



SUPPLEMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
THE ORGANISATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATION
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION GROUP OF BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES
FOR
THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM OF
GCUB

THE PARTIES TO THIS SUPPLEMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, the Organisation of Southern Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "OSC"), an international intergovernmental organisation and intersectoral platform, with headquarters at Egypt St., Lideta Sub-City, Woreda 04, House N° 1986, 1165 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, duly represented for this purpose by H.E. Manssour Bin Mussallam, Secretary-General, and the International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities (hereinafter referred to as "GCUB"), a non-profit civil society association, located at the Edificio Assis Chateaubriand Bloco SRTVS 701, Lote 1, Conjunto L, Bloco 1, Sala 511. Asa Sul.Brasília-DF, Brasil – CEP: 70.340-906, duly represented for this purpose by its Executive Director Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva,

CONSIDERING:

That on February 8th, 2024 the Parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU"), which is still in force, and contemplates cooperation between the Parties to develop projects and activities in areas of common interest.

That Article III of the MoU states that the Parties may enter into supplementary project agreement(s) as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Memorandum;

That the aforementioned MoU specified that through the International Mobility Program of GCUB (hereinafter referred to as "GCUB-Mob"), up to 400 (four hundred) scholarships would be provided to applicants from OSC Members States and supported by the OSC;

That the Parties mutually recognize their legal personality and capacity;

NOW THEREFORE HAVE AGREED to enter into this Supplement to the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "S-MoU"):

CLAUSE I **PURPOSE**

1.1. The purpose of this S-MoU is to join the efforts of both OSC and GCUB-Mob to cosponsor scholarships in 2024-2025 in benefit of citizens and residents of OSC Member States to pursue graduate programs of Masters and Doctorate level at Brazilian universities associated with and

duly represented by the GCUB (hereinafter referred as “Participating Universities”), subject to the following conditions:

- a) The scholarships that are part of this S-MoU shall be awarded under the framework of GCUB-Mob 2024 -2025 program described in Annex 1, which forms an integral part of the MoU, and which shall hereinafter be referred as “Scholarships”.
- b) The Scholarships shall only benefit citizens of OSC Member States (hereinafter referred as “Scholarship Recipients”).
- c) The Scholarship entails, in addition to the benefits normally granted by GCUB-Mob, a one-time allowance to each Scholarship Recipient financed by the OSC (hereinafter referred as the “One-time Allowance”).
- d) GCUB shall be responsible for managing the Scholarships and administering the One-time Allowance.

CLAUSE II ELEGIBILITY AND FUNDING OF THE ONE-TIME ALLOWANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1. The One-Time Allowance shall be only granted to nationals of an OSC Member State, who fulfill GCUB-Mob 2024-2025 requirements, except Brazilian citizens, even if residing outside Brazil.

2.2 The selection of Scholarship Recipients will be carried out in accordance with the GCUB-Mob Call for Applications, which forms an integral part of this S-MoU as Annex 1. The Scholarships will be offered in accordance with the final ranking of candidates once their applications are reviewed.

2.3 The OSC shall finance up to 400 One-time Allowances in accordance with Clause III of this S-MoU.

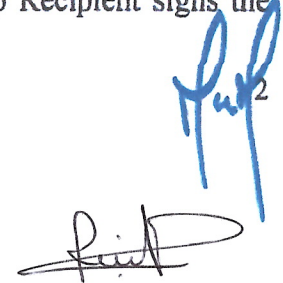
2.4 The GCUB shall maintain permanent communication with the Participating Universities to ensure timely and effective execution of GCUB-Mob 2024-2025.

2.5 The GCUB shall ensure with the Participating Universities that Scholarship Recipients are not charged for academic fees from which the GCUB will ensure that they are exempted, including, but not limited to, registration fees and monthly or annual tuition.

2.6 The GCUB shall also ensure that Participating Universities comply with all the terms of the GCUB-Mob Call for Applications (Annex 1).

2.7 The GCUB shall prepare a summary report on the maintenance stipend payment situation for the OSC every six (6) months.

2.8 Scholarship Recipients must sign an Acceptance Form with the OSC and the GCUB prior to the start of the Scholarship. The GCUB shall make sure each Scholarship Recipient signs the



contract and send to the OSC the 400 contracts signed by the Scholarship Recipients before the start of the Scholarship.

