

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

AND

THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPÚBLICA

CONCERNING

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNESCO CHAIR ON
WATER AND CULTURE**

AT

**THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPÚBLICA
(MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY)**

Agreement
concerning the establishment of a UNESCO Chair
on Water and Culture at the Universidad de la República,
Montevideo, Uruguay

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"), 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France, represented by its Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova,

and

The Universidad de la República (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), Av. 18 de Julio 1968, Montevideo, Uruguay, represented by its Rector, Dr Roberto Markarian,

Considering that one of the essential factors favouring development in UNESCO's fields of competence is the exchange of experience and knowledge between universities and other higher education institutions;

Convinced that joint work by university teachers, researchers and administrators from regions all over the world will provide important benefits for the entire academic community;

Bearing in mind UNESCO's mission and objectives as set forth in its Constitution, and its role in promoting international inter-university cooperation, as well as cooperation in the field of freshwater;

Taking into account the experience of the UNESCO/UNITWIN Chairs Programme as a stimulus for academic mobility and the rapid transfer of knowledge through twinning, networking and other linking arrangements, as well as the experience of the International Hydrological Programme on water science Management and capacity building;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 The University shall, in cooperation with UNESCO, establish a UNESCO Chair on Water and Culture (hereinafter referred to as "the Chair") at the Universidad de la República.

Article 2 The purpose of the Chair shall be to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation on water management and culture. It will facilitate collaboration between high-level, internationally-recognized researchers and teaching staff of the University and other institutions in Uruguay as well as elsewhere in Latin America and the Caribbean, and in other regions of the world.

The specific objectives of this Chair are to:

- design and implement activities aiming to create new knowledge and increase awareness regarding the relationship of cultural groups with water resources, from pre-history to the present, focusing on the revalorization of indigenous knowledge;
- carry out interdisciplinary research on the relationship between water and the different socio-cultural groups, processes and sustainable development practices, and use results to build capacities at higher education institutions, in communities and in civil society;
- foster the establishment of a network of national, regional and global organizations to contribute to the production and sharing of knowledge on water and culture;
- design strategies and modalities to facilitate the application of the knowledge created in areas like agriculture, fishery, cultural and eco-tourism etc; and,
- cooperate closely with UNESCO on relevant programmes and activities.

Article 3 The University, in consultation with UNESCO, shall appoint the Chairholder, who will be selected in accordance with the procedures described in the UNESCO's "Guidelines and Procedures for the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme".

Article 4 The Chair shall consist of the Chairholder and the necessary teaching personnel, researchers and students required to carry out the specific training, research and outreach activities of the Chair.

Article 5 The University shall sign a contract with the Chairholder for a fixed period to be determined by it, giving the Chairholder the same rights and obligations as those of other scholars of the same category at the University. The contract also shall define the Chairholder's salary and benefits, travel expenses, installation grant, housing and medical insurance.

Article 6 The University shall grant the Chairholder the facilities necessary to accomplish his/her academic research and training activities, i.e. the opportunity to organize and promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation, and to disseminate the results of research in the field of inter-religious dialogue studies.

Article 7 The University shall submit to UNESCO a mid-term progress report and a final report on the activities carried out by the Chair and on the financial resources of the Chair. The reports should comply with the UNESCO template. They will be reviewed by UNESCO and will be published on the UNITWIN portal.

- Article 8** The University shall arrange for the Chair to participate in UNESCO programmes and activities with a view to strengthening international academic cooperation in the field of scientific research and its application for national development. Wherever possible, the University shall arrange for the Chair to engage in the exchange of professors, researchers and students with other universities within the framework of the UNITWIN Programme.
- Article 9** Within that framework, the University shall endeavour to associate the Chair with the activities of other Chairs and inter-university networks in the different regions of the world.
- Article 10** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the University shall assume all expenses linked to the implementation of activities undertaken by the Chair.
- Article 11** In order to demonstrate its link with UNESCO, the UNESCO Chair is invited to use the composed UNITWIN/UNESCO logo that includes the UNESCO official logo and the UNITWIN logo to the right of the former, under the following conditions:
- The conditions for the use of the logo will be determined by UNESCO and cannot be modified without the prior agreement of the latter; UNESCO shall provide the Chair with a high definition electronic format of the composed logo in compliance with the agreed specifications;
 - The logo must be cautiously used with a view to avoiding misinterpretation by the general public, notably concerning the respective status of the Chair, the University and UNESCO, as specified under the provisions of Article 12 of the Agreement; the composed UNITWIN/UNESCO logo shall not, under any circumstances, be used for any commercial purposes, either by the Chair or by the University;
 - All promotional and information materials published by the Chair or the University, bearing the composed UNITWIN/UNESCO logo (example: pamphlets and other electronic documents) should bear the disclaimer: *The authors are responsible for the choice and presentation of views contained in this ...and for opinions expressed therein, which are not necessarily those of UNESCO and do not commit the Organization;* and,
 - The University will assume full responsibility for any legal consequences stemming from this use.
- Article 12** Neither the University nor any member of its staff employed for the implementation of the activities linked to the Chair shall be considered an agent, representative or member of UNESCO's staff, nor shall they enjoy any benefit, immunity, remuneration or reimbursement if not clearly foreseen in this Agreement; moreover, they shall not be authorized to present themselves as being part of UNESCO, or make statements on UNESCO's behalf, or commit UNESCO to any expense of any nature or to any other obligation.

