

## COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN The OpenCourseWare Consortium and Virtual Educa

Agreement made freely and voluntarily by and between The OpenCourseWare Consortium (OCWC) and Virtual Educa (VE), hereinafter referred to individually as "the Party" or collectively the "Parties" is made this day of January 8th, 2013.

In consideration of the execution of this agreement, and the undertakings of the Parties as hereinafter set forth, it is agreed as follows:

### I. THE PARTIES

- a) The **OpenCourseWare Consortium (OCWC)** is a worldwide community of hundreds of higher education institutions and associated organizations committed to advancing OpenCourseWare and its impact on global education. We serve as a resource for starting and sustaining OCW projects, as a coordinating body for the movement on a global scale, and as a forum for exchange of ideas and future planning.

The mission of the OCW Consortium is to serve both the individuals who use OCW and the institutions that make OCW possible. The Consortium provides a gateway to OCW projects and courses for the entire OCW community, fostering the success of the OCW movement and articulating its benefits. Through its public-relations efforts, the Consortium educates general audiences about the movement, directing potential users to resources that best suit their needs. For members, the Consortium marshals broad expertise regarding the ongoing development of open education projects and connects its members with an even broader network of OER practitioners.

- b) **Virtual Educa (VE)** is an initiative of multilateral cooperation in the fields of Education, Training and Innov@tion. Accepted as ascribed project of the Latin American Summit "Cumbre Iberoamericana"; approved during the XIV Latin American Summit of Heads of State and Government, Declaration of San José de Costa Rica, dated 11/20/2004, clause 36: "We welcome with satisfaction the inclusion of Virtual Educa as project assigned to the Latin American Summit, initiative that exemplifies the importance of strengthening distance education and the use of new communication and information technologies in our region".

Virtual Educa is supported by the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Ibero-American General Secretariat "Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB) [ref.-Framework Agreement, dated 12/02/2003]. Numerous multilateral organizations, educational networks, foundations, professional associations, are affiliated to Virtual Educa, among them:

- Latin American Parliament. "Parlamento Latinoamericano (PARLATINO)". [headquarters: Panama City, Panama]
- UNESCO Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. "Instituto de Educación Superior para America Latina y el Caribe". [headquarters: Caracas, Venezuela]

- Union of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean. "Unión de Universidades de America Latina y el Caribe (UDUAL)". [headquarters: Mexico City, Mexico]
- Latin American Network of Educational Portals. "Red Latinoamericana de Portales Educativos (RELPE)". [headquarters: Buenos Aires, Argentina]

Virtual Educa has 2 international headquarters in: [Americas (San Juan, Puerto Rico) / European Union (Madrid)]. Also 4 regional offices in: [Caribbean (Santo Domingo) / Caribbean (Paramaribo) / Central America (Panama City) / Southern Cone (Buenos Aires)] and 7 national offices in: [Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela]. The General Secretariat of Virtual Educa is ascribed to the OEA headquarters in Washington, DC.

## II. GOALS

In order to fully achieve the Objectives of this Collaboration Agreement, the Parties agree to:

### General Items

- a. Discuss and exchange information and documentation to increase collaboration and joint activities.
- b. Cooperate using each other's existing means to implement projects that promote interchange between Latin American and Caribbean entities, as well as with similar organizations in other regions.
- c. Keep each other informed about programs and initiatives in the fields of innov@tion, education and training, used as basic mechanisms for sustainable development and social cohesion in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- d. Coordinate and promote mutual participation in meetings and events, as well as identify and support the creation and implementation of policies, plans, projects and specific activities in fields of common interest.
- e. Perform any other task that contributes to the achievement of our goals, stimulating integration and progress in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### Specific Items

- a. Collaborate in the development of C@mpus Virtual de las Américas. A project linked to the common virtual space for Higher Education of the Americas, "Espacio Común de Educación Superior virtual de las Americas", managed by the Multilateral Initiative on Education for Human Development (IMEDH), coordinated by the OAS .
- b. Participate in regional meetings, national and thematic forums of Virtual Educa, and according to the possibilities and interests of the members of the OCWC, coordinate a seminar within their Annual International Meeting.

## III. ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS

The Parties agree that the execution and implementation of any other activity resulting from this Agreement will not need additional protocols nor agreement memorandums; for such purposes the exchange of notes will be enough.

#### IV. FUNDS

The financial obligations incurred by the Parties as a result of the Agreement shall be subject to the availability of resources and the appropriateness of assigning them to a particular purpose. Nothing in the Agreement shall limit the authority of the Parties to adopt, modify, or amend the budget. It is explicitly stated that the signing of the Agreement does not entail any financial commitment, although both parties will work in close coordination to ensure obtaining the necessary resources to perform the specific actions listed in Section II. Goals.

#### V. DURATION

The Agreement shall be for an indefinite period unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Parties. In which case, the term shall continue for ninety days after receiving notice of termination in writing.

#### VI. COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

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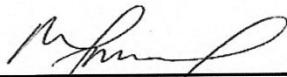
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In witness whereof, the Parties have signed this Agreement in two copies of the same content and value, at the time and place stated in the preamble to this Agreement.

BY THE OPENCOURSEWARE CONSORTIUM

POR VIRTUAL EDUCA



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