



Memorandum of Understanding Between

UNIVERSITÉ DE LOMÉ (TOGO)

And

THE AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES (AIMS) Considering the legislative and regulatory texts in terms of cooperation in the fields of Higher Education, scientific and technical research, and culture between Togo and AIMS's pan-African network of centers.

The Université de Lomé (TOGO), a public higher education institution, with its headquarters at Boulevard Eyadema, 01 BP 1515, Tel. +228 22 21 35 00, Fax: (228) 22 21 85 95 represented by its President, **Professor Adama Mawulé KPODAR**, by virtue of the powers conferred on him,

And

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Next Einstein Initiative, a non-profit organization whose administrative office is at Plots #559-560-561, Kicukiro District, Niboye Sector, Nyakabanda Cell P. O. Box, 7150, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: +250788310373, Email: info@aims.ac.rw, Website:www.nexteinstein.org represented by Prof. Dr. Sam Yala, the AIMS Network President

Express through this Memorandum of Understanding their intention to develop their cooperative ties.

ARTICLE 1

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences |AIMS Next Einstein Initiative, and Université de Lomé decide to collaborate within the framework of research, teaching and training as well as the dissemination of knowledge and culture on the following bases:

- Development and participation in training programs,
- Development and participation in joint research programs,
- Facilitating access to scientific knowledge (exchange of documentation, publications, conferences, etc.),
- Exchange of Faculty,
- Exchange of researchers,
- Exchanges students.
- Exchanges of technical and administrative personnel according to specific needs.

- Promotion and participation in all forms of exchange likely to enhance their establishments and their personnel, whether within the framework of their internal functioning or that of relations with their economic, industrial, social, or cultural environment.

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation may cover all disciplinary fields common to both institutions.

ARTICLE 3

Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding will specify, depending on the components of the universities and/or disciplinary fields concerned, the objectives, content, staff involved and the educational, administrative, and financial modalities for implementing the bases of cooperation described in Articles 1 and 2. These amendments will also indicate the monitoring and evaluation procedures as well as their frequency.

ARTICLE 4

All information collected or exchanged within the Memorandum of Understanding and, in particular, during scientific stays, as well as the results of research carried out or techniques developed in common cannot be disclosed to third parties without the authorization of each of the parties.

ARTICLE 5

For each project involving cooperation in the field of research, the parties must ensure effective protection and equitable sharing of intellectual property rights.

The following rules will apply to the cooperation:

- within the framework of research projects, each party remains the sole owner of all intellectual property rights previously acquired or resulting from independent research;
- the results from projects not covered by the preceding paragraph, carried out in the scientific fields described in the amendments to the agreement and likely to be protected under intellectual property, will be subject to protection on the following bases: in the event of filing a patent, the two parties will examine together the terms of filing, extension, and maintenance of property titles based on the respective intellectual and financial contributions of the two institutions.

ARTICLE 6

Exchanges and other forms of cooperation provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out in accordance with existing regulations in both countries.

ARTICLE 7

To enable the implementation of the cooperation provided for in Articles 1, 2, and 3 of this Memorandum of Understanding, the two institutions will request the allocation of resources falling on the one hand, in the bilateral domain and, on the other hand, in the multilateral domain. Requests concerning the financing of research projects (equipment, operation, missions, and training courses) will be the subject of attached documents presented to the competent governing services and/or partners.

ARTICLE 8

This agreement is concluded for a period of five (5) years, renewable by tacit agreement, and comes into force on the date of its signature. It may be denounced in writing by either of the two parties, subject to six (6) months notice and without prejudice to ongoing cooperation.

This agreement may be modified (or amended) by agreement of the parties, at the end of each academic year, at the written request of one of the parties under the same conditions as for its denunciation.

ARTICLE 9

The two partners agree to set up a committee to monitor the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Monitoring Committee is composed of two (02) members, including one (01) representative appointed by The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences AIMS Next Einstein Initiative and one (01) by the University of Lomé.

The list containing the identities and addresses of the members of the Monitoring Committee is annexed to the present Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 10

This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up in English in four (04) original copies, each copy being equally authentic.

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The AIMS Network President

The President of Université de Lomé

Professor Adama Mawulé KPODAR

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Prof. Dr. Sam YALA

APPENDIX APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Article 9 of the MoU between the University of Lomé and **The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences** AIMS Next Einstein Initiative, the Parties appoint their representatives to the Monitoring Committee as follows:

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