

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This MEMORADUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) made and entered into by and between:

The PROTESTANT UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, also known as EVANGELISCHE HOCHSCHULE LUDWIGSBURG and referred to in this document as "EH". The EHL has its official address at Paulusweg 6, 71638 Ludwigsburg, Germany and is legally represented by Dr. NORBERT COLLMAR.

AND

The BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY, through the Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences, a public educational institution for higher learning established under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at La Trinidad, Benguet represented by its President, Dr. FELIPE SALAING COMILA hereinafter referred to as "BSU".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, as a state recognized accredited university within the auspices of the protestant church of Wurtemberg, the EH specializes in the academic fields of social work and community development, early childhood education, deaconry and religious education, nursing and inclusive special education;

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the global vision stated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2020-2030 (SDG), the EH and BSU agrees to collaborate on programs and activities that promote the principles of environmental justice and human rights in teaching and research;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

I. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. Both Parties shall:

1. Appropriate personnel resources who will assiduously engage in planning, developing project concepts and identifying methods of work that will set in place actual programmatic collaboration;
2. Build on the capacities of teachers and students for reciprocal exchanges on the level of curriculum content, skills and expertise exchange within designated academic disciplines;
3. To lend legitimacy to the aforementioned pursuit, the EH and BSU will explore diverse funding appropriations contained in the Erasmus+ Key Actions as published by the European Commission in 2020.
4. In pursuance of the UN-SDG vision, and with the support of resources offered in the new Erasmus+ funding phase, the EH and BSU will proceed to engage in systematic conceptual planning intended to operationalize activities that contribute to the participation of universities in global North-South exchange.

FELIPE SALAING COMILA
BSU President

Vice President
IMELDA O. DEGAY
President for Academic Affairs

NORBERT COLLMAR
EH President

CARMEN GRIMM
International Program Coordinator

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This cooperation will enlist the participation of communities in capacity building and strengthening of social and cultural rights.

5. The EH and BSU will integrate the principles of international conventions and declarations such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Communities, in foreseen programs and projects where collaboration between two universities of higher learning will potentially fulfil.


FELIPE SALANG COMILA
BSU President

B. The EH shall:

1. Ensure that the commitments expressed in this Memorandum of Agreement is communicated to concerned departments in the university. This will include the Office for International Relations and academic discipline heads.
2. Designate teaching personnel and administrative staff involved in potential project planning, proposal writing and programmatic conceptualization. Foreseen projects and programmatic activities will be in the areas of environmental justice, indigenous peoples' rights and the promotion of human rights by civil society movements;
3. In pursuance of the European Erasmus Charter of 2020-2027, the EH will engage with BSU in accessing opportunities where academic staff and students may benefit from key actions expressed under the Erasmus Mundus Program.
4. Actively engage in further research to identify potential funding support from the Erasmus+ 2020-2027 project phase. Coordinate, communicate and network with potential organizations and civil society groups that can offer resources and international expertise.
5. Ensure that as a university specializing in the social science and social service, it will explore possibilities for academic exchange involving teachers and students in the areas of environmental studies, food sovereignty, social development, social psychology, health promotion and community education.


IMELDA O. DEGAY
Vice President for Academic Affairs

C. The BSU shall:

1. Ensure that commitments expressed in this Memorandum of Agreement is communicated to heads of academic disciplines.
2. Encourage the academic cross-pollination academic offerings between BSU and the EH through the collaboration of teaching personnel in the conceptualization of an innovative curriculum that integrates social science with natural science. BSU will contribute its scientific expertise in the study of environmental justice as this apply to food sovereignty and people's participation in community development.
3. Collaborate in the development of programmatic concepts and project proposals for submission to funding sources. BSU shall allow its teaching personnel to engage in joint activities with the EH in potential projects that support indigenous practices in local communities as these are environmentally sustainable and adapted to their cultural way of life.
4. Coordinate, communicate, network with organizations both public and private as well as community based social movements to enlist their engagement in future projects. BSU agrees to involve other local partners in potential activities jointly undertaken with the EH.
5. Identify areas of research activities where global North-South collaboration can take place. These areas of research shall engage the expertise of both


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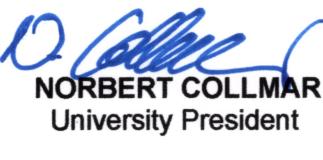
institutions along those areas identified in the UN-SDG and other covenants relating to indigenous people's rights. BSU will allow teaching personnel to engage with the social work and other academic departments of the EH in the further exploration of possibilities to advance our shared commitment to North-South global cooperation. This can be facilitated by teaching exchange and student mobility under the foreseen Erasmus Mundus program.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Details of the implementation of any particular initiative resulting from this MOA shall be negotiated and shall be the subject of written agreements to be executed by and between the two university units as each case may arise.
2. Both parties understand that financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.
3. This MOA shall take effect for a period of five years immediately after signing by each university's legal representative. It shall be valid unless sooner terminated mutually by both parties on any legitimate reason. The effectivity of termination shall be twelve (12) months after the co-signing of an agreement to terminate the provisions of this document. A renewal of terms and conditions can likewise be agreed by both parties.
4. In the event that any paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal or unenforceable, such paragraph or provision shall be severed from this Agreement and the entire Agreement shall not fail on account thereof but shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
5. This Agreement may only be amended through written communication by the respective authorized representatives of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

For PROTESTANT UNIVERSITY OF
APPLIED SCIENCES
EVANGELISCHE HOCHSCHULE
LUDWIGSBURG



NORBERT COLLMAR
University President

For BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY



FELIPE SALANG COMILA
University President

WITNESSES



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Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg



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Benguet State University

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Before me, a Notary Public for and in above jurisdiction, on this _____ day of
SEP 30 2021, personally appeared:

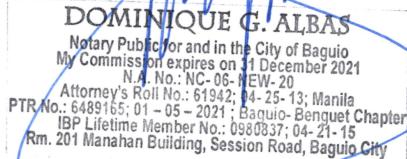
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Known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledge to me the same as their free and voluntary act on the entities they represented.

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT consisting of five (5) pages including this page whereon this acknowledgement is written, signed by the parties at the left margin of every page hereto together with their instrumental witness.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto sign and affix my seal at
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