



New York, 18 September 2013

Ref: Update to EUCLID and other intergovernmental universities listing in WHED/Inspira

Dear Ms. Lopez,

We have the honor to refer to your letter 0218/RCA/MP/ONU-12 (dated 10 December 2012) addressed to H.E. Ambassador Charles-Armel DOUBANE, which was a reply to this letter dated 10 October 2012.

Following the finalization of the new and permanent headquarters agreement for EUCLID (Pole Universitaire Euclide | Euclid University) in The Gambia, we confirm the classification and inclusion request already made and deem it useful to transmit a copy of the Official Circular issued by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology of The Gambia. In addition, it seems useful to report that the 'UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education' documents of The Gambia have been posted by The Gambia National Commission for UNESCO under Communication and Information > UNESCO Portal Documents with updated information on the 5 multilateral institutions in question.

Accordingly, if the "regional / international" universities are to be included in WHED under their headquarters state, EUCLID is to be listed under "Gambia, The" and we will ask program graduates to act accordingly until Inspira/WHED is properly updated.

To: Ms. Martha Helena Lopez
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Thank you again for providing a transitional procedure and in general for your effective assistance regarding this important matter which we are closely monitoring.

Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosures attached as annex

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I have the honour of referring to your letter of 10 October 2012, addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management regarding “Update to Inspira database and WHED.”

Indeed the INSPIRA system relies on the content of the online database WHED received from IAU/UNESCO for a list of accredited educational institutions. While both IAU/UNESCO and the UN Secretariat recognize Euclide – Pole Universitaire Euclide and the other four UN institutions you mentioned as being accredited, the WHED was not including them because of its strictly country-driven categorization in the database. As these institutions are regional or global in nature they were indeed not listed in WHED. 11

We contacted IAU/UNESCO with a formal request to include the recognized UN and other international universities under a suitable category. We are pleased to inform you that IAU/UNESCO replied last week to our request with an agreement to list in their next release of the WHED database such institutions under the country of their respective location of headquarters.

As a **transitional procedural solution**, applicants in INSPIRA should follow these general guidelines:

A degree obtained from an institution that is not listed in the IAU/UNESCO WHED Database may be recognized by the United Nations upon our determination that the institution is accredited. **You may list a degree obtained from such institutions by following the instructions below for choosing the “Other Institution” option:** if you use this option, you may be asked to provide information pertaining to the accreditation status of the institution at a later date. Please be advised that your ability to list your education under this option does not necessarily constitute recognition of your degree by the United Nations.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOOSING "OTHER INSTITUTION" OPTION

1. Select "University/Tertiary" for the Type of institution.
2. Select Country (where the institution is located) from the drop down menu.
3. Select **Other Institution** for the name of your institution. A new field will appear for you to type in the Name of Institution.
4. **Type** the name of your institution.
5. For the Degree/Diploma, please select from list of credentials issued by the institutions of the country you picked.
6. You may also use the **Additional Comments** field to provide any further details about your degree/credential.

We suggest that, in the future, you would guide individuals contacting you with similar concerns to address OHRM with their specific and particular details of their educational background so that OHRM can provide tailored support to them.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


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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 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.



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Dr Pap Sey
The Permanent Secretary

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