

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF
THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
AND
THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
ON
COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Minister for Science and Research of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as “Parties”

DESIRING to further promote the close and friendly relations existing between their two countries,

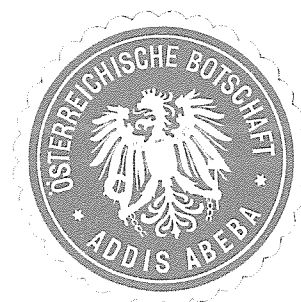
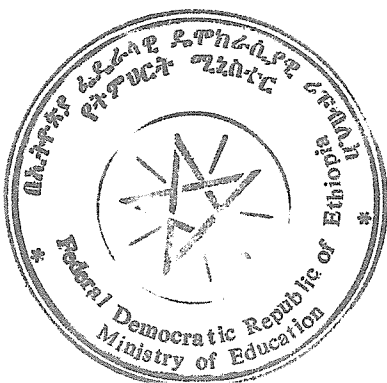
CONSIDERING their common interests in further strengthening cooperation in the fields of higher education, science and research,

CONVINCED that these measures will enhance the social and economic development of both countries,

ACKNOWLEDGING the achievements already obtained in these areas,

PURSUANT to the laws and regulations as well as scientific and technical cooperation policies and procedures in effect in their respective countries.

Have reached the following understanding:



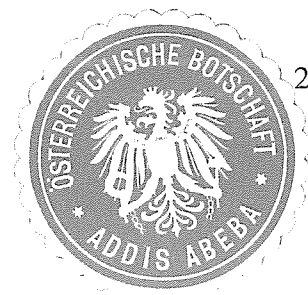
Article 1

1. Both parties will encourage direct cooperation in science, research and technology between their respective institutions of higher education and research organizations, on the basis of mutual benefit and in accordance with their national laws.
2. Both Parties will endeavor to make optimal use of already existing unilateral, bilateral and multilateral funding schemes.
3. Both Parties undertake to encourage direct invitations of university teachers and researchers at institutions of higher education to engage in teaching activities and to perform scholarly and scientific research.
4. Both Parties encourage study in their respective countries by students, graduate scholars and scientists of from their respective countries for scholarships for further studies as well as for research work at institutions of higher education.
5. Both Parties encourage their institutions of higher education and research to cooperate within the EU-Programs in the fields of higher education, scientific and research.

Article 2

In order to strengthen bilateral cooperation in higher education, science and research and in order to support developments in higher education, science and research in Ethiopia in areas of mutual interest, both Parties have agreed on the following terms:

- a) The Austrian Party undertakes to provide expertise for higher education and research policies using the example of the newly established Axum University, especially in the field of quality assurance and evaluation and cover the costs of an expert as well as the expert's travel costs.
- b) The Ethiopian Party undertakes to provide board and accommodation as well as an honorarium in Ethiopia and practical support for the expert. The expert will be nominated by the Federal Ministry for Science and Research of the Republic of Austria in consultation with the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic

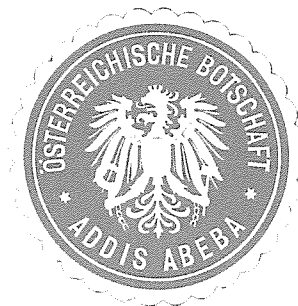
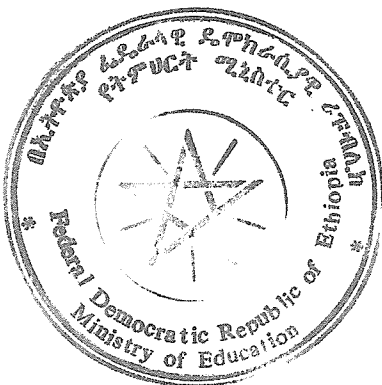


Republic of Ethiopia. The details of the arrangements shall be made between the expert and the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

- c) The Austrian Party shall provide expertise for the development of the Ethiopian National Museum in Addis Ababa and cover the costs of an expert as well as the expert's travel costs.
- d) The Ethiopian Party undertakes to provide board and accommodation as well as an honorarium in Ethiopia and practical support for the expert.
- e) The expert shall be nominated by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria in consultation with the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
- f) The details of the arrangement shall be reached between the expert and the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Article 3

1. The Austrian Party shall provide expertise and make recommendations about higher education in the field of tourism and cover the costs of an expert as well as the expert's travel costs.
2. The Ethiopian Party shall provide board and accommodation as well as an honorarium in Ethiopia and practical support for the expert.
3. The expert shall be nominated by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria in consultation with the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
4. The details of the arrangement shall be reached between the expert and the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.



Article 4

Both Parties shall designate a coordinator to facilitate cooperation as provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5

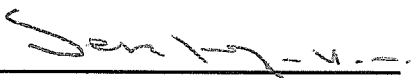
Both Parties agree to revise the scope of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual agreement.

Article 6

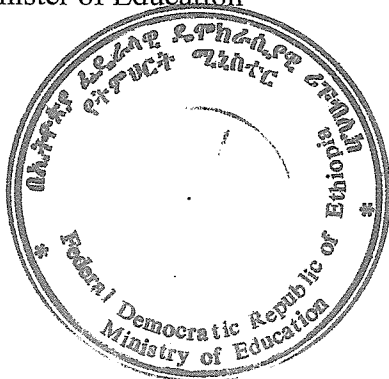
This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date of signature and shall remain in effect for an initial period of three years. The Parties may extend the validity of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on this day 3 January 2008 in two originals in the English language.

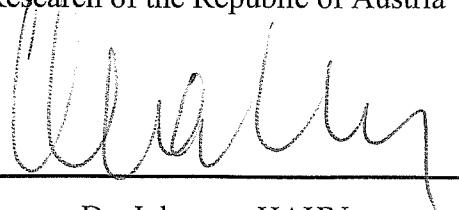
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