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Relations/Cooperation Agreements

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### Cooperation Agreement between

**Justus Liebig University Giessen (JLU), Germany**

and

**Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Kampala, Uganda**

### Preamble

Convinced that both partners benefit from this cooperation in respect of research, teaching and intercultural understanding the Faculty of Economics and Business Studies, the Faculty of Psychology and Sport Science and the Faculty of Mathematics, Computing Science and Information Technology, Physics, Geography of Justus Liebig University Giessen, and Makerere University Business School agree to enter into this partnership. This cooperation agreement shall be the basis for conducting joint academic projects in future.

### § 1 Aim of the cooperation agreement

Aim of this cooperation agreement is to intensify the collaboration between Justus Liebig University and Makerere University Business School in the fields of research and teaching. Particularly, the following projects will be pursued:

- Joint projects to enhance teaching and teaching programs. In the beginning of the cooperation agreement a project in the domain of entrepreneurship is planned. Additional domains will be incorporated upon mutual interest.
- Conducting joint research projects upon mutual interest.
- Exchange of scientific knowledge and information, e.g. through joint symposia and/or workshops.
- Exchange of academic staff for the planning and/or implementation of the joint projects.
- Exchange of graduates and students in the context of their education and/or in the context of their dissertation or diploma thesis respectively master thesis.

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To enable the implementation of this agreement and the exchange of the persons mentioned in d) and e), the host university shall assist the guests of the partner university to the best of its ability in obtaining the necessary permits (visa, research permits, etc.).

## **§ 2 Coordinators**

Each university appoints one coordinator, who is responsible for the cooperation agreement and who is responsible for the projects mentioned in §1. The coordinator for the cooperation agreement writes an annual report on the activities conducted in the previous year.

## **§ 3 Financial regulations**

1. Funding of the projects mentioned in §1 will be based on own funds and/or third party funds. Both universities will endeavor to obtain third party funds to cover the costs, particularly costs for traveling and local stay. The contract partners do not enter into any financial liabilities by signing this cooperation agreement.
2. Both universities will provide – to the best of their abilities – the participants of the exchange programs with the work equipment necessary to conduct the projects mentioned in §1. The host university permits the participants of the exchange programs to use its academic facilities during the stay.
3. Students who participate in the exchange programs pay tuition fees according to the regulations of their home university and are exempt from the fees charged by the host university. However, the students will accept the financial implications of enrolment (e.g., enrolment fees, social contribution) at the host university. These costs will be covered by the students or by third party funds. Expenses for transport, stay (board and lodging), as well as health insurance in accordance with the regulations of the host country, shall be carried by the respective student or by third party funds. Participants of the exchange programs are obliged to have sufficient health care insurance coverage.
4. Both partners agree that the exchange of academic staff will be geared to the needs and possibilities of the host university. The exchange of academic staff requires proof of sufficient funds (e.g., scholarship) and a set time-limit for the duration of the exchange. To cover the costs for the exchange of academic staff, both universities will endeavor to obtain the necessary third party funds to implement the partnership. The contract partners do not enter into any financial liabilities by signing this cooperation agreement.

## **§ 4 Staff for language classes**

If the participating institutions agree upon a regular exchange of staff for language classes and if Justus Liebig University appoints staff to this end, the period of such employment, in the interest of a lively partnership, shall not exceed two years. MUBS may recommend suitable staff for such employment.

## **§ 5 Liability exclusion**

It shall be laid down that none of the parties of the contract enter into liability for possible loss or restrictions that arise unintentionally or by force majeure, especially because of the cancellation of working hours in administration and academic teaching.

## **§ 6 Alteration, conflict solving, cancellation**

1. The cooperation agreement can be altered upon mutual agreement. Any alteration and the declarations of agreement to the alteration must be in written form.
2. Conflicts or problems that arise from interpretation and implementation of the cooperation agreement shall be solved upon amicable arrangement.
3. The cooperation agreement can be cancelled with six months written notice. Ongoing projects must be considered in the case of cancellation. A cancellation before the agreed end of the contract shall only be taken after bilateral consultations and attempts to settle any arguments.

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### § 7 Validity

1. The cooperation agreement comes into effect on the day when the representatives of both universities sign this contract and it is valid for four years. The agreement shall be renewed automatically on a yearly basis if notice of termination is not given six months before expiration. Student exchange programs that have already begun at the time of termination shall be carried out and supervised until the originally planned termination.
2. The cooperation agreement is written and signed by the representatives of both universities in English and in German. The wording of the English and the German version are equally binding.

Kampala, \_\_\_\_\_

For

Makerere University Business School

Gießen, \_\_\_\_\_

For

Justus Liebig University Giessen

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