

# Memorandum of Understanding

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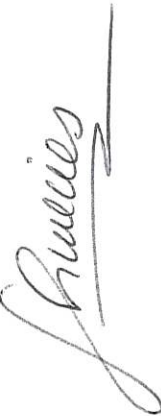
**College of Health Sciences, Benue State University, Makurdi,  
Nigeria**

and

**Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine,  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Spain**

This agreement is made this 31 day of MARCH between College of Health Sciences (CHS), Benue State University (BSU), Makurdi, Nigeria, a public institution of higher education located on Gboko highway, Makurdi metropolis in North Central Nigeria State of Benue (hereinafter BSU) and Department of Psychiatry and Forensic Medicine (DPFM), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), a European university located in Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain (hereinafter UAB).

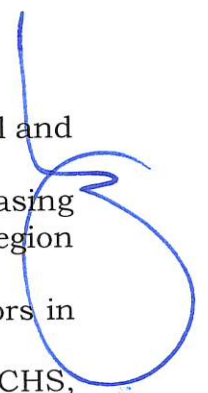
In further development of earlier established research collaboration between two academics/researcher of both Institutions (Prof. Efosa Kenneth Oghagbon, CHS, BSU and Prof. Lydia Gimenez-Llort, DPFM, UAB), this memorandum seeks to deepen mutual interest and cooperation. Hence both Units of the respective Universities; BSU and UAB, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote commons areas of research interest, joint educational and cultural collaboration. They therefore agree as follows:



## ARTICLE 1: SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

1.1 Areas of collaboration include, but are not limited to:

- Undertake further research works in dementia and associated clinical and public health risk factors;
- Evaluate the psychosocial and mental health implications of increasing population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Middle-Belt region of Nigeria;
- Joint cooperation in postgraduate training of CHS, BSU medical doctors in Psychology, Forensic Psychiatry and Neuroscience in DPFM, UAB;
- Exchange of faculty, scholars, and postgraduate students between CHS, BSU and DPFM, UAB;



1.2 All activities shall be subject to the availability of funds and the approval of each institution's authorized representatives.

## **ARTICLE 2: Duration and Evaluation**

2.1 This MOU shall be in effect for a period of 5 years from the last date of signature. Either party may request termination of this agreement, in writing, ninety (90) days prior to the proposed termination date. Any activities in progress at the time of termination shall be permitted to continue and conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed in writing.

2.2 A joint evaluation of the MOU will be initiated by the designated representatives six (6) months prior to the expiration date. Following the evaluation, the MOU may be renewed and resigned for an additional five (5) year or for a period mutually agreed by both parties.

## **ARTICLE 3: AMENDMENT**

Amendments to this MOU may be requested, in writing, by either party and approved by the authorised signatories.

## **ARTICLE 4: Non-Discrimination**

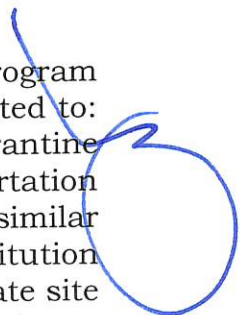
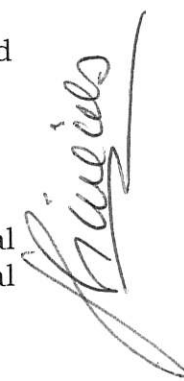
The parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap, political affiliation, physical and mental disability or socioeconomic status.

## **ARTICLE 5: Force Majeure**

In the event exchange students or faculty are unable to complete agreed program due to causes beyond the control of both parties, including, but not limited to: acts of God; war; acts of the government; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes, labor disputes or work stoppages; transportation contingency; and freight embargoes; other catastrophes or any similar occurrences beyond the respective party's reasonable control, the institution concerned will assist the affected students or faculty in finding an alternate site to complete the program or relocate to country of origin.

## **ARTICLE 6: Data Protection**

The Parties acknowledge that information (if any) received from either Party regarding students/faculty shall be protected in accordance with national data protection laws. Both Parties agrees to use such information only for the purpose



for which it was disclosed and not to make it available to any third party without first obtaining the Student's / faculty's written consent.

### **ARTICLE 7: Use of Name**

None of the Parties shall use the name, logo, likeness, trademarks, image or other intellectual property of either of the other Parties for any advertising, marketing, endorsement or any other purposes without the specific prior written consent of an authorised representative of the other party as to each of such use.

### **ARTICLE 8: Severability**

The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and if any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

### **ARTICLE 9: Assignment**

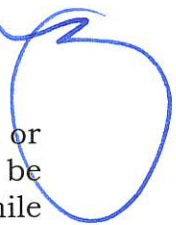
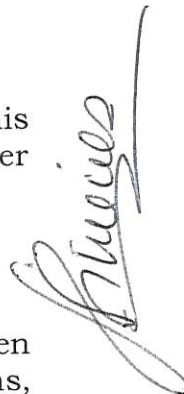
No party may assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations under this Agreement to any person or entity without the prior written consent of the other parties. Any assignment in violation of this provision is null and void.

### **ARTICLE 10: Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and undertakings of every kind and nature between them, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement may subsequently be modified only by a written document executed by both parties.

### **ARTICLE 11: Notices**

Any consent, waiver, notice, demand, request or other instrument required or permitted to be given under this Agreement or any related agreements shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent prepaid telex, cable or facsimile transmission, or sent, postage prepaid, by registered, certified or express mail or reputable overnight courier service and shall be deemed given when so delivered by hand, telexed, cabled or transmitted, or if mailed, five (5) days after the notice is delivered to the courier service, addressed to the addresses set forth herein, or to such other address as may later be specified in writing by either party.



Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
Departament de Psicologia  
i de Mètodes Legals

For **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain**

ANTONI BULBENA VILARRASA  
Head of Department

Date: 31/MARCH/2022

**In the Presence of:**

Name: ANTONI BULBENA VILARRASA

Designation: Head of Department

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 31/MARCH-2022

**In the Presence of:**

Name: Lydia Gimenez-Llort

Designation: Professor of Psychiatry

Signature: *Llort*

Date: 31/MARCH/2022

For **Benue State University, Makurdi, University**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-Chancellor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Presence of:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Presence of:**

Name: Efosa Oghagbon

Designation: Professor of Chemical Pathology

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_