

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY
AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

The Organization of African Unity and
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

RECALLING that the Organization of African Unity was established with the purpose, among others, of co-ordinating and intensifying the co-operation and efforts of independent African States in order to achieve a better life for, and to promote the Unity and Solidarity of the peoples of Africa in accordance with the provisions of its Charter,

RECALLING also that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was set up for the achievement, through the co-operation of the nations of the world in the educational, scientific and cultural fields of the aims of international peace and the common prosperity of mankind for which the United Nations Organization was established and which its Charter provides,

CONSIDERING that the Organization of African Unity is called upon to undertake and promote co-operation in educational, scientific and cultural matters within Africa which are similar to and in harmony with those undertaken on a world wide scale by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

NOTING that these matters have been entrusted by the Charter of the Organization of African Unity to certain Specialized Commissions of the Organization of African Unity, more particularly to the Educational and Cultural Commission and the Scientific, Technical and Research Commission,

BEING DESIROUS of co-ordinating their efforts with a view to pursuing their common aims within the framework of the United Nations Charter, the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I

Co-operation

1. The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization agree to co-operate with each other through their appropriate bodies.
2. This co-operation shall extend to all matters that arise in the field of education, science and culture and are connected with those tasks and activities of the two Organizations that are in harmony.

Article II

Mutual consultation

1. The competent bodies of the two Organizations shall consult regularly on all the matters mentioned in Article I that are of common interest to them.
2. The Organization of African Unity shall inform the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of any plans for the development of its activities in the field of education, science and culture. It shall consider any proposals concerning such plans which may be made to it by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with a view to securing effective co-ordination between the two Organizations and avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities.
3. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization shall inform the Organization of African Unity of any plans for the development of its regional activities in Africa. It shall consider any proposals concerning such plans which may be made to it by the Organization of African Unity with a view to securing effective co-ordination between the two organizations and avoiding unnecessary duplication of activities.
4. When circumstances so require, the two Organizations shall engage in special consultations with a view to selecting the best means of ensuring that their activities in matters of common interest are fully effective.

Article III

Reciprocal representation

1. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will invite the Organization of African Unity to send observers to the General Conference, to meetings of the Executive Board and to other meetings of interest to the Organization of African Unity, convened under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
2. The Organization of African Unity will invite the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to send observers to all meetings of the relevant Commissions or other meetings at which educational, scientific or cultural matters are to be discussed.

Article IV

Meetings

In appropriate cases, meetings convened by one organization may call for the co-operation and participation of the other organization. The scope of such co-operation and participation will be the subject of arrangements in each case, taking into account any relevant resolution approved by the organization responsible for the convening of the meeting.

Article V

Assistance in technical, research and other relevant fields

Joint requests for aid from two or more Member States to either Organization will be the subject of consultations between the two Organizations, subject to the concurrence of the governments concerned.

Article VI

Statistical and legal information

The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will concert their efforts to obtain the best use of statistical and legal information and to ensure the most effective utilization of their resources in the assembling, analysis, publication and diffusion of such information, with a view to reducing the burden on the governments and other organizations from which such information is collected.

Article VII

Exchange of information and documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will arrange for the fullest exchange of information and documents concerning matters of common interest.
2. The Organization of African Unity will be kept informed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of developments in the latter's work which are of interest to it.
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Article VIII

Joint action

1. The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization may, through special agreements, together decide upon joint action with a view to attaining objects of common interest.
2. These agreements shall define the ways in which each of the two Organizations shall participate in this action, and shall specify the financial commitments that each is to assume.

Article IX

Administrative arrangements

The Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will make appropriate administrative arrangements to ensure effective co-operation and liaison between the Secretariats of the two Organizations.

Article X

Implementation of the agreement

1. The Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director-General of the United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will consult with each other regularly upon questions arising out of the present agreement.

2. The Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization may make such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this agreement as may appear desirable in the light of experience.

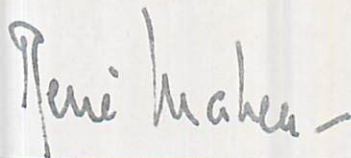
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Entry into force, alteration and duration

1. As soon as it has been approved by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity and by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the present agreement will be signed by the appointed representatives of the two organizations and will enter into force on the date of the signature.
2. The terms of the agreement may be altered with the consent of both parties.
3. Either of the parties may terminate the agreement by giving six months' notice to the other party.

In witness whereof, the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization have signed this agreement in four copies in English and French, the two texts being equally authentic.

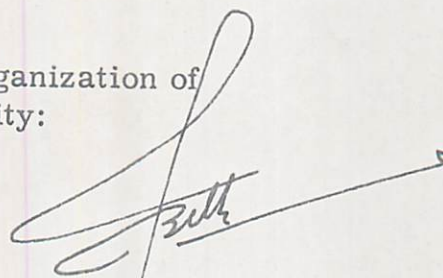
For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization:



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Director-General

Date:

For the Organization of
African Unity:



DIALLO TELLI
Administrative Secretary-General

Date:

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