

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION
AND
THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The Argentine Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation and the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

WISHING to further develop and reinforce the exchange and the cooperation between the two countries in the fields of science and technology,

DESIROUS of strengthening the relations between the two countries, in accordance with their capabilities and common interests and subject to their respective laws and regulations, and cooperating on equal terms,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

1. Areas of Interest

1.1. The Parties will cooperate to strengthen the collaboration in science and technology, particularly by encouraging and facilitating mobility and other areas of mutual priority.

1.2. The Parties may jointly agree to identify new areas for joint activities in fields other than those mentioned in this section.

1.3. In addition, the Parties may jointly explore forms of multilateral cooperation with a view to exchanging views on multilateral processes in the area of science and technology.

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2. Mechanisms and Institutions

2.1. The Parties shall seek to stimulate and facilitate closer links among their research institutions and relevant agencies.

2.2. Each Party shall encourage the establishment of partnerships and networks through their higher education institutions, research centres and agencies considered relevant for the expansion of scientific and academic co-operation in different areas of knowledge, respecting national laws and regulations regarding those activities.

2.3. The Parties may establish joint Working Groups to examine specific aspects of their bilateral co-operation, particularly with a view to improving exchange and cooperation in the fields of science and technology.

2.4. Costs for the cooperative activities under this Memorandum shall be borne as may be mutually agreed.

3. Follow up

3.1. The parties, represented by the Argentine Ministry of Science and Technology and the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, shall meet at mutually agreed times to review activities completed in the previous period and suggest further activities, which may include:

- a) Exchange and development opportunities for researchers, students and university staff
- b) Joint organisation of appropriate seminars and events
- c) Exchange of information on research systems and policies.

4. Final Clauses

4.1 The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

4.2 This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall continue in force thereafter unless, twelve months before the expiry of the initial period or subsequent period or periods, either Party notifies the other Party, in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the cooperative activities undertaken or under execution within its framework and

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not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Buenos Aires in three originals written in Spanish, English and Norwegian languages, on the day of 28 March 2008, all three texts being equally authentic, but in case of doubt the English text shall prevail.

On behalf of the Argentine
Ministry of Science, Technology
and Productive Innovation



José Lino Barañao
Minister

On behalf of the Norwegian
Ministry of Education and
Research



Tora Aasland
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