

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF TURKEY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON COOPERATION IN THE  
FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Government of Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereafter referred to as the "Parties"):

Wishing to consolidate and strengthen the friendly ties and reciprocal understanding between their peoples and;

Proceeding from the conviction that exchange in the field of education will promote the cooperation between the two peoples;

Confirming their desire to develop relations in all spheres of higher education;  
Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1**

**Cooperation between Institutions of Higher Education**

The Parties shall in compliance with the laws and rules in force in their countries encourage direct contacts and cooperation between their institutions of higher education.

**Article 2**

**Promotion of the Teaching of Languages**

The Parties shall encourage the teaching of English language in the educational institutions of the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish language in the educational institutions of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by:

- The exchange of language and literature lecturers between the faculties of language and literature.

- The exchange of students of language and literature faculties for participation in short term language training programmes and linguistic seminars.

**Article 3**

**Exchanges and Scholarships**

The Parties shall encourage various exchanges for educational purposes which shall include academic staff, researchers, experts in the field of higher education and higher education students.

Provided availability of sufficient financial resources and subject to the planning of each Party, the Parties shall also provide scholarships at the graduate and postgraduate.

levels to students for studying in each other's universities and other institutions of higher education as well as for language learning.

#### **Article 4**

### **Evaluation and Recognition of Qualifications**

The Parties shall in compliance with the laws and rules in force in their countries exchange information and documents for the evaluation and recognition of certificates, degrees, diplomas of higher education and other academic degrees awarded in their countries.

#### **Article 5**

### **Sharing of Statistics and Information**

The Parties in compliance with the laws and rules in force in their countries shall make available to each other upon request educational statistics and other information to each other that could contribute to development of higher education.

#### **Article 6**

### **Amendments**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at any time. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article 7 of this Agreement.

#### **Article 7**

### **Final Provisions**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that they have fulfilled their national legal procedures for ratification.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 1 year and shall be extended automatically for successive periods of 1 year unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate it at least 6 months prior to the date of expiration.

Unless agreed otherwise by the Parties, the termination of this Agreement shall not affect the programs, activities and projects which have been started before the date of termination but which have not been completed on that date.

Any dispute arising as a result of the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiations or consultations between the Parties.

Done on 2 February 2011 in Ankara, in duplicate, in the Turkish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of difference of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of  
the Republic of Turkey**

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