EUCLID's entry as "EUCLID (Euclid University)" under "The Gambia". In addition, this Headquarters Agreement makes EUCLID eligible to apply for membership in the Association of Commonwealth Universities and Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World.
- 04. In collaboration with EUCLID, this Headquarters Agreement shall also be communicated by the Permanent Delegation of The Gambia to UNESCO or National UNESCO Commission, together with the Official Circular prepared. EUCLID may then file this documentation with all relevant academic agencies (including to the UNESCO Director General and International Association of Universities Secretary General) for the registration and listing of EUCLID in the international directories and databases of reference.
- 05. If in the future, intergovernmental universities (previously included in the "regional / international group" of the IAU HEIs list) are to be registered under the entry of their Headquarters State, the National UNESCO Commission shall proceed, at EUCLID's request, with this registration under the entry for "The Gambia" with a note indicating that EUCLID is an intergovernmental institution. This is however without prejudice to the possibility of other listings under the national entry of other EUCLID Participating States depending on their own policies and level of integration of international universities within their own educational systems.

#### SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 06. Any dispute between EUCLID and the Government concerning the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement shall be, if not settled by means of negotiation or by some other mutually acceptable method agreed to by both parties, referred to a third party.
- 07. At the request of one of the parties, this Agreement may be amended by way of negotiation.

## FINAL PROVISIONS

- 08. Each of the parties may denounce this Agreement. The denunciation shall take effect six months after written notification to the other party without prejudice to the actions already accomplished.
- 09. This Agreement, governed by international law, shall enter into force on the date of signature by the Government. In witness thereof, the respective representatives, duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement in Banjul on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

A Aller

7

# For the Government of The Republic of The Gambia

Mon

The Honorable Dr. Mamadou TANGARA Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology



Dr. Pap SEY

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology For EUCLID (EUCLID University):

Julu,

The Honorable Syed ZAHID ALI
Secretary-General
Despositary

