

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT
(IGAD)
AND THE
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(UNESCO)



The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (hereinafter referred to as IGAD), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNESCO),

Considering that IGAD has been established in order, *inter alia*, to give effect to the desire of its Member States for economic, political and social integration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Abuja Treaty establishing the African Economic Community to promote peace, stability and security in the region, to foster agricultural development and environmental protection, and to facilitate efforts in the region to ensure the integration of its Member States and people,

Considering that UNESCO was established for the purpose of advancing, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and the common welfare of humankind,

Desirous of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of the goals that are shared between them, in accordance with the Charter establishing IGAD and the Constitution of UNESCO,

Having regard to 174 EX/Decision 37, adopted by Executive Board of UNESCO at its 174th session,

Having regard to the decision taken in Nairobi, Kenya, on 21 March 1996 to revitalize the mandates of IGAD,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to provide a framework of cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the two parties.

Article 2 – Cooperation

1. UNESCO and IGAD shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for the purpose which is stipulated in Article 1.
2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of education, science and culture and concerning such similar tasks and activities as both organizations may pursue.

Article 3 – Consultation

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all matters mentioned in Article 2 which are of common interest.
2. When circumstances so require, both organizations shall hold special consultations in order to determine the most appropriate means of optimizing the effectiveness of their respective activities in fields of common interest.
3. IGAD shall inform UNESCO of any of its programme activities which may be of interest to the Member States of UNESCO. IGAD shall study any proposal submitted to it by UNESCO in such areas with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.
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Article 4 – Reciprocal representation

1. UNESCO may invite IGAD to attend as observer the General Conference of UNESCO and meetings of the Executive Board whenever matters of common interest are discussed.

2. IGAD may invite UNESCO to attend as observer the Summits of Heads of State and meetings of the Council of Ministers whenever matters of common interest are discussed.

3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement between the Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO to ensure the reciprocal representation of IGAD and UNESCO at other meetings convened under their respective auspices and which deal with matters of interest to the other organization.

Article 5 – Joint IGAD/UNESCO commissions

1. IGAD and UNESCO may refer to a joint commission any matter of common interest which may be deemed appropriate for reference thereto.

2. Any joint commission of this kind shall be composed of representatives appointed by both organizations, individually, the number to be appointed by each being determined by joint agreement.

3. The joint commission shall meet every two years and whenever deemed appropriate or necessary to both organizations. The reports of the joint commission shall be communicated to the Executive Secretary of IGAD and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 6 – Exchange of information and documents

Subject to such measures as may be necessary to protect the confidentiality of particular documents, UNESCO and IGAD shall exchange information and documents on all matters recognized by both organizations as being of common interest.

Article 7 – Execution of the Agreement

The Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO shall, for the purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as may prove desirable, in the light of experience.

Article 8 – Review and termination

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

Article 9 – Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon approval by the competent organs of both organizations and signature by the Executive Secretary of IGAD and the Director-General of UNESCO.

DONE AT Adis Ababa on 29-1-2007

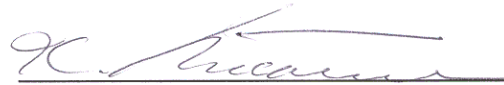
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