

## FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

*UNIVERSIDAD DEL AZUAY*  
(CUENCA – ECUADOR)

AND

*UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SÃO CARLOS*  
(SÃO CARLOS, STATE OF SÃO PAULO – BRAZIL)

*Universidad del Azuay*, with legal address at Av. 24 de Mayo 7-77 y Hernán Malo, Cuenca-Ecuador, duly represented by its Rector, Dr. Francisco Salgado Arteaga, presents itself as a Community committed to its environment and the fabric of society. It supports the actions that lead to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals promoted by the United Nations Organization, specifically with the objectives: 4. "Quality Education" 17. "Alliances for the Objectives". On the other hand, *Universidade Federal de São Carlos*, with legal address on São Carlos campus, at *Rodovia Washington Luís* km 235, São Carlos, State of São Paulo-Brazil, duly represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Ana Beatriz de Oliveira, who freely and voluntarily sign this cooperation framework agreement, in accordance to following clauses:

### FIRST: BACKGROUND.-

*Universidad del Azuay* and *Universidade Federal de São Carlos* share common objectives for academic purposes and scientific development. Both institutions are interested in establishing academic cooperation agreements with Education Centers of a similar nature, to contribute to the fulfillment of their goals and objectives in these matters.

### SECOND: OBJECTIVES.-

*University of Azuay* and *Universidade Federal de São Carlos* jointly agree to sign this cooperation agreement in order to promote the following activities:

- 1) Promote the mobility of professors and researchers.
- 2) Promote the mobility of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- 3) Promote the development of joint academic courses and programs.
- 4) Develop joint scientific and/or technological research projects.
- 5) Promote any other activity of mutual interest concerning academic matters or scientific and technological research.

### THIRD: OBLIGATIONS.-

The activities that will be performed under this agreement will be specified in the corresponding specific agreements. Reference will be made to this general agreement once the activities are approved by the parties.

### FOURTH: SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS.-

The specific agreements between both universities will detail its objectives, conditions and forms of execution, including further information in regards to financial support, validity period, and administrative responsibility within each institution.

### FIFTH: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.-

This agreement will take effect on the date of registration by both parties, and will last for five years. It may be modified at any time by the mutual consent between UDA and UFSCar. It may

be renewed for equal periods by the mutual consent between UDA and UFSCar in writing. This agreement may be terminated by either party after giving a six month's notice along with return receipt. In the event of termination, all commitments in progress will be completed as planned unless there is a common agreement to discontinue the ongoing activities.

SIXTH: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.-

The parties agree to make every effort to resolve any disagreements that may arise from the fulfillment of the present document. If it is not feasible to resolve the issues that may arise by mutual agreement, they will be submitted to the unappealable decision of an ad hoc commission. This will be composed of a member designated by each of the contracting parties and another chosen by mutual agreement.

As witnesses of consent of this agreement, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signature.

Francisco Salgado Arteaga  
RECTOR  
*UNIVERSIDAD DEL AZUAY*

Date May 10, 2023

Ana Beatriz de Oliveira  
RECTOR  
*UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SÃO CARLOS*

Date March 30, 2023