

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



**International Associations of
Schools and Institute of
Administration**

**University of Messina
Department of Law**

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (hereinafter referred to as the IASIA), and University of Messina – Department of Law (hereinafter referred to as UNIME) (collectively referred to herein as the “Parties”) have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which represents the intent of the Parties to work together and outlines the basis for close cooperation and joint activities in areas of mutual interest on a non-exclusive basis.

1. THE PARTIES

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration

The International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) is the specialized entity of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) established in 1961 and is located in Brussels. IASIA is an international/global association, whose mission is to strengthen administrative capacity building around the world, to advance excellence in public administration education and training, and to conduct, discuss, and disseminate cutting-edge scholarly research and "smart practices" on governance and administration.

IASIA provides organizations and individual members from various part of the world, having the same concerns, with the opportunity to consider and advance their interests from a global perspective while taking into account local, regional and national specificities. As platform for the exchange of knowledge, IASIA makes at once mutual support and assistance more possible and helps serve the needs arising from the increasingly complex environment in which governments and their public services are called on to operate. IASIA has 191 corporate members and 14 individual members from 86 countries and represents seven regions of the world.

University of Messina – Department of Law

The University of Messina has an old dated cultural and educational tradition. After the foundation of a School of law at the end of XIII century and the establishment of a famous Greek school in the XV century, the local Studiorum Universitas of the Pontefice Paolo III was established in November 1598.

The Department of Law has symbolized, in the past, and it still represents both an important point of reference in a rapidly changing world and a centre of excellence for the island's cultural élite, by promoting and by practicing an ethos where research is encouraged and highly valued.

A solid legal education, today, opens up more opportunities ranging over and beyond the classic career paths, the judiciary or the legal professions. There are new job opportunities in the business world, in legal firms, in the field of international organizations, in public authorities and in the private field.

The Department of law offers: First cycle academic degree - L in Labour Law Consultant and Science of Law Services; Second cycle academic Master degree (five years) - LMU in Law (so called "Laurea Magistrale"), which offers students the opportunity to further specialize through post-graduate courses (master programs) and doctorate courses, as well as courses devised by the School of Specialization for Legal Professions.

2. FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION

- A. This MOU shall provide a generic framework for the UNIME and the IASIA to promote joint activities and training programs, share lessons learnt and build communities of practice in the area of Public administration, Governance and capacity building.
- B. It shall govern joint activities between the two parties and shall be largely focused on organizing joint activities, to the benefit of civil servants.
- C. In the context of this MOU, both parties have agreed to cooperate in the following areas:
 - a) Sharing good practices and knowledge and organizing joint conferences, seminars, round tables discussions and workshops;
 - b) Developing mechanisms for participation and interaction at one another's events – conferences, congresses, dialogues and other ;
 - c) Sharing information through access and exchange of each organization's professional publications ;
 - d) Organizing seminars of international experts in areas mutually agreed upon by parties;
 - e) Facilitating the identification of subject-matter experts from both institutions' Rosters of experts, when necessary and for projects and activities of common interest;
 - f) Assistance in the creation of a regional hub for the public service to create the institutional framework of continuous exchange of knowledge and experience in the sphere of public service ;
 - g) Knowledge and expertise sharing for the development of joint publications, books, reports, policy briefs, etc.
 - h) Exchange of information on potential sources of financial aid for scientific research;
 - i) Disseminating the specifics of this agreement throughout UNIME and IASIA ;
 - j) Any other activity of mutual interest.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

- A. Particular details of the joint programs and conditions to execute them will be developed in later consultations at the level of experts from both sides.
- B. In order to implement the specific activities envisioned in this agreement, the Parties shall conclude cost-sharing agreements in accordance with their respective applicable regulations, rules and procedures, which shall specify the costs or expenses relating to the activity and how they are to be borne by the Parties.

4. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

The individuals with overall responsibility for implementation of this MOU are listed below. The Parties may, by written notice to the other Party, designate additional or different persons as points of contact.

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5. PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Parties recognize the importance of protecting and respecting intellectual property rights. This Memorandum does not grant the right to use materials belonging to or created by either Party, unless agreed by the other Party and in the context of the joint organization of activities.

Consultation and exchange of information and documents shall be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents.

6. AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

This MoU may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties and may be terminated by either Party on the provision of three months' prior notice in writing to the other Party.

7. LIMITATION

For legal purposes nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a joint venture, an agency relationship or a legal partnership between the parties. Nothing in this MOU is intended to be, or should be construed as, a waiver of the privileges and immunities of either party, which privileges and immunities are specifically reserved.

8. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any differences arising out of the interpretation of this MoU shall be settled amicably between the Parties.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This MoU becomes effective as of the date on which representatives of both Parties affix their signatures to it and is valid for a period of three years. The MoU may be renewed with the mutual consent of both Parties upon completion of the previous period.

Signed by the Parties, in....., on In two copies, in English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties hereto affix their signatures below:

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Administration

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