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And

THE ICT UNIVERSITY, YAOUNDE

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The University of Buea represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga

The ICT University, Yaounde represented by the Founder and Proprietor, Professor Victor Wacham Agwe Mbarika

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of Law No. 005 of 16 April 2001 on the Orientation of Higher Education;

Mindful of the statutory instruments governing the University of Buca;

Mindful of the statutory instruments governing The ICT University, Yaounde;

Mindful of Decree No. 2001/832/PM of 19 September 2001 to lay down common regulations governing Private Institutions of Higher Education;

Mindful of Order No. 01/0096/MINESUP/DDES of 07 December 1996 to lay down the conditions for the founding and the functioning of Private Institutions of Higher Education;

Mindful of Decree No. 12/04505/N/MINESUP/DDES/ESUP/SAC/cbm of 21 September 2012 to create The ICT University, Yaounde;

Mindful of Order No. 17/00260/MINESUP/SG/DAJ/DDES of 28 April 2017 to organize academic mentorship of State Universities or other authorized institutions on Private Higher Education Institutions in Cameroon;

Willing to contribute to the fostering of the quality of higher education in Cameroon;

Hereby agree as follows:

I-PURPOSE

Article 1: The purpose of this framework agreement is to promote partnership and to determine the terms and conditions of collaboration between UB and The ICT University.

H-SCOPE

Article 2: This framework agreement shall concern the academic supervision of The ICT University by UB, in accordance with the provisions of Decree No. 2001/832/PM of 19 September 2001 to lay down common regulations governing private institutions of higher education. It shall specifically cover the following areas:

 Supervision by UB of academic activities carried out at The ICT University, with the view to guarantee quality preparation by The ICT University of candidates for examinations leading to the award of national degrees in the specializations requested by The ICT University.

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- 3. Organisation of seminars, colloquia and workshops in order to strengthen the theoretical and practical training at The ICT University as well as its research capacity;
- 4. Organisation of joint scientific events, as well as cultural and sporting activities for a better interaction of students of both institutions;
- 5. Periodic evaluation of administrative and academic management, of teaching and of student assessment at The ICT University by UB, in accordance with terms and conditions unanimously agreed upon by both institutions;
- 6. Joint organisation by both institutions of any other activity in conformity with their fundamental mission, i.e. the production, organisation and dissemination of scientific, cultural, professional and ethical knowledge.

III-DUTIES OF PARTIES

Article 3: UB and The ICT University shall work together with due respect for the instruments in force, standards set by the competent authorities, official programmes, university ethics and in accordance with this framework agreement as well as specific agreements ensuing there from.

Article 4: UB shall specifically undertake to:

- 1. Ensure that teaching, research and student assessment at The ICT University are carried out under the same conditions as in UB;
- 2. Facilitate the participation of candidates from The ICT University in examinations leading to the award of national diplomas and degrees;
- 3. Reinforce academic, administrative and management capacities of The ICT University so as to enable it attain the level of excellence leading to approval and/or accreditation.
- 4. Recognise all previous certificates and diplomas issued by the ICT University.

Article 5: The ICT University shall specifically undertake to:

- 1. Implement teaching programmes in fields of study and training cycles for which it has been accredited and stick only to these fields and cycles;
- 2. Provide ways and means to facilitate the implementation of this framework agreement;
- Provide necessary funding for the smooth implementation of the framework agreement and the specific agreements resulting there from.
- 4. Put at the disposal of the University of Buea Academic, Scientific and Research communities the following structures for greater satisfying collaboration:
 - The ICT University Microsoft Academy
 - The ICT University Amazon Web services Academy
 - The ICT University Artificial Intelligence Centre
 - The ICT University Nano Satellite Centre
 - The ICT University Experimental Radio and Television Centre
 - The ICT University Digital Library System

IV-IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

Article 6: UB and The ICT University shall organise periodic meetings to agree on specific programmes and action plans in line with this framework agreement.

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- Article 7: (1) Activities and draft programmes jointly agreed upon shall provide for the conditions of implementation and financing thereof.
 - (2) Specific programmes for the implementation of this framework agreement shall be subject to specific conventions between the two parties.
 - (3) Notwithstanding article 7(2) above, agreement shall specifically exclude all postgraduate programmes and any programmes labelled as such offered by The ICT University.
- Article 8: (1) The present framework agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 years, renewable by tacit agreement for the same duration.
 - (2) Any disagreement arising from the interpretation of this framework agreement shall be settled amicably between the two parties. In case the conflict persists, the Minister of State in charge of Higher Education shall use any appropriate means to resolve the dispute.

Article 9: Notwithstanding the provisions of article 8 above, the termination of this framework agreement can be done on the initiative of one of the parties, provided prior notice of one month is given. However, the parties shall undertake to complete any activity or programme underway at the time of the prior notice.

Article 10: This framework agreement as well as the ensuing specific conventions shall come into force following its signature by the representative of the two contracting parties and the approval of the Minister of State in charge of Higher Education.

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