



Scientific and academic cooperation agreement

Between

University of Damascus in the Syrian Arab Republic

AND

Maiella National Park In the Italian Republic

The University of Damascus in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Maiella National Park Authority in Italy, (recognized among the "UNESCO Global Geoparks" on April 22, 2021) hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", on the basis of the mutual intent to develop and deepen the relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange between them, have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Object of the agreement

This Agreement aims to promote and develop scientific, academic, research cooperation and the exchange of expertise in areas of common interest, for the benefit of both Parties.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

Both Parties agree, within the available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- Exchange of experts, academics, researchers and young scientists for conferences and participation in scientific and practical training courses in fields of mutual interest such as: landscape architecture, environmental remediation, design and sustainability of national parks and gardens, treatment of surface water;
- Conduct research on the impact of environmental degradation, on the future of the natural landscape, plants and organisms;
- Conduct joint international research activities and hold scientific and methodological conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, training courses, meetings, scientific exhibitions and more, in areas agreed between the Parties;
- Exchange of publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest;
- Development and implementation of joint education and research programs and projects;

Implementation and development of joint research projects on which they agree and exchange relevant information through direct contact between the Maiella National Park and the following interested faculties and departments: Higher Institute of Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Faculty of Agriculture, with reference to the declaration of intellectual and literary property of this Scientific Research and its relationship with one of the two Parties.

Any other fields agreed between the Parties.

The University of Damascus receives researchers and members of the administrative staff of the Maiella National Park and facilitates their communication with Syrian government agencies regarding the issues of urban planning and natural landscape, environmental issues and the treatment of surface water.

Each Party expresses its willingness to conduct joint research in the field of landscape coordination architecture.

Article 3 Forms of implementation

Both Parties undertake to support the participants in the work program by providing the required information and structures and solving problems relating to organizational issues, to be carried out in accordance with the regulations in force in both countries.

For the purposes of the implementation of this Agreement, the two Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their interest and available resources, to determine the forms and details of implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.

Executive Programs are legally binding and subject to the terms agreed upon by both Parties.

Each Party designates a coordinator responsible for the implementation and follow-up of the planned work and informs the other Party thereof within a maximum period of three months from the date of entry into force of this Agreement. Each Party may change the coordinator's name by sending a formal note to the other Party.

The two Parties undertake to protect intellectual property rights in accordance with the national laws, rules and regulations in force in both countries and with the conventions in force between them.

Article 4: Financial Commitments

The Parties will specify the conditions for funding any specific activity mentioned in this Agreement according to the respective financial regulations of each Party.

Article 5: Confidentiality

The Parties undertake to respect the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data that are communicated, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party and each Party will treat

and respond to the information confidentially and will not disclose it to any third party without the prior authorization of the other party.

The parties shall comply with the provisions of this article even after the termination of this cooperation agreement.

Article 6: Disputes

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement will be resolved amicably through direct consultations and negotiations or through diplomatic channels.

Article 7: Final provisions

This Agreement enters into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which one Party notifies the other, through diplomatic channels, that the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force have been completed.

This Agreement is valid for a period of three years and may be renewed by agreement between the Parties, unless one of the Parties, at any time, notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate it for six months earlier than its expiration date.

Termination of this Agreement will not affect ongoing activities until they are completed.

Each of the Parties may amend, change or add any element or article of this Agreement by mutual agreement, to be entered into in writing. These changes, modifications and additions will come into force in the same way as set out in this article, and will be considered an integral part of it.

This Agreement does not give either Party the right to be an attorney or representative of the other Party and does not constitute either a joint venture partnership or an official activity between the Parties.

The performance of this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations in force in both countries.

This Agreement entered into and signed in Damascus on 6 / 12 / 2021, and in Italy on 02/12/ 2021 in two original versions in Arabic, Italian and English, each of which has equal authenticity, in case of discrepancy between the versions, will prevail the English text.

For the University of Damascus

President

Prof. Dr. Mhd. Yassar Abdin



For the Maiella National Park

President

Prof. Lucio Zazzara