

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the University of Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador

and

the TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany

on

Academic and Research Collaboration

The present Memorandum of Understanding on International Cooperation is signed by Professor Fabián Carrasco Castro, Rector of the University of Cuenca, Ecuador and by Professor Klaus Becker, President of the TH Köln, University of Applied Sciences, Germany. This MoU is signed by both parties as a legal document in order to establish and develop their bilateral relationships.

Preamble

To promote the advancement of international understanding, academic excellence, dissemination of learning and strengthening cultural ties, the TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences, especially the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT) and the University of Cuenca, especially the Departamento de Recursos Hídricos y Ciencias Ambientales (iDRHICA) agree to pursue collaboration on academic and research related activities based on the principle of reciprocity.

The University of Cuenca and the TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences
agree as follows:

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Cooperation shall be limited to areas established in this Memorandum of Understanding and in future specific agreements relating to educational and research activities signed by the parties.

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The parties focus their cooperation on the following objectives:

- Student and staff exchange at all levels
- Development and implementation of joint research projects
- Exchange of academic information, materials and programs
- Joint organization of international summer schools, workshops and conferences

These activities shall encompass but not be restricted to collaboration in the field of Management of Water and Land Resources, Drought Management as well as the Food-Water-Energy Nexus research in river basins worldwide.

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The development and implementation of each exchange/activity based on this agreement shall be separately discussed and determined by both universities and when signed by both parties will form appendices to this agreement. Both universities will use their best efforts to find financial sources for carrying out the activities.

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Nothing in this Memorandum shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, or impose constraints on either party in carrying out the agreement.

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This Memorandum shall enter into force starting the date of the last signature and shall be valid for five years with possibility of extension.

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All communications and information related to this Memorandum shall be forwarded to the following representatives of the involved faculties:

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Terms and conditions of this Memorandum are accepted by both parties. The parties sign this document in four copies of identical contents.

For the University of Cuenca,



Rector, Prof. Fabián Carrasco
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Date: 11 ENE 2016

For the TH Köln, University of Applied
Sciences



Prof. Dr. Klaus Becker
Vice President

Date: 25.1.2016



Prof. Dr. Lars Ribbe
Executive Director, ITT

Date: 26.1.16



Dr. Elisabeth Holuscha
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