

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A FOCUSED PARTNERSHIP**

### **BETWEEN**

**UNIVERSITÄT SIEGEN, represented by its Rektor Univ.-Prof. Dr. Holger Burckhart,  
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### **AND**

**UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, represented by its Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Felix Ankomah  
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Whereas the partner institutions seek to establish a Focused Partnership leading towards an enhanced form of international cooperation.

1. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership is made and entered into by the Universität Siegen (hereinafter US), Germany, in furtherance of their mutual interests in education, research and scholarship and University of Ghana (hereinafter UG), a Public Higher Education Institution established by an Act of Parliament, University of Ghana Act 2010 (Act 806). Legon Boundary Road, P.O. Box LG 25, Legon- Accra, Ghana.
2. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership is to establish a framework of enhanced collaboration and excellence within which the cooperation may develop and intensify further between the two institutions, within the context of applicable policies and subject to the availability of resources offered by Universität Siegen and University of Ghana. The Focused Partnership may include such matters as:
  - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students for study and research;
  - Exchange of PhD students, early career researchers as well as advanced researchers;
  - Exchange of faculty members for research, teaching and discussions;
  - Exchange of non-academic staff for training and educational experiences;
  - Joint research proposals, research cooperation and publications;
  - Joint organization of lectures, seminars, conferences and academic meetings;
  - Joint quality assurance and benchmarking; and
  - All other relevant activities of mutual interest for the Focused Partnership.
3. The terms and conditions under which a specific program or activity shall be undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these, will be mutually agreed upon in writing by both institutions before initiation of the particular program or activity. Within the framework of this MoU and resulting in any cooperation, the contracting parties shall comply with the applicable and relevant provisions of foreign trade law in particular export control laws and regulations. If information, results, technology, software and/or goods are subject to legal or contractual export control licensing regulations or prohibitions, they are not allowed to be transferred without permission. The Partners undertake to provide all the information and documents necessary for export or shipment. Each Party must, when passing on its performances (including technical support of any kind) within the


framework of this Agreement to third parties, including affiliated companies, either in Germany or abroad, comply with the currently applicable provisions of national and international (re)export control law.

- 3.1 Such agreement(s), once signed by authorized signatories on behalf of the participating institutions, will be incorporated as a Schedule(s) to this Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between UG and US.
4. Both institutions shall designate a liaison for this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership and for any subordinate agreements under this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership. The Ambassador of this agreement at University of Ghana shall be Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Development), and at Universität Siegen, the Senior Advisor shall be Professor Florian Heesch.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership shall be in effect from the latest date of signature until December 2024. It may be renewed or extended by mutual consent of the participating institutions. Such amendments, once signed by authorized signatories, will become part of this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership.
6. Either participating party may withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing to the other participating party.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding for a Focused Partnership may be terminated without penalty by mutual agreement in writing by and between the participating institutions, signed by an authorized representative of each institution.
8. The Parties agree to make every effort to ensure that the global COVID-19 health crisis, whose direct and indirect effects are still unknown, will disrupt the performance of the MoU as little as possible. However, if the implementation of the MoU becomes excessively difficult, expensive or dangerous, in particular when the difficulties are inherent to this global COVID-19 health crisis, the Parties will meet in order to propose appropriate measures to ensure the performance of the MoU. The Parties may decide to modify, suspend, extend or terminate the MoU whenever either Party or both Parties deem it necessary, given prevailing circumstances.
9. Any ancillary arrangements, modifications and amendments shall require written form in order to become effective. This shall also apply to the waiver of the written form requirement.

If any provision of the present agreement is or becomes invalid, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. The Parties shall replace the invalid provision by another regulation, which shall be in line with the meaning and purpose of the initial provision. The same shall apply in case of any contractual gap in the present MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative(s) of UG and US have executed (2) copies of this MoU.

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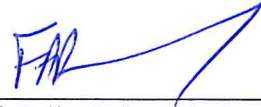


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Date: 15 09 2022

University of Ghana



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Innovation and Development)**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2022