



OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

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between

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI BERGAMO
(Bergamo, Italy)

and

WOLAITA SODO UNIVERSITY
(Sodo, Wolaita, Ethiopia)

WUB-IB PROJECT 2

INTRODUCTION

Given that:

- The Wolaita Sodo University (WSU) has among its core values the "internationality" and intends to link to the international network of universities and to support international links of economy;
- The University of Bergamo (UNIBG) has also been promoting increasing internationalization of its activities and strengthening relationships with the international environment;
- WSU and UNIBG collaborated in the recent past (2010-2013) in research activities and in one joint research project in the field of rural finance and jointly published articles on international journals;
- WSU and UNIBG signed on April 3-2015 a Framework Agreement foreseeing the promotion of cooperation in the fields of teaching and research between the two Universities,
- Art. 1 of the aforementioned Framework Agreement FA ("Object of the agreement") foresees, among other activities, the "Exchanges of students for the attendance of courses, internships, specializations or other educational activities".
- The first WUB-IB PROJECT has been successfully implemented in April 2016.

the following **Operational Agreement (OA)** is meant to regulate a second implementing activity denominated

"WSU-UNIBG students ice-breaking" (WUB-IB 2).

OBJECTIVE OF THE OA

WUB-IB 2 is considered a trial activity aimed at introducing students, professors and instructors from WSU and from UNIBG to each other and to create occasions of exchange knowledge and experiences between the two universities.

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE OA

Shared knowledge and exposure to international experiences for WSU and UNIBG students
Reinforced relationships between WSU and UNIBG.
Experience to be used in the future to organize the same or other projects.

The activity will be conceived as follows:

- a maximum of 15 students and instructors/professors of WSU (graduate programs) will visit Bergamo for a maximum of 15 days in Spring 2017 (tentative dates are February 18–25). Dates may be slightly changed due to flight availability at reasonable fares);
- WSU participants have different backgrounds and will be interested in meeting with UNIBG students with similar study and research interests, relevant professors and instructors;
- WSU participants can sit in some ongoing classes at UNIBG, agreed upon with UNIBG professors. Up to a total of 10 hours attendance for each student is foreseen;
- WSU and UNIBG students may prepare a presentation on a specific topic to be given in class to show common and specific traits in Italian and Ethiopian approaches to topics related to their research interests;
- The WSU accompanying instructors/professor(s) may also give one or more lectures/seminars to students/faculty if agreed upon the counterparty professors/instructors of a similar subject
- WSU will also visit other Actors in Bergamo area, related to the areas of interest (public administration offices, private sector companies, banks, schools, or others). UNIBG students who are interested can join the group provided that the total number of students in each visit is reasonable.

TIME SCHEDULE

Time schedule could be as follows (weekdays in brackets are indicative):

Day 1 (SAT): Arrival in Milan and transfer to Bergamo

Day 2 (SUN): Introductory visit to Bergamo area by UNIBG.

Day 3 (MON): Morning: Official Welcome and introductory meeting at UNIBG.

Afternoon: Students are introduced to their reference Department and start academic activities*

Day 4 (TUE): Morning / afternoon: students' academic activities

Day 5 (WED): Visit to Bergamo actors in the community

Day 6 (THU): Morning: students' academic activities. Eventual lecture(s)/seminar(s) by WSU professor(s)

Day 7 (FRI): Morning: students' academic activities. WSU-UNIBG representatives will meet for briefing on the activities.

Afternoon: final plenary meeting among all participants.

Day 8 (SAT): Free time and visit surroundings of Bergamo/Lombardia. Transfer to the Airport

*STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: students will follow classes on a variable schedule (including students' presentations activities); students will meet with counterparty students and have interviews with professors and lecturers. The mix of activities will be fine tuned given the interests of the selected students. Instructors/accompanying professors may sit in class with students or meet with UNIBG counterparts.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

WSU will:

- Take care of the organization of the visit by corresponding with UNIBG and coordinating the logistic details related to participants travel and board and lodging in Bergamo.



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- Contribute to the program through a lecture given by the accompanying professors/instructors if deemed interesting by the counterparty in the organizational phase.
- Collaborate with UNIBG in the ongoing phase to assure the best outcome of the activity
- Follow WSU participants in their process of acquiring information and report writing.
- Look for potential scholarships or other kinds of funding for WSU students/participants to cover part or all of the costs of the initiative. In this respect, WSU will directly correspond with the Italian NGO GMA (Gruppo Missioni Africa) for the contribution by GMA of Euro 3 000 as a partial sponsorship and for the related administrative formalities.

UNIBG will:

- Welcome WSU delegation at UNIBG the first day (day 3 in time schedule) (undertaken by representatives of UNIBG Top Management)
- Collaborate with WSU in the organization of the repartition of WSU students in the different Departments (undertaken by Heads of Respective Departments)
- Inform and involve the relevant instructors and professors on the different actions foreseen (undertaken by Department Heads)
- Collaborate with WSU in the ongoing phase to assure the best outcome of the activity
- Organize on-site visits in Bergamo for WSU participants (and UNIBG students willing to participate).
- Participate into the final plenary meeting (undertaken by representatives of UNIBG Top Management, each Departments, and students).
- Look for potential opportunities to offer board and lodging to participants at favourable conditions

WSU STUDENTS will

- Pay for their own expenses (travel+lodging+food+medical care), unless scholarships/contributions are found for WSU students' covering all costs or part of them or if WSU secures full or partial coverage.
- Prepare a presentation for UNIBG students, according to what described above.
- Prepare a preliminary draft document on their study and research interests, execute the activities foreseen during the visit to Bergamo according to UNIBG/WSU directions, and write a final report

UNIBG STUDENTS will

- Interact with WSU students and help them integrating in UNIBG
- Prepare a presentation for WSU students according to what described above.
- Participate to field visits if interested at their own expenses

LOGISTIC DETAILS

Travel: local transportation will be based on public transportation

Lodging: WSU students will be lodged in a Hotel/Hostel in BergamoTown at their own/WSU costs, unless other more favourable options are found by UNIBG

Board: WSU/WSU participants will provide for their own board. If WSU participants eat at UNIBG canteen they will pay the related cost, unless special conditions can be offered by UNIBG.

