

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The International Labour Organization, represented by the International Labour Office,  
executing the *Universitas* programme and  
University for Foreigners of Perugia**

The International Labour Organization, represented by International Labour Office, executing the *Universitas* programme (hereinafter *ILO/Universitas*);

and

Università Degli Stranieri di Perugia, represented by the Rector, Professor Stefania Giannini (hereinafter, *University for Foreigners of Perugia*)

Preamble:

### **1. ILO/*Universitas* Programme (Decent Work and Human Development)**

The ILO/*Universitas* Programme, commonly known as “**Decent Work through Training and Innovation**”, is an ILO partnership programme. ILO/*Universitas* is open to different partners, such as governments, employers’ and workers’ organizations, UN agencies, universities, research centres and other organizations that wish to join efforts to further the decent work agenda and the human development objectives set forth in the UN Millennium Development Goals.

ILO/*Universitas* supports educational initiatives with the aim of promoting Local Human Development and Decent Work. In particular, ILO/*Universitas* is developing an international inter-university programme in collaboration with an international network of universities, research institutes and various social actors in the involved countries. This programme will link interested university programmes from the South and the North for the development of common curricula and the implementation of joint research and teaching activities related to participatory local development, democratic governance and international co-operation.

### **2. University for Foreigners**

Founded in 1925, the University for Foreigners of Perugia is the oldest and most prestigious institution in Italy teaching the Italian language, art, culture, economic and production systems. In answer to its institutional mandate, the University attracted thousands of students and teachers from around the world and succeeded in establishing Italian teaching centres in many different countries in which Italy plays an important scientific and cultural role.

The current institutional responsibility of the University for Foreigners of Perugia is to contribute to the promotion of the Italian language and civilisation throughout the world and generate awareness of human and cultural diversities. Implementation of this mandate qualifies the University for Foreigners of Perugia as primary actor of a training project on an international level aimed at the creation of an authentic culture of solidarity.

The current Italian and worldwide context calls upon the University for Foreigners of Perugia to reaffirm its position of institutional uniqueness through two main objectives: first, in diffusing the Italian cultural identity through the promotion of linguistic knowledge; and second, in supporting commitment for international opening to Europe and to the rest of the world through the introduction and mobilization of Italian students and professors throughout various countries.

### **3. Purpose of the Partnership**

The main purpose of the partnership between ILO/*Universitas* and the University for Foreigners of Perugia is to provide academic support to the Italian Development Cooperation university network and to facilitate coordination and joint projects to be conducted with ILO/*Universitas* network partners on the activities described in Annex attached to this agreement.

Whereas

- The two parties recognize the importance of cooperation in order to further the shared objectives of creating knowledge and developing partnership towards the goals of decent work and human development for university cooperation programmes;
- Both parties intend to strengthen their cooperation through developing common activities to be included in the framework of the ILO/*Universitas* programme.

The parties therefore agree on the following:

#### **Article 1**

The cooperation between ILO/*Universitas* and University for Foreigners of Perugia will be directed towards the following activities:

- Development of a Higher Education training program for Disaster mitigation in Sri Lanka targeting universities, professionals and managers, tailor-made enterprises, public corporations, international organizations, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, which promote models of management and professionalism and are based on personal values and cooperative activities, by a network that includes the Italian University Network instituted within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy (Development Cooperation);
- Implementing the aforementioned initiatives to establish a global community of learning where resources from the ILO/*Universitas* programme, University of Foreigners of Perugia, and support network of Italian universities, will be joined to form a framework from which students can gain awareness and technical capacity on development cooperation and related topics;
- Collaborating throughout the partnership to promote youth skills development, increase youth employment and generate socioeconomic development and peace building initiatives in developing and post-conflict/crisis countries to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals;
- Promotion and implementation of research on issues of common interest and training for skills development for the youth.

#### **Article 2**

The ILO/*Universitas* with University for Foreigners of Perugia will jointly determine an action plan of activities as described in Article 1 and further detailed in the Annex to this agreement.

#### **Article 3**

A Consultative Committee will be established, composed of focal points identified within the ILO/*Universitas* programme, University for Foreigners of Perugia, and from the supporting network of Italian universities for the monitoring and evaluation of the activities mentioned in Article 1 and Annex.

**Article 4**

The agreement will take effect upon the signatures of both parties on this agreement and will have an initial duration of two years, to be extended by mutual agreement of both parties in writing. It may be terminated by either party if given thirty days notice in writing to the other party. The obligations assumed by the parties under this agreement shall survive the termination of the agreement to the extent necessary to permit the orderly conclusion of the specific activities in progress at the time of termination.

**Article 5**

Nothing in this agreement or relating thereto shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the International Labour Organization. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this agreement, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The arbitral award shall be accepted as final and binding on the parties.

This agreement is signed in two copies



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