

**CONTRACT OF COOPERATION
in “Economic Studies on Money, Finance, Trade and Development”**

BETWEEN

Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin (HTW) - University of Applied Sciences, Germany

AND

**Belarus State Economic University, Minsk/Belarus
UNICAMP, Campinas/Brazil
Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing/PR China
East China Normal University, Shanghai/PR China
Universidad de Chile, Santiago/Chile
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi/India
University of Jordan, Amman/Jordan
University of Mauritius, Reduit/Mauritius
University of Pretoria/South Africa
University of Dar Es Salaam Business School/Tanzania
Makerere University Business School, Kampala/Uganda**

The “Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin (HTW) - University of Applied Sciences”, Germany, offers this contract to the above mentioned partner universities. All partners wish to establish cooperative relations in an academic network and agree as follows. This agreement is endorsed and supported by the Virtual Institute of the United Nation Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION

Within the project, funded by the programme “Subject-related Partnerships with Higher Education Institutions in Developing Countries” of the “Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst”¹ (DAAD) and granted to HTW, the respective schools or departments/faculties of the partner universities intend to collaborate as a network, from 1st of January 2010 until end 2013. The themes of collaboration refer to *Economic Studies on Money, Finance, Trade and Development*. Within the scope of the project, cooperation in the field of graduate degree programmes is envisaged in order to learn from partners’ teaching experiences as well as conducting research on topics of common interest in the thematic field mentioned above.

The project comprises the following activities to which all partner universities will contribute. The project is subject to the DAAD regulation insofar DAAD funds are used.

¹ German Academic Exchange Service

The project targets at the following goals related to the thematic field of "Economic Studies of Money, Finance, Trade and Development".

- Give mutual support to the launch of new graduate programmes
- Produce cooperatively online teaching materials and teaching modules in order to use similar modules
- Promote student and staff exchanges
- Use blended learning techniques and promote new teaching didactics
- Organize 1 to 2 workshops annually either at HTW or at a partner university of the network, to work cooperatively on teaching material and/or related research
- Grant fellowships of 1-3 months duration at HTW or a partner university for visiting scholars, to generate teaching materials, case studies etc. or undertake joint research
- Promote short-term graduate teaching at partner universities in developing countries, including South-South cooperation
- Promote joint international publications, in particular in cooperation with UNCTAD Virtual Institute's online publications.

At the end of the cooperation period, tangible results are pursued, in particular the launch of several new graduate programmes, the production of key teaching modules of common interest and a number of joint publication of research.

All partner universities intend to contribute own funds to the project, such as providing accommodation for short-term visiting scholars or graduate students, paying for local travel expenses, use of university facilities, office rooms, own contributions to international travel expenses or similar.

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to facilitate timely and accurate communications between the partners. For HTW, the coordinators are Professor Dr. Sebastian Dullien and Prof. Dr. Jan Priewe.

For the purposes of this Contract of Cooperation and all addenda hereto encompassing specific programmes between the partners, it is understood and agreed that neither party shall be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law. This contract and all addenda shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party to the other or to a third party. In case of pending intellectual property rights issues, the partners commit themselves to agree on an addendum to this contract.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This contract shall come into effect by 1 January 2010 upon the signature of the partners and remain in force until 31 December 2013. If not all partners have signed by 1 January 2010, the contract comes into effect for those which have signed. All partners agree that the contract may be terminated unilaterally by a party giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other partners. If one partner from a developing country terminates the partnership, the cooperation among the other partners continues.

This agreement shall be signed by authorized individuals of the partner institutions. Authorized individuals are the President/Rector of the respective university (or their representatives) or the Dean of a School or Faculty, and additionally the Project Coordinator of the university. Same applies to amendments with the consent of all partners through a written addendum. Such addenda, once approved by all, will become part of this Contract of Cooperation. If one partner wishes a special bilateral agreement with HTW, this university and HTW can conclude a special contract or Memorandum of Agreement which may exclude parts of this contract or add other parts.

The Contract of Cooperation is written in English and signed on two (2) originals, one for HTW and one for the partner institution. Copies of the originals with the signatures of all partners will be sent by HTW to all signatories.

This agreement shall be effective upon signing by authorized individuals of the partners by 1 January 2010 for those partners that have signed. The Contract of Cooperation can be signed by an authorized person as mentioned above.

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Prof. Dr. Michael Heine
President of HTW Berlin



Date: 24.11.09

[Signature]
Prof. Dr. Sebastian Dullien, Project Coordinator

Date: 23-11-09

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Prof. Dr. Jan Prieue, Project Coordinator

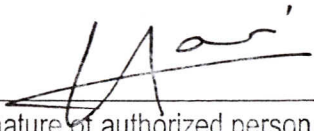
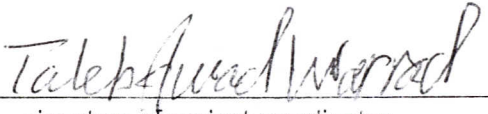
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Date

Herewith we agree to the Contract of Cooperation in "Economic Studies on Money, Finance, Trade and Development" from November ... 2009, offered by the President of HTW Berlin, Germany. The project coordinator from the side of my institution is

6 Dec. 2009	Hani Al-Dmour (prof)	
Date	Name, title/function Dean Faculty of Business	signature of authorized person, seal
6 December 2009		
Date	Name, title/function	signature of project coordinator