INSURANCE AND OTHER SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Art. 6 and 7 of the FA apply for Insurance issues and other specific provisions.

For any other all issues not mentioned in the present agreement, please refer to FA.



PLAN OF ACTIVITIES – UNIBG AT WSU

The activity will be conceived as follows:

- a maximum of 15 students/professors of UNIBG (graduate programs) will visit Sodo for a maximum of 15 days in Spring 2017 (tentative dates are April 1– April 11). Dates may be slightly changed due to flight availability at reasonable fares);
- UNIBG students have different backgrounds and will be interested in meeting with WSU students with similar study and research interests, relevant professors and instructors;
- UNIBG students can sit in some ongoing classes at WSU, agreed upon with WSU professors. Up to a total of 10 hours attendance for each student is foreseen;
- UNIBG and WSU students may prepare a presentation on a specific topic to be given in class to show common and specific traits in Italian and Ethiopian approaches to topics related to their research interests;
- The UNIBG accompanying professor(s) may also give one or more lectures/seminars to students/Faculty if agreed upon the counterparty professors/instructors of a similar subject
- UNIBG will also visit other Actors in Sodo area, related to the areas of interest (public administration offices, private sector companies, banks, microfinance intermediaries, local NGOs, schools, or others). WSU students who are interested can join the group provided that the total number of students in each visit is reasonable.

TIME SCHEDULE

Time schedule could be as follows (weekdays in brackets are indicative):

Day 1 (SAT): Arrival in Addis and transfer to Sodo

Day 2 (SUN): Introductory visit to Sodo area by UNIBG.

Day 3 (MON): Morning: Official Welcome and introductory meeting at WSU.

Afternoon: Students are introduced to their reference College and start academic activities*

Day 4 (TUE): Morning / afternoon: students' academic activities

Day 5 (WED): Visit to Sodo actors in the community

Day 6 (THU): Morning: students' academic activities. Eventual lecture(s)/seminar(s) by UNIBG professor(s)

Afternoon: students' academic activities.

Day 7 (FRI): Morning: students' academic activities. WSU-UNIBG representatives will meet for briefing on the activities.

Afternoon: final plenary meeting among all participants.

Day 8-9 (SAT SUN): Free time and visit to rural areas

Day 10 (MON): Departure for Addis Ababa / Italy

*STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: students will follow classes on a variable schedule (including students' presentations activities); students will meet with counterparty students and have interviews with professors and lecturers. The mix of activities will be fine tuned given the interests of the selected students. Accompanying professors may sit in class with students or meet with WSU counterparts.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

UNIBG will:

- Take care of the organization of the visit by corresponding with WSU and coordinating the logistic details related to students' travel and board and lodging in Sodo.



- Organize on-site visits in Sodo for UNIBG (and WSU students willing to participate). If these visits request transportation, UNIBG will host WSU students up to the number of seats available in the car/minivan.
- Contribute to the program through lectures given by the accompanying professors if deemed interesting by the counterparty in the organizational phase.
- Collaborate with WSU in the ongoing phase to assure the best outcome of the activity.
- Look for potential scholarships in Italy for UNIBG students to cover part of the costs of the initiative.
- Follow UNIBG students in their process of acquiring information and report writing.

WSU will:

- Welcome UNIBG delegation at WSU the first day (day 3 in time schedule) (undertaken by representatives of WSU Top Management)
- Collaborate with UNIBG in the organization of the repartition of UNIBG students in the different Colleges (undertaken by Deans of Respective Colleges or Schools)
- Inform and involve the relevant instructors and professors on the different actions foreseen (undertaken by Department Heads)
- Collaborate with UNIBG in the ongoing phase to assure the best outcome of the activity
- Participate into the final plenary meeting (undertaken by representatives of WSU Top Management, each Colleges, Schools and Departments, and students).

UNIBG STUDENTS will

- Pay for their own expenses (travel+lodging+food+medical care), unless scholarships in Italy are found for UNIBG students' covering part of these costs.
- Prepare a presentation for WSU students, according to what described above.
- Prepare a preliminary draft document on their study and research interests, execute the activities foreseen during the visit to Sodo according to WSU/UNIBG directions, and write a final report.

WSU STUDENTS will

- Interact with UNIBG students and help them integrating in WSU
- Prepare a presentation for UNIBG students according to what described above.
- Participate to field visits if interested at their own expenses (unless WSU covers their costs)

LOGISTIC DETAILS

Travel: UNIBG will organize local transportation for UNIBG students by hiring local cars/buses.





Lodging: UNIBG students will be lodged in a Hotel in Sodo Town.

Board: UNIBG will take care of giving students directions on where to eat. If UNIBG students eat at WSU canteen they will pay the related cost.

INSURANCE AND OTHER SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Art. 6 and 7 of the FA apply for Insurance issues and other specific provisions.

For any other all issues not mentioned in the present agreement, please refer to FA.

<p>For the Wolaita Sodo University</p>  <p>The president Dr. Senbetie Toma Date</p> 	<p>For Università degli Studi di Bergamo</p> <p>The Chancellor Prof. Remo Zangheri (Allegriani) Date</p>  
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