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**Object** : Letter of support for UNESCO Chair

The Faculty of Agronomic Sciences of Université D'abomey-Calavi (FSA-UAC) is a national university of world repute known internationally for high academic and quality research in all field of education and moreso in the field of Agriculture and Sustainable Development. In our Faculty (FSA-UAC), we have the following international collaborations as follows :

1. International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Nigeria and Benin Republic
2. Africa Rice Center Nigeria and Benin Republic
3. Bioversity International (ex IPGRI)
4. Embrapa
5. International Food Policy research Institute (IFPRI)
6. UNDP
7. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
8. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
9. DANIDA
10. University of Copenhagen
11. Wageningen University & Research Center (The Netherlands)
12. Université des Sciences et Techniques du Languedoc (Montpellier)
13. USAID
14. FARA
15. CIRAD-France
16. IRD-France
17. CSIRO
18. CORAF/WECARD
19. INRA