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The Secretary-General
EUCLID University
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Dear Sir,

**SUBJECT: MOU BETWEEN ECOWAS (ECOWAS COMMISSION)
AND EUCLID UNIVERSITY**

I have attached for your signature an amended version of the MOU between our Organizations on the above-stated subject matter.

The amendments are mostly as to form and I hope, provide more clarity to the Agreement.

I regret the delayed conclusion of this MOU and look forward to its implementation which I believe will be to the benefit of the West African Region. I must express my deep appreciation for your assistance in helping to develop skilled manpower in our region by providing advanced educational opportunities.

Please accept dear Secretary-General the assurances of my highest consideration.


Dr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS
President of the Commission



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES**

AND

EUCLID UNIVERSITY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING dated this 7th day of September, 2009.

BETWEEN

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) with its offices at 101 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, P.M.B 401, Abuja represented by the ECOWAS Commission whose President is **Dr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS**, which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors-in-title and assigns) on the one part,

AND

EUCLID UNIVERSITY (The International Organisation for sustainable development being its affiliated Institute) with its Office at MC. Square Building Lambroekstraat 5A, 1831 DIEGEM-BRUSSELS Belgium (hereinafter referred to as "**EUCLID**" which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors-in-title and assigns) and represented by the Director-General **Syed Zahid ALI** on the other part,

MINDFUL of Article 60 (b) of the revised ECOWAS Treaty relating to the co-operation in the field of education training especially in encouraging exchange programs between schools, promoting literacy through teaching and acquisition of professional and technical qualifications;

CONSIDERING the Protocol A/P/3/01/03 on education and training;

CONSIDERING that a shared vision of IOSD/EUCLID and ECOWAS includes assisting developing nations achieve rapid sustainable economic development through education;

CONSIDERING that IOSD/EUCLID and ECOWAS have the common objective of contributing to regional integration by providing accessibility to educational programs that meet the current needs of the peoples of the ECOWAS sub-region;

ALSO CONSIDERING that (i) the intergovernmental agreements signed in 2008 pertaining to the definition of EUCLID University as an intergovernmental University framework having legal personality under public International Law and enjoying academic recognition and accreditation by the Ministries of education of the participating parties

- ii. the agreements signed between the IOSD and various partner Universities notably the University of N'Djamena (Chad) and the University of Bangui (Central African republic) pertaining to the constitution of the EUCLID Consortium, which includes the explicit accreditation of the EUCLID academic agreements by the Ministry of Education of Chad ;
- iii. the similar MOU / Agreements signed by IOSD/EUCLID and the Islamic Chambers of commerce and Industry;
- iv) the similar MOU/agreements signed by EUCLID and CAFRAD (African Training and Research Centre in Administration, for Development), an inter governmental organization with 36 Member States in Africa;
- v) the fact that Benin, Senegal and Sierra Leone, are Member States of ECOWAS as well as participating parties in the EUCLID education framework;
- vi) the development of high level cooperation initiatives between IOSD and several ECOWAS Member States, notably Benin, Mali, Guinee and Togo and
- vii) the mutual desire of the two (2) Organisations (ECOWAS and EUCLID) to create additional accessibility, interaction and academic recognition between ECOWAS and neighbouring States, notably Chad and the Central African Republic.

HAVING CONSIDERED the relevant constitutive agreements, notably Article 1 of the Agreements (EUCLID MOU) approved by the Governments of Benin, Senegal and Sierra Leone;

AWARE of the curriculum and syllabus of EUCLID degree programmes and of the necessity to promote international recognition for African programmes in many OECD countries;

ALSO AWARE of the governmental and multi-governmental accreditations of EUCLID as an inter governmental educational framework and therefore of all EUCLID- organized joint degrees and certificates

DESIRIOUS of producing highly qualified and competent skilled manpower for effective economic growth in the ECOWAS sub region.

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS and have finalized and approved this Agreement in order to define their protocol of collaboration.

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

- a) To foster accessibility to educational programs that meet the current needs of ECOWAS countries and residents.
- b) To also create additional accessibility, interaction and academic recognition between ECOWAS and neighbouring States

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Co-operation between IOSD/EUCLID and ECOWAS shall cover specific objectives in order to enable the two Organisations to achieve the goals mutually set out. Such co-operation shall include the following:

- a) On a yearly basis, IOSD/EUCLID shall accept an annually defined number of ECOWAS staff members with a full tuition waiver/scholarship for a 36-42 credit Master level program (Euclid MBA including the Master in Diplomacy and Development, Master in Information Technologies, Master in Diplomacy and International Affairs). This number (typically 1-5) will be communicated to the Secretariat of the ECOWAS Commission during the month of August.
- b) IOSD/EUCLID will adapt its programs to include courses of special interest to meet the needs of ECOWAS staff and students
- c) Further programs and extended scholarships may be developed in the near future after successful implementation of the initial action presented above. In particular, at the request of ECOWAS, this MOU may be extended to include a systematic tuition reduction of 50 % on the Euclid admission fee and 25 % on Euclid tuition for all students who reside in and are citizens of an ECOWAS Member State, up to 40 annually. Special considerations may also be implemented for least-advanced ECOWAS States.
- d) IOSD/EUCLID hereby expresses availability to assist ECOWAS and ECOWAS Member States in a consultative or advisory role in areas pertaining to higher education, including curriculum review assessment

and standardization, use of pre-recorded courses and lectures, as well as in international equivalency issues.

ARTICLE 3: COOPERATION MECHANISMS

- a) ECOWAS applicants shall approach IOSD and where they meet admission criteria may be named and recommended in the annual letter to IOSD. IOSD will verify that such applicants are approved by the ECOWAS Commission before effective enrolment;
- b) ECOWAS applicants shall obtain ECOWAS approval before final enrolment;
- c) IOSD/EUCLID will advertise eligibility criteria on their website

ARTICLE 4: PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Both Organisations may participate at each other's educational events and meetings subject to the rules of procedures of their Organizations. They shall exchange information to foster better understanding of the educational needs of ECOWAS and ECOWAS Member States as well as the functioning and operations of EUCLID/IOSD.

ARTICLE 5: CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Both parties pledge to observe the confidentiality of information of which they may have knowledge or which may become available to them within the framework of the implementation of this MOU.

ARTICLE 6: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

All disputes, which may result from the interpretation or execution of this MOU, shall be settled amicably.

ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION

- a) This MOU is concluded for an indefinite period, provided that each of the parties may withdraw therefrom by giving six month notice in writing to the other Party.

- b) The termination of this MOU shall not affect the conduct of existing programs.

ARTICLE 8: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- a) For the effective application of this Agreement, the Heads of both organizations may, of a common accord, take all additional measures that they may deem necessary in light of the practical experiences of the two organizations,
- b) The MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the signatory parties

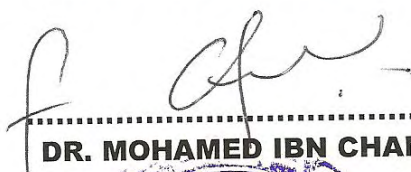
ARTICLE 9: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Both Parties agree that English and French shall serve as their official working languages.

ARTICLE 10: ENTRY INTO FORCE

The Agreement, which is governed by International law shall enter into force upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

FOR ECOWAS COMMISSION


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DR. MOHAMED IBN CHAMBAS
President of the Commission



FOR IOSD/EUCLID

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Mr. Syed Zahid ALI
Secretary General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zahid Ali", is written over a horizontal dotted line.