



La Roche
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**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN
EDUCATION FRAMEWORK
(Memorandum of Understanding)**

BETWEEN

**LA ROCHE COLLEGE
(PITTSBURGH, PA, USA)**

AND

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF BUEA
(CAMEROON)**

I. OVERVIEW

Provisions governing the functioning of accredited private higher education institutions in Cameroon as expressed in Ministerial Text Article 38 of Degree No. 2001/832/PM of 19 September 2001 and other related government texts require that private higher education institutions establish collaborative agreement with either one or more state universities or foreign accredited universities as partners in education. The state university or foreign university participates as a consulting institution as a means of helping to assure quality in higher education in Cameroon leading to the award of diplomas and degrees. It is in view of this that the Catholic University Institute of Buea (CUIB), adopting the US model of higher education, engages in this collaborative agreement with La Roche College, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, hereinafter referred to as La Roche.

II. PURPOSE

Article 1: The purpose of this International Partners in Education Framework Agreement is to promote partnership; and facilitate and enhance academic, administrative, and research cooperation between the two universities toward the goal of granting degrees and diplomas in both undergraduate and graduate programs offered by both universities.

III. SCOPE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Article 2: This framework agreement shall encompass academic collaboration, support, and guidance of CUIB by La Roche in the following areas:

- i.** Records Management
- ii.** Curriculum sharing and development at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- iii.** Teaching
- iv.** Evaluation
- v.** Research
- vi.** Faculty professional development
- vii.** Faculty and student exchange
- viii.** Capacity building
- ix.** Articulation of credits
- x.** Certification and validation

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TWO INSTITUTIONS

Article 3: CUIB and La Roche shall work together with due respect for the instruments in force, standards set by the competent authorities, official programs, university system, ethics and values and in accordance with this agreement as well as specific agreements resulting therefrom.

Article 4: La Roche shall specifically offer suggestions and recommendations that help CUIB:

- i. Strengthen its teaching, research and student assessment practices at CUIB with the goal of adopting protocols similar to US-based institutions of higher education.
- ii. Continue to make progress towards excellence in its academic, administrative, and management capacities.
- iii. Strengthen its academic processes leading to the awarding of diplomas and degrees to CUIB students.
- iv. Foster the unique identity and Mission of CUIB as an EOC, Catholic, Professional, and Entrepreneurial University.

Article 5: CUIB shall specifically:

- i. Implement teaching programs in field of study and training cycles for which it has been accredited and stick only to these fields and cycles.
- ii. Provide ways and means to facilitate the implementation of this agreement, which may include sponsoring faculty and staff travel to La Roche College for development opportunities.
- iii. Provide the necessary information to La Roche when needed.

V. IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

Article 6: La Roche and CUIB shall organize periodic meetings to agree on specific programs and action plans in line with this framework agreement.

Article 7: Activities and draft programs jointly agreed upon shall provide for the conditions of implementation and financing.

Article 8: The present agreement shall be valid for five years, renewable by mutual agreement for the same duration.

Article 9: La Roche and CUIB shall explore opportunities to facilitate study abroad, faculty exchange, and the development of baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate transfer articulation agreements.

Article 10: Any disagreement arising from the interpretation of this framework agreement shall be attempted to be settled amicably between the two parties.

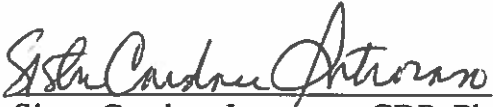
Article 11: Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 above, the termination of this agreement can be done on the initiative of one of the parties, provided prior notice of one month is given. However, the parties shall undertake to complete any activity or program underway at the time of the prior notice.

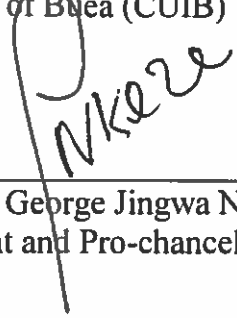
Article 12: This Agreement shall come into force following its signature by the representatives of the two contracting parties and the approval of the Minister in charge of Higher Education in Cameroon.

Buea, _____

The Representative of
La Roche College

Representative of Catholic University
Institute of Buea (CUIB)


Sister Candace Introcaso, CDP, Ph.D.
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Rev. Fr. George Jingwa Nkeze, Ed.D.
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