

**INTERINSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON HIGHER EDUCATION
BETWEEN
THE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY, IRELAND
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA**

I. PURPOSE

The Higher Education Authority, Ireland, and The Ministry of Education of the Plurinational State of Bolivia hereinafter referred to singularly as the “Party” and collectively as the “Parties” establish this agreement to facilitate exchanges between our academic institutions.

II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this agreement is to promote bilateral cooperation between institutions of higher education in the following areas:

- A. Exchange of students;
- B. Exchange of faculty and staff;
- C. Collaborative research projects;
- D. Exchange of information, library acquisition and publications;
- E. Special short-term programs for professional and academic groups;
- F. Promotion of lectures, research workshops, symposia, and other activities jointly developed by the universities.

III. SCOPE

This agreement may extend to any recognised academic field with the required qualifications at higher education institutions in either country, subject to the prior approval of the host entity, and within the scope of possibilities that each Party can offer.

IV. THE PARTIES AGREE TO DEVELOP A JOINT CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

1. To develop a joint academic co-operation agreement respecting the laws, regulations, procedures and policies of each state.
2. To promote co-operation and educational exchanges between the higher educational institutions and their research centres by establishing lines of work of mutual collaboration and exchange of experiences between the two parties, in postgraduate programmes and short term programmes; as well as events, seminars and other academic activities agreed, according to their skills and their capacities, which will benefit both Parties.
3. To generate processes of academic exchange and joint research between higher education institutions of both Parties in the areas of science and technology.

4. To facilitate the exchange of scientific and technological information and promote joint research in the fields that both Parties agree.

5. Exchange information on recognition of Higher Education degrees that are officially recognized by the education systems of each state, being for Ireland the Quality and Qualifications Ireland, and for Bolivia the Ministry of Education and the Bolivian University System represented by the Executive Committee of Bolivian Universities (CEUB).

6. Promote the exchange of students, academic staff, and ease the access to scholarships. Mutual co-operation and exchange of experiences, teachers and /or facilitators in different thematic areas that will be agreed between the parties.

7. Facilitate the exchange of literature, language courses and teaching methods which will benefit both parties.

8. This Agreement is signed for an indefinite period and shall enter into force on the date on which each Party has notified the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its compliance with the internal procedures required for the implementation thereof. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.

9. This Agreement, which both Parties agree is not a legally binding document, will remain in force until either Party notifies the other Party through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Signed at..... on this Day of.....in the year two thousand In two (2) originals; in Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**THE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY,
IRELAND**

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE
PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA**