



AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND THE UNESCO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The International Association of Universities (hereinafter referred to as "IAU"), 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris, Cedex 15, France, represented by its Secretary General, Dr. Hilligje Van't Land,

and

The UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (hereinafter referred to as "**IESALC**"), Avenue Los Chorros with Acueducto Street, "Asovincar" building, Altos de Sebucán, Caracas 1010, Venezuela, represented by its Director, Dr. Francesc Pedró,

Bearing in mind the mission and objectives of UNESCO set forth in its Constitution and its role in promoting international cooperation;

Bearing in mind the Mission and Vision of the IAU set forth in its Constitution and in its four year strategic plan (2016-2020) aiming at advancing higher education at leadership level and globally in particular in the fields of internationalization, sustainable development and digitalization of higher education; **Considering that** both parties promote collaboration among higher education (HE) stakeholders by articulating the fundamental values and principles that underpin the pursuit, dissemination and application of knowledge (academic freedom, right to education, social responsibility locally and globally, equity in access and quality in higher education, among others);

Convinced that joint work by both institutions will redound in a value-added benefit to audiences they serve in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) as well as globally;

Taking into account the commitments shared by both parties towards the promotion of SDGs in HE by means of data collecting and analyzing for the later enrichment of debates and dialogues on Higher Education Sustainable Development (HESD) and, more globally, on improving higher education policies worldwide through the dissemination of evidence;

Agree as follows:

Article 1: IESALC shall collaborate with the IAU in the publication of regional reports drawing on IAU's global surveys;

Article 2: IESALC will work with IAU on the data collected in its surveys, so that IESALC may add a regional perspective focused on Latin America and the Caribbean in view of a series of joint publications in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese whenever possible;

Article 3: Any publication or disclosure that disseminates new findings or trends resulting from this privileged access to the data by IESALC will be duly credited as a result of the collaboration of both institutions, with express mention and accompaniment of the logos of both institutions;

Article 4: The scope of activities under this agreement shall be determined by the parties;

Article 5: Activities to be undertaken and representing an incursion of expenses for any or both parties will be discussed and agreed upon beforehand;

Article 6: The present agreement shall enter into force for a one-year period on the date of both signatures having been appended. It may be cancelled by either party subject to 30-day written notice in advance to the other party;

Article 7: In the event of a dispute, the parties shall make a good faith effort to settle amicably. In the event that an amicable settlement cannot be reached, any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be settled by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement, or failing this, and considering that IAU was also created under the auspices of UNESCO, by the UNESCO Director-General at the request of either party;

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement in two (2) copies in English, the two (2) copies being equally authoritative.

For IAU

For IESALC

Dr. Hilligje Van't Land,

Date: May 20, 2020

Dr. Francesc Pedró,

Date: May 20, 2020.