



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA, Brasil
and



HOCHSCHULE FÜR NACHHALTIGE ENTWICKLUNG EBERSWALDE, Germany

Consistent with the cordial and cooperative bilateral relationship between Brasil and Germany and in order to foster additional academic and scholarly collaboration between Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM), Brasil and Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (HNEE/ Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development), Germany hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” or singularly “Party”, these two post-secondary institutions have agreed to the following framework based upon principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits:

1. The Parties will explore opportunities to cooperate in various academic, research and scholarly endeavors in fields of mutual interest. This cooperation may include consideration of the following:
 - Student and Staff Exchange including study visits and internships.
 - Development and implementation of Joint Research Activities in the fields:
 - Forest ecology
 - Silviculture and plantation management
 - Forest technology and timber harvesting
 - Wood science and technology
 - Agricultural sciences
 - Joint submission of third-party funded research proposals.
 - Promotion of academic exchange at the level of teaching staff and PhD students.
2. The specific details of these activities will be articulated and agreed to in separate collaboration agreement(s).

These collaboration agreement(s) will include implementation plans developed through mutual consultation and negotiation and will be signed by both institutions in accordance with their own institutional policies.

3. Each Party will appoint a coordinator to serve as a point of contact for this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At UFSM this person will be Prof. Dr. Mauro Schumacher, and at HNEE these persons will be Prof. Dr. Peter Spathelf, Professorship for Applied Silviculture and Manuela Pelz, Coordinator at the Center for International Affairs of HNEE.
4. This MOU reflects the commitment of the Parties to collaborate as expressed and is not intended to be legally binding in nature.
5. As a result of this MOU, neither Party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other Party without a prior agreement in writing to accept specific financial obligations. Any additional agreement(s) pertaining to financial matters will be negotiated separately.
6. This MOU will be in effect from the date of final signature for a period of five (5) years, at which time negotiations can be opened for a renewal.
7. Either Party can terminate this MOU by giving six (6) months of written notice to the other.

On behalf of Federal University of Santa Maria:


Martha Bohrer Adaime
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Martha Bohrer Adaime
President of UFSM

Date

On behalf of Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung:



Prof. Dr. Matthias Barth
President of HNEE

Date