



**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN
EDUCATION FRAMEWORK
(*SPECIFIC CONVENTION AGREEMENT*)**

BETWEEN

**THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE
UNIVERSITY
UNITED STATES**

AND

**THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF BUEA (CUIB)
CAMEROON**

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I. BACKGROUND

This Specific Convention Agreement is established

Between

The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of North Carolina A&T State University, a private establishment of Higher Education, located at Market Street, Greensboro, NC, represented by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

And

The School of Business of the Catholic University Institute of Buea (SANR-CUIB), located in Molyko-Buea - P.O. Box 563, Buea, South West Region, Cameroon Represented by the Head of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

II. PURPOSE

The Purpose of this Specific convention is as follows:

1. Mindful of Ministerial Order N° 13/0003/MINESUP/CAB/DAUQ/DAJ of 22nd October 2016, the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of North Carolina A&T State University shall be involved together with the SANR-CUIB in articulating the management and pedagogical aspects of the degree programs of SANR-CUIB.
2. The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of North Carolina A&T State University shall enhance and strengthen the Academic and Professional training of SANR-CUIB programs in line with the Mission and Vision of CUIB.

III. PROGRAMMES

The following programs are approved programs of SANR-CUIB:

| S/N | PROGRAMMES | DEGREE ENVISAGED |
|-----|--|--------------------|
| 1. | Integrated agriculture (Agronomy, Animal science, Food science and Technology, Agribusiness and extension) | Bachelors |
| 2. | Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education | Masters of Science |
| 3. | Organic Animal Production Biotechnology and Livestock Policy | |
| 4. | Sustainable Agriculture and Biotechnology | |

IV. ORGANIZATION OF STUDIES

Article 1:

There shall be a **Joint Supervisory** Committee that will be responsible for the general organization of studies comprised of:

- 1) The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of North Carolina A&T State University or Designated Appointed Head (Coordinator) or Representative.
- 2) **The Provost of North Carolina A&T State University or designee**
- 3) The Provost of CUIB or his Representative (ex-officio).
- 4) The Vice-President in charge of Exams and Records of CUIB.
- 5) The Head of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, CUIB.

Article 2:

The **Joint Supervisory** Committee (North Carolina A&T State University-CUIB) shall be responsible, among others, for:

- a) The general supervision, organization, management and smooth functioning of the programs and educational activities.
- b) Reviewing and validating new programs that meet market needs
- c) **Sharing methodology for assessing student performance**
- d) Promoting and facilitating professional development of Faculty members
- e) Promoting and facilitating student exchange programs.
- f) **Review and assess curriculums for degree programs.**
- g) **Assess effectiveness of the collaborative efforts**
- h) **Define the requirements of those who participate in activities under the agreement**

*****Note: NC A&T recommends adding a Steering Committee that will be engaged in facilitating implementation of the Specific Convention Agreement.***

V. TRAINING AND SUPERVISION OF PROGRAMMES

Article 3:

The training of students for practical experiences shall be jointly carried out by the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences following the agreed expectations with North Carolina A&T State University.

Article 4:

The College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall collaborate on the following activities:

- Training provided by the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences for faculty at the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources to enhance their expertise in agriculture.
- Write grants to support curriculum development and program sustainability.
- Instruction provided by faculty in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences for students in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

VI. EVALUATION OF EXAMS AND DELIVERY OF DEGREES

- Final standard examination tests papers shall be evaluated and approved by a faculty of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences of the appropriate field of study for each course.
- At the end of each examination session, the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences submit a report that specifies the level of satisfaction and the recommendations for improvement.
- Student transcripts shall be issues by CUIB after the endorsement of results by the Joint supervisory committee.
- The Degrees shall be delivered by CUIB but endorsed by both Institutions or Delivered by CUIB with a supplement of degree issued by NCA&T testifying that the programme for which the Degree is being issued has been supervised and is approved by NCA&T

Article 5:

The delivery and supervision of **agreed upon academic activities** can be done on site or by modern means of communication such as online, Skype and video conferencing.

VII. FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENT IN RELATION TO THE COLLABORATION

Article 6:

- a) Activities and programs jointly agreed upon shall provide for the conditions of funding and financing and shall be spelled out in specific activity agreements.
- b) Both institutions fully understand and agree that any financial arrangements for specific projects or activities will require separate negotiation and written agreements by both institutions.

VIII. DURATION OF THE SPECIFIC CONVENTION

Article 7:

The Present Specific Convention shall be valid for 4years, renewable by mutual consent by the two institutions.

Article 8:

The Framework for the implementation of this Specific Convention is clearly defined in the International Partners in Education Framework Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between North Carolina A&T State University and CUIB.

Article 9:

Any other areas not covered in this Specific Convention shall be addressed by the North Carolina A&T State University-CUIB Joint Supervisory Committee.

IX. IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

Article 10:

Any disagreement arising from the interpretation of this Specific Convention shall be settled amicably between the two institutions.

Article 11:

- a) Notwithstanding the Provisions of Article 11above, the Termination of this Framework Agreement can be made on the initiative of one of the institutions, provided prior notice of three months is given.
- b) However, the institutions shall undertake to complete any activity or program under way at the time of the prior notice.
- c) Should the institutions still find it difficult to agree on any issues, they should seek arbitration from North Carolina A&T State University-CUIB Joint Academic and Supervisory Committee.

Article 12:

This Specific Convention Agreement may be terminated but International Partners in Education Framework will still remain subsisting and valid.

**The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
North Carolina A&T State University
US**

**The Head of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Catholic University Institute of Buea
(CUIB)**

Dean of College

Head of School

Date: _____

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