



**UNIVERSITAT  
ROVIRA I VIRGILI**



**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The Rovira I Virgili University  
And  
The Addis Ababa Institute of Technology  
For  
Cooperation to Develop High Professional Competency  
And Conduct Research for Sustainable Development**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the March 19, 2015  
between:

**THE ROVIRA I VIRGILI UNIVERSITY**, hereafter referred to as **URV**,  
based in Tarragona (Spain), at c/Escorxador, s/n, 43003, CIF Q-9350003-A

**AND**

**THE ADDIS ABABA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**, a Engineering  
institute with five Schools and four Centers in Addis Ababa University, the  
leading and the largest University in Ethiopia, herein after referred to as  
**AAiT**, of the other part.

Both parts recognise their mutual legal capacity to take part in this act and

**STATE**

That, as universities committed to higher education, research and the  
promotion of culture, **URV** and **AAiT** wish to encourage educational

programmes and programmes of mobility for lecturers/professors and students between the respective institutions by means of exchange programmes, and to further mutual interests by cooperating on an equal and mutual-help basis.

Therefore, URV and AAIT have reached the following

## **AGREEMENTS**

### **Article 1: Object of the Cooperation**

The present agreement has the following objectives:

1. To draw up the general conditions of scientific and technical cooperation between both parties, who will join forces and coordinate activities with the aim of contributing to the development of research and education at all levels.
2. To encourage joint research projects which depend on common interests and available resources.
3. To encourage the creation, organization and coordination of academic and research activities.
4. To facilitate the exchange of lecturers/professors and students in accordance with international rules and the internal regulations of each University.
5. To encourage the joint organization of international congresses.
6. To encourage joint publications, cultural symposia and any other publication that may be of interest for both institutions.

### **Article 2: Cooperation Modalities**

The cooperation between both universities will take place in the areas of educational, research and student exchange frameworks. To this effect, both

parties agree to collaborate as far as they are able in all or some of the following proposals:

1. To receive teachers, researchers and students from the respective institutions.
2. To collaborate in scientific programmes and join international research programmes.
3. To exchange documentation or other informative activities in scientific and technical areas.

Both parts shall provide or look for the resources that are required to carry out these proposals.

### **Article 3: Organization of the Cooperation**

1. Each institution shall appoint a coordinator who will supervise and coordinate the activities.
2. Both parts shall make mutual consultations whenever it should be necessary.
3. At regular intervals, reports must be presented describing the projects that have been or are being carried out, as well as the plans for future projects.
4. The programmes, their duration and the modalities of cooperation, as well as the possibility of extending the fields of cooperation, will be determined by means of specific agreements, which will be annexed to the framework agreement.

### **Article 4: Validity of the Agreement**

1. The agreement will come into force as from the date of signature by the two parts.

2. The agreement will be reviewed every three years and shall remain in force until one or both of the parts formally recommend that it be modified or interrupted, in which case the work that is underway at that moment must be completed. The renewal will be automatic if neither of the parts announces its rescission six months in advance. The agreement can be modified if both parts agree to do so.
3. The parties may modify this Memorandum by mutual agreement. A party wishing to make a proposal for modification of the Memorandum shall do so in writing to the other party no less than ninety days prior to the effective date proposed for such modification.
4. Either party may terminate this Memorandum for what it considers to be a just cause at any time upon six months prior notification in writing to the other party. In the event of such termination by either party, such terminating party will be required to satisfactorily discharge any liabilities that it has incurred up to the date of termination. Such termination may be taken only after due consultation with the other party in an effort to minimize potential inconvenience to the other party and should not have an effect on activities in progress under the existing Memorandum.
5. This Memorandum is not intended to be a legally binding document; rather, it is meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of the parties, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation.
6. As proof of conformity, the representatives of the Rovira I Virgili University and the Addis Ababa University sign this document in duplicate, with copies in Catalan and in English, respectively. As witness to their consent this MOU, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures:

For the Rovira I Virgili University:

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ROVIRA I VIRGILI  
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**Dr. Josep Anton Ferre Vidal,**  
Rector

for and on behalf of the **ROVIRA I  
VIRGILI UNIVERSITY**, in the  
presence of:

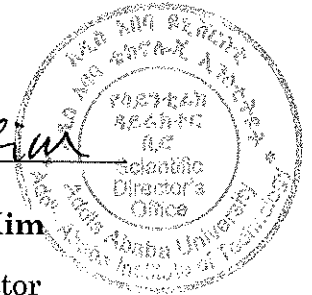
For Addis Ababa Institute of

Technology:



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**Prof. Young Kim**  
Scientific Director

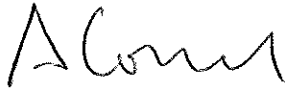


for and on behalf of the **ADDIS  
ABABA INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY**, in the presence of:

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have hereunder set their hands  
the day and year first herein above written:

1. **Prof. Alberto Coronas**, Professor of  
Thermal Engineering

Universitat Rovira I Virgili,  
Department of Mechanical  
Engineering



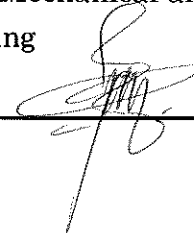
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1. **Dr. Berhanu Demessie**, Deputy  
Scientific Director of AAiT



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2. **Dr. Daniel Tilahun**, Dean of the  
School of Mechanical and Industrial  
Engineering



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