

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BETWEEN CONECTAS HUMAN RIGHTS AND

## O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY JINDAL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

In recognition of the common interests shared by ASSOCIAÇÃO DIREITOS HUMANOS EM REDE (hereinafter "CONECTAS HUMAN RIGHTS" or "CONECTAS") and the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies at O.P. Jindal Global University's Jindal School of International Affairs (hereinafter "JSIA-CALACS"), both institutions agree to further develop the relationship recognised by the Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation signed by the two parties. . The objective of the agreement is to establish, maintain and enhance research and cultural interaction between the two entities.

This Implementation Plan serves to outline the activities which will be developed by the two partners in the year of 2017. The parties may enter into new implementation plans depending on their intention to collaborate in future exchanges.

The terms of this Implementation Plan consist of the following:

### **SECTION I: Research**

- A. Pursuant to the Research Grant Application (Annex I) submitted by JSIA-CALACS to the O.P. Jindal Global University, the two institutions have agreed to jointly develop the research project entitled "BRICS Sustainability Index". In accordance with the above-mentioned proposal, the research aims to provide guideline and recommendations to the BRICS-led New Development Bank (NDB) to enhance its process of project selection, design and implementation by (i) defining 'sustainable infrastructure' and the precise criteria against which NDB projects could be judged for selection; (ii) consolidating these criteria into a framework (composite index) for measuring the actual sustainability of NDB projects, both in terms of processes employed and outcomes achieved. The research will also outline a partnership framework with academia and civil society organizations (CSOs) for monitoring NDB projects and incentives for borrowing governments to submit sustainable projects.
  - B. The Research Grant Application (Annex I) will guide the development of the research project and forms an integral part of this Agreement for all the purposes. The parties hereby consent with the activities specified in the Research Grant Application, as well as with the timeframe outlined thereof.
  - C. The Parties may develop further work plans for the elaboration of the research.
1. **Fellowship, Internship and Exchange**
    - a. JSIA-CALACS shall be entitled to send one student to CONECTAS in order to work as an intern for the Business and Human Rights Program. CONECTAS shall be entitled to send one researcher to JSIA-CALACS as a senior international associate (visiting fellow) at the Center for African, Latin American and the Caribbean Studies (CALACS).

- b. The home institution shall be responsible for preliminarily screening and selecting students and researchers for this program, and for ascertaining that each participating student has basic knowledge in the language of instruction at the host institution and likely to benefit from a particular course of study. Each party reserve the right to approve the candidates proposed for the exchange by the other party.
- c. The parties will agree on the dates and duration of the exchange of students, researchers and faculty.

## **2. Costs and Administration**

- a. The costs for the full achievement of this Implementation Plan will be borne by each institution in accordance with the Research Grant Application (Annex I) and, more specifically, Section V ("Budget").
- b. The institutions agree to cooperate in raising additional funds as necessary for the full achievement of the objectives of this Agreement. The partners commit to communicate with each other regarding funding opportunities and to always act transparently and in good faith.
- c. Costs associated with travel, accommodation (room and board), course materials, health insurance, living expenses and other incidental expenses of exchange students and researchers will be covered pursuant to the Research Grant Application (Annex I). All expenses not specified therein shall be borne by the exchange students and researchers.
- d. JSIA-CALACS and Conectas certify that it has obtained, or will obtain prior to the commencement of the activities of the research, all the necessary authorizations, clearances and endorsements from the relevant authorities and that the funds will be readily available for covering the expenses of the research project.
- e. Prior to the term of exchange, each institution shall provide incoming exchange students and researchers with an estimate of the expenses to be expected during the period of attendance at the host institution.
- f. Each institution shall coordinate the visa paperwork necessary for participating exchange students, researchers and accompanying dependents, if applicable. Exchange students and researchers are responsible for paying the costs of visas for themselves and for any dependents.
- g. Each institution shall undertake to assist the exchange students and researchers in locating suitable accommodation.
- h. Both institutions commit to issue certificates for the students and researchers specifying the amount of hours dedicated to the work carried out during the exchange program.
- i. Exchange students and researchers will have the same access to the host institutions' facilities, academic advisors, student and staff support services as regular students and researchers.
- j. Obligations under this agreement pertain to the direct participants in the program of exchange. Neither institution shall be responsible for expenses incurred by spouses and families of exchange students and researchers.

## **SECTION II: Workshop, Conferences and Faculty**

- A. Both institutions will promote opportunities for collaborative research projects and joint publications, to include research visits as necessary.
- B. CONECTAS and JSIA-CALACS will jointly plan one or more workshops on the topic of the research project.
- C. Details concerning the exact timing, location and funding for the workshops will be mutually agreed upon in advance.
- D. CONECTAS and JSIA-CALACS agree to promote the successful realisation of this and future joint conferences.
- E. In the future, JSIA-CALACS may invite CONECTAS professors and researchers to teach at JSIA-CALACS and CONECTAS may invite JSIA-CALACS professors to teach short-term courses to CONECTAS staff.

## **SECTION III: Duration and Amendment of Agreement**

This Agreement shall be in force and be binding upon the parties hereto for a period of eight (8) months from the date of this Agreement and is renewable. This Agreement may be amended prior to the expiration of the foregoing period only by mutual consent. Either party may terminate this Agreement with 90 (ninety) days advance notice. This agreement will be interpreted and implemented in accordance with the rules and regulations of both CONECTAS and JSIA-CALACS.

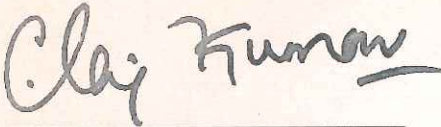
**SECTION IV: Equal Opportunity**

Both institutions subscribe to the principles of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion or national origin. Both institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this Agreement and neither institution shall impose criteria onto the exchange of students which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both parties do hereby sign this Agreement in duplicate.

**On behalf of  
O.P. Jindal Global University**

**On behalf of  
Conectas Human Rights**



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