



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE) Delft, The Netherlands

and

Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación, Montevideo, Uruguay

on

Research, Education, and Capacity Building Activities

The undersigned, representatives of The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE) and the Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (ANII)

considering that both UNESCO-IHE and ANII represent institutions that are dedicated to contribute to the improvement of knowledge and innovation,

considering that ANII is a Research and Innovation Governmental Agency with a mission to be a key player in the permanent construction of an equitable, democratic, and competitive society based on the knowledge and innovation as pillars of sustainable development through the implementation of public policies in research and innovation.

considering that UNESCO-IHE is an Institute for education, training and research with the mission to strengthen capacities of people and institutions in developing countries and countries in transition for the sustainable development of their water and environmental resources,

considering that UNESCO-IHE and ANII are already collaborating through the provision of shared financing for talented Uruguayan applicants admitted to a Master Program in Municipal Water and Infrastructure at UNESCO-IHE,

considering that this moment provides a unique opportunity to further explore the possibilities of an innovative and challenging partnership for water education and research,

desirous to advance the scientific and human resources development activities in Uruguay and in the Latin America region, by encouraging direct co-operation between both Partners in the fields of:

- Water.
- Environment, and
- Infrastructure

<u>agree</u> that the co-operation aims at establishing a formal institutional relationship between UNESCO-IHE and ANII to collaborate in research, education, and capacity building activities in the fields of water, environment, and infrastructure

<u>agree</u> to promote the formal co-operation between UNESCO-IHE and ANII by obtaining the necessary support for activities of the envisaged partnership.

<u>agree</u> that both Partners in a concerted effort will try to find moral and financial support for this co-operation from the national and international community,

Article 1: Implementation of joint activities

- 1.1 ANII and UNESCO-IHE will identify and implement opportunities for conducting joint educational activities, short courses, workshops, and seminars as a means of teaching and training of participants and as capacity building of the training staff;
- 1.2 ANII and UNESCO-IHE will identify opportunities for developing joint research activities

Article 2: Organisation

- 2.1 Both parties will nominate a representative responsible for the coordination of joint activities and the management of this Cooperation Agreement. These representatives will consult at least once every year and they will report the activities under this Cooperation Agreement to the management of both Parties.
- 2.2 This Cooperation Agreement will enter into force at the date of signing and has duration of five years. It will be evaluated in the fifth year on both effectiveness and efficiency and continued if both parties agree.
- 2.3 Each Party will meet any commitments to the other Party that are outstanding at the date of termination of this Cooperation Agreement.

Article 3: Settlement of disputes

3.1 The Partners shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the interpretation thereof.

This agreement is drawn up in two (2) copies, each being equally valid.

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