CLAUSE III ADMINISTRATION OF THE ONE-TIME ALLOWANCE

3.1 Subject to the availability of funds, the OSC shall finance up to 400 Scholarships in the form of One-time Allowances by paying to the GCUB the sum of up to USD 600,000.00 (six hundred thousand American dollars) (hereinafter referred as the “OSC Contribution”) to be deposited to the account specified in Article 3.6 below, as follows:

- a. The GCUB shall inform the OSC of the number of applicants from OSC Member States have been admitted to the scholarship programme as Scholarship Recipients by the 30th September 2024.
- b. The OSC shall disburse to the GCUB the funds corresponding to the number of Scholarship Recipients by 31st January 2025.

3.2 The GCUB shall be responsible for administering the OSC Contribution received pursuant to Article 3.1 above, as follows:

b.1. Each of the up to 400 Scholarship Recipients will receive USD 1,500 (one thousand five hundred US dollars) from the OSC as a One-time Allowance as per the requirements described in Annex 1.

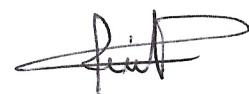
3.3 The Scholarship Recipients shall send to GCUB the required documentation to receive the One-Time Allowance within forty-five (45) days after enrollment at the corresponding Participating University.

3.4 The GCUB shall issue the payments to the Scholarship Recipients no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Scholarship Recipients’ information mentioned in Article 3.3 above. The GCUB shall keep a record of the bank transfers as well as of the dates on which the payments were made to Scholarship Recipients and include this information in the Financial Report mentioned in Article 3.1 above. The GCUB shall send a Financial Report to the OSC no later than seventy-five (75) days after the Scholarship Recipient’s enrollment at the corresponding Participating University. The Financial Report must include the name of the Scholarship Recipient and copy of the bank transfer receipts.

3.5 The GCUB shall transfer the One-Time Allowance to the Scholarship Recipients in Brazilian currency, based on the official exchange rate of the day in which the OSC transferred the corresponding deposits of the OSC Contribution to GCUB, minus all taxes and bank fees associated with the OSC transfer.

3.6 The OSC shall transfer its Contribution to the following bank account:

Banco do Brasil –Agency 3477-0



Checking Account 2727-8

IBAN: BR1700000000027270000325767C1

SWIFT: BRASBRRJBSA.

Address: SEPN 515 Bloco A Loja 183 Térreo, Asa Norte. Zip code: 70.770-501, Brasília-DF.

3.7 In the event that a Scholarship Recipient withdraws from the program of study before it commences, the GCUB shall award and redirect the One-time Allowance to an alternate Scholarship Recipient from an OSC Member State, in accordance with the criteria described in the final selection records of the Selection Committee. If there is no alternate Scholarship Recipient from an OSC Member State, the GCUB shall reimburse the OSC for any unused amount from the OSC Contribution no later than November 28th, 2025.

3.8 The OSC reserves the right to change the value of the OSC One-Time Allowance specified in Article 3.2 above, at any point, at its own discretion, and in accordance with the OSC budgetary availability.

3.9 Neither Party shall assume any liability for any costs or financial obligations incurred by the Scholarship Recipient that are not expressly stipulated in this S-MoU.

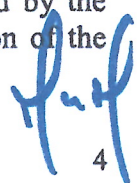
3.10 The GCUB shall expressly indicate in the Call for Applications (Annex 1) and the Acceptance Form that Scholarship Recipients shall be responsible for covering the costs of his/her airfare to and from the destination city in Brazil; additional living expenses not covered by the monthly Masters and Doctoral scholarship paid by the Participating University; visa issuance and renewal expenses; and international insurance with medical, laboratory and hospital coverage valid throughout the Brazilian territory, which shall include coverage of funeral repatriation. In addition, the Scholarship Recipient shall be responsible for academic service fees (certificates, academic transcript), graduation costs (diploma issuance), legalization of documents, visa processing and issuance, as well as for any additional cost and expenses incurred by the student that is not expressly contemplated in this S-MoU.

CLAUSE IV THE SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

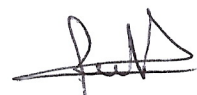
4.1 The GCUB shall be responsible for designating the members of the Advisory Evaluation Commission, as well as defining the place and dates of the meeting of the third phase of selection of candidates.

4.2 The OSC shall be invited, and be authorized, to participate in the Advisory Evaluation Commission through the nomination of a representative, with the status of observer and with the right to provide comment on the applications from OSC Member States.

4.3 The Selection Committee meeting shall be held virtually or in person as decided by the GCUB. The GCUB shall be fully responsible for all costs incurred in the organization of the Selection Committee meeting, regardless of the format.



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CLAUSE V OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES, CIVIL LIABILITY, AND AUDITS

5.1 The Parties shall promote the partnership between GCUB and the OSC in the context of the Scholarship through their respective websites and related databases, as well as in the press and other means of communication, with the prior written approval of the other Party.