- Article 13** The University shall be entirely responsible for taking any measures it deems necessary to insure itself against loss, injury or damage incurred during the implementation of these activities.
- Article 14** The present Agreement shall enter into force for a period of 4 (four) years on the date of both signatures having been appended. It may be cancelled by either Party subject to 60 (sixty) days' written notice to the other Party.
- Article 15** The University shall request the renewal of the present Agreement before its expiry date. Any renewal of the present Agreement shall be effected upon mutual agreement by an exchange of letters between the Parties, on condition that the Chair meets its specific objectives as laid out in Article 2, and provides detailed information on activities and budget secured for the period of renewal.
- Article 16** UNESCO may decide to not renew the present Agreement, or to close the Chair if the latter fails to submit progress reports on its activities; the reports are negatively evaluated; or the Chair's activities do not correspond to UNESCO's strategic priorities.
- Article 17** In the event of a dispute, the Parties shall make a good faith effort to settle it amicably. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be settled by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement or, failing this, by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either Party.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed two copies of the present Agreement in the English language, the two copies being equally authoritative.

For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

For the Universidad de la República



Irina Bokova
Director-General



Roberto Markarian
Rector

Date: 02.02.15

Date: 26 FEB. 2015



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Rector
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04 February 2015

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Dear Dr Markarian,

I am pleased to send you enclosed two original copies of the Agreement between UNESCO and the Universidad de la República, duly signed by the Director-General, concerning the establishment of the UNESCO Chair on Water and Culture, in your University.

I would be grateful if you could co-sign all copies and return one signed original copy of the Agreement to UNESCO before 28 February 2015.

In order to illustrate the partnership established between your University and UNESCO within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, and to assist the Chair in developing its visual identity, UNESCO will design your Chair's logo, as stipulated in Article 11 of the Agreement. I would be grateful if you could provide us with the electronic version of the logo of your University, as per the information requested on page 3 of this letter. You will find on the same page an example of a UNESCO Chair's logo. Please note that the period of use of the UNESCO Chair logo is limited to the period of the Agreement and to any possible extension thereafter.

In accordance with Article 3 of the above-mentioned Agreement, I would appreciate it if you could send us a list of candidates and their curricula vitae so that UNESCO could advise on the appointment of the Chairholder.

This UNESCO Chair is established for a period of four years. Should the Institute wish to pursue the activities of the Chair beyond this initial period, a formal request to renew the validity of the Agreement must be addressed to UNESCO before the expiry date of the current Agreement. The decision to renew a Chair's Agreement is based, among others, on the positive evaluation of the reports on the activities carried out by the Chair. The first progress report is due two years

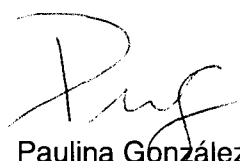
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after the signature of the Agreement by both parties, followed by a final report two years later. Reports should follow the UNESCO template available at <http://www.unesco.org/en/university-twinning-and-networking/application-and-forms/progress-report-form/>.

Finally, I invite you and the Chair's team to contact Mr Miguel Doria, Programme Specialist, Natural and Social Sciences Sector (SC/HYD/EQE), (tel: 33 1 45 68 41 81, e-mail: m.doria@unesco.org) and Ms Zelmira May, Programme Officer, UNESCO Office in Montevideo and Regional Bureau for Science, (Tel: +598 2 41 32 075, e-mail: z.may@unesco.org) who have been identified as this Chair's Focal Point, to explore possible cooperation between the Chair and UNESCO. For all other issues, please contact Ms Liliana Simionescu, Programme Specialist in charge of the UNITWIN Programme, Section for Higher Education (tel: 33 1 45 68 11 82; fax: 33 1 45 68 56 32; e-mail: l.simionescu@unesco.org).

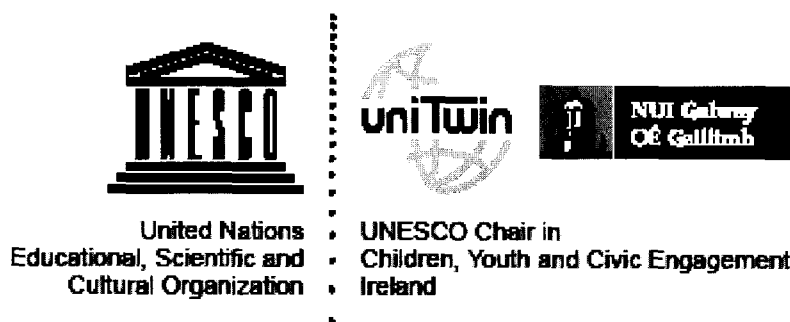
I wish your Chair full success in achieving its objectives,

Yours sincerely,



Paulina González-Pose
Chief
Section for Higher Education

Example of a UNESCO Chair logo:



Information for the establishment of a Chair's Logo

1. Language(s) in which the logo is required / will be used	
2. Exact title of Chair (in the relevant languages)	
3. Name of university (in the relevant languages)	
4. Specify whether the city and / or country of the university must be mentioned (if not included in the university logo, see 7. below) and provide the city's/ country's name in relevant languages [please bear in mind that logos should be as concise as possible]	
5. Translation of "United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" if another language than English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Portuguese is used	
6. Specify if logo shall be used on materials other than letterhead	
7. Specify whether university logo should be included in the logo block and, if so, please transmit high resolution version (eps file) to [unitwin@unesco.org]	
8. If university logo features separately, please specify where the UNESCO logo block will be positioned	