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**UNESCO Portal on Higher Education Institutions
PORTAL INFORMATION**

Country information on the Higher Education Institutions Portal:

Republic of The Gambia



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- Other Intergovernmental Universities established under international law with the participation of The Gambia

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- University of the Gambia

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Intergovernmental organization with University Status, with Headquarters established in The Gambia with the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (MoHERST):

- EUCLID (Euclid University) (The Gambia is a Participating State since 2012 and Headquarters State since 2013) (The Gambia)

Other Institutions of Higher Education established under international law with the participation of The Gambia under the authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (MoHERST), authorized to provide higher education programmes to citizens and government officials of The Gambia:

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Note 3: The Gambia is a Participating State in the African Virtual University which is not to be considered as a tertiary institution.

For updated information on the status and recognition of the American International University (AIU), please contact the UNESCO Commission.

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Quality assurance mechanisms

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5. Information on foreign credential assessment and recognition

- **Description (procedure):**

Note: The Gambia has not yet ratified the Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States.

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- **Competent Bodies**

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The Permanent Delegation of The Gambia to UNESCO

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"Accredited" is synonymous with "Recognized", referring to institutions or programs that are validated to meet or exceed national standards, and whose degrees are valid for use for public employment and professional development.



Name: Mr Momodou Touray

Title: National Focal Point for the UNESCO Portal

Date: June 27, 2013



Name: Mr Yahya Al-Matarr Jobe

Title: Ag. Secretary General, of the Gambia National UNESCO Commission for UNESCO

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27th June, 2013

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

Regarding the Effect and Application of the EUCLID Headquarters in The Gambia

- Approval and Context

Without prejudice with other authoritative information communicated by other governments, this Official Circular is approved following the finalisation of the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and EUCLID (Euclid University – Pole Universitaire Euclide), which regulate the implantation of EUCLID permanent academic headquarters in The Gambia as authorised by The Gambia Government, following the events affecting the stability of the Central African Republic and, therefore, the operations of EUCLID’s historical headquarters in Bangui.

- Background and Status

EUCLID (www.euclid.int) is an international intergovernmental organisation constituted by international convention (United Nations Treaty Series I-49006/49007) with entry into force on 17 April 2008, and with the participation of The Gambia (instrument signed by Dr Mamadou Tangara, Minister of Higher Education, which is attached as Annex, with effect from July 2012). According to the normative practice of international law regarding intergovernmental universities, EUCLID was granted degree-granting authority under Article 1 with a clause of accreditation by the Ministries of Education. The initial and historic headquarters agreement, with the Central African Republic, took effect in March 2011.

The Gambia is also a stakeholder and participant in the United Nations University, African Virtual University, and through the International Maritime Organisation IMO, in the World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute.

In this regard, the Government of The Gambia notes and acknowledges the statement of the United Nations (0218/RCA/MP/ONU-12, dated 10 December 2012) that “both

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IAU/UNESCO and the UN Secretariat recognize Euclide Pole Universitaire Euclide and the other four UN institutions ... as being accredited."

- **IAU listing and communication of information; Institutional Memberships**

As communicated by the Permanent Delegation of the Central African Republic to UNESCO in 2011, EUCLID will reconfirm or renew their inclusion in the IAU List of Universities of the World under the "regional / international" category which is the most fitting for such institutions. If this group is to be discontinued, or if these institutions are to be listed in other lists with a geographical entry (such as World Higher Education Database), the Government of The Gambia and EUCLID concur that EUCLID (Euclid University) is in "The Gambia."

EUCLID is already a full member of the Association of African Universities which lists member institutions on the basis of country affiliation. The above is without prejudice to the right of other EUCLID Participating States to list EUCLID in accordance to their own policies of relationship and integration of international universities.

EUCLID is immediately eligible to apply for membership in the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World, and other similar associations.

- **Standards and Accreditation**

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research Science & Technology (MoHERST), being the proper accrediting body and oversight authority of higher education in The Gambia, hereby acknowledges the charter, academic accreditation and legal recognition granted to EUCLID in the instrument of participation signed on July 15, 2012 and further formally acknowledges the "Academic Standards applicable to the programs of EUCLID" which are attached as Appendix in English and French but which are not considered as part of this agreement for publication purposes. EUCLID will also participate in any Quality Assurance Framework being implemented to ensure ongoing conformity with updated processes of academic accreditation.

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- Integration and Oversight

In view of the above, and without prejudice to its legal status under international law and under the terms of the Headquarters Agreement, and in the same manner as similar intergovernmental universities, EUCLID is to be considered integrated in the system of higher education of The Gambia.

- Further distribution and processes

This Official Circular with relevant annexes may be transmitted for reference and necessary action to the Permanent Delegation of The Gambia to UNESCO, Permanent Mission of The Gambia to the United Nations, and Embassy of The Gambia to the United States.

It is issued with the expressed approval of The Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr Pap Sey".

Dr Pap Sey
The Permanent Secretary

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Dear Ms. Glass,

**Subject: Participation of the Republic of the Gambia in the UNESCO Portal on
Higher Education Institutions**

With reference to the above captioned subject matter, I officially submit herewith the following duly signed necessary forms and country information for your consideration and required action:

- (1) Official letter from the Chairperson of the Gambia National Commission for UNESCO
- (2) Designation of National Focal Point (form)
- (3) Portal information signed by the National Focal Point and the Ag. Secretary General, Gambia National Commission for UNESCO.

As we avail ourselves to any further information, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

An acknowledgement of receipt would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Yahya Al-Matarr Jobe
Ag. Secretary General



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Dear Ms Glass,

I am writing to you to confirm the interest of **the Gambia** to participate in the UNESCO Portal on Higher Education Institutions. I would like to confirm that **Mr. Momodou K. Touray, of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science & Technology**, will be the National Focal Point.

Please find attached the 'Designation of National Focal Point Form' for further contact information on **Mr. Touray**.

Sincerely Yours,


Hon. Fatoumata Faye
Chair, National Commission for UNESCO





Division of Higher Education
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DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

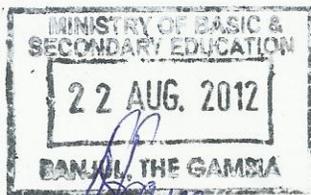
I should like to designate the following person as the National Focal Point³:

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Mr</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ms</i>	
<i>First name</i>	Momodou	<i>Surnam</i>	TOURAY	
<i>Professional Title</i>	Deputy Permanent Secretary			
<i>Name of Institution</i>	Ministry of Higher Education, Research Science and Technology			
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Signature National Authority: Name: Fatou Lamin FAYE
 Title: Chair of the National Commission for UNESCO Date: 22/08/12
Minister

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³ The National Focal Point will be responsible for validating all information concerning your country that will be published on the UNESCO Portal on Higher Education Institutions. The responsibilities of the National Focal Point are to:

- validate the information available on the country-level template;
- represent your country on the Steering Group Meeting(s) for this project;
- verify the exactitude and pertinence of all resources;
- provide/update the title and short description to be attached to each listed resource;
- determine, where more than one resource is provided in a category, the order in which they are to appear;
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Title: GAMBIA - UNESCO National Commission (Ag. Secretary General)

Date: July 27, 2012

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Name: Mr. Momodou Katim Touray

Title: National focal point

Date: 24th August 2012


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