5.2 The Parties assume full responsibility for the claims and damages directly and proximately caused by actions or omissions of their corresponding representatives, officials, employees, and contractors. If for any reason a third party should file a claim against one of the Parties in relation to the execution of this S-MoU, the responsible party shall be considered as the principal vis-à-vis the claimant and the sole party obligated to respond. The responsible party shall further be required to indemnify the other party for any damages it may suffer as a result of these claims, including court costs and attorney's fees.

5.3 All receipts, transfers, payments, and use of funds under this S-MoU are subject to internal and external OSC audits at any point. Therefore, GCUB shall keep all records of receipt, transfers, payments, and use of funds related to this S-MoU, as well as all supporting documentation, as determined by the OSC. Failure to do so on the part of GCUB can lead to early termination of this S-MoU by the OSC without any penalty. In addition, GCUB shall provide the OSC with its financial report and audited financial statements related to the OSC one-time allowance contribution for the period 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2025, no later than 30 June 2026.

CLAUSE VI COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATIONS

6.1 The OSC shall be represented by Under-Secretary-General for Research, Evaluation and Foresight (REEF), who shall be responsible for coordinating activities under this S-MoU within the OSC. Notifications and communications should be sent to the address and e-mail indicated below.

Email: REEF@OSC.INT

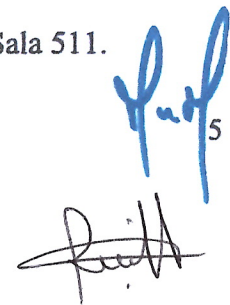
Copy: ERIC@OSC.INT and EOSG@OSC.INT

6.2 The person responsible for coordinating activities under this S-MoU within GCUB is the Executive Director and General Coordinator of the GCUB-Mob 2024 at GCUB, Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva. Notifications and communications should be addressed to the Coordinator.

Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva

Executive Director of GCUB

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6.3 All communications and notifications resulting from this S-MoU shall only be valid when sent by mail or e-mail and addressed to Under-Secretary-General for REEF and Director, External Relations and International Cooperation (ERIC)/Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) of the OSC and Executive Director of GCUB, at the addresses indicated in clauses 6.1 and 6.2 of this S-MoU. When forwarded by electronic mail, communications and notifications shall be valid provided they are made directly from the Coordinator's electronic address of one of the Parties to the other Coordinator's electronic address.

6.4 Either Party may change the responsible area, designated coordinator, address, or e-mail address indicated by notifying the other Party in advance in writing.

CLAUSE VII DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

7.1 Any dispute or complaint that may arise in connection with the application or interpretation of this S-MoU shall be settled amicably by direct negotiations between the Parties.

7.2 Nothing in or relating to the present S-MoU shall be deemed a waiver, expressed or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the Organisation of Southern Cooperation (OSC), including its subsidiary organs.

CLAUSE VIII ENTRY INTO FORCE

8.1 This S-MOU shall come into effect only upon signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

8.2 This S-MoU shall remain in force until November 28, 2025, unless terminated in accordance with Article 10.5.

8.3 The Parties may extend the validity of this S-MoU by mutual consent expressed in writing by their duly authorized representatives.

CLAUSE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 The Parties agree to observe the highest ethical standards and administrative transparency in all actions and activities related to this S-MoU.



9.2 Nothing in this S-MoU shall be interpreted as generating a joint venture, employment, commercial relations or subsidiary relationship of any kind between the OSC and the GCUB or between the OSC and the Scholarship Recipients.

9.3 GCUB may not use the OSC name, logo, images, or any other mark and name belonging to the OSC without prior written consent from an authorized representative.

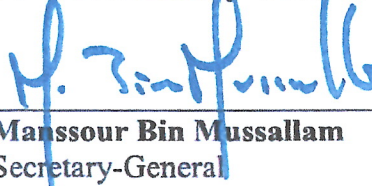
9.4 Modifications to this S-MoU may only be made by mutual agreement in writing by duly authorized representatives of the Parties. The instruments in which the modifications are set out shall be incorporated as annexes to this S-MoU and will become an integral part of it.

9.5 This S-MoU may be terminated by mutual consent or by either Party through a written notice from one to the other with at least thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding the termination of this S-MoU, the activities of this S-MoU that have been duly funded shall continue until their conclusion unless the Parties mutually decide otherwise.

9.6 Article 5.2 and Clauses VII and VIII shall survive the expiration or termination of this S-MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties sign this S-MoU in English, in duplicate on the date and at the place indicated below:

For The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Southern Cooperation (OSC)


Manssour Bin Mussallam
Secretary-General
Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Date: _____



For The International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities (GCUB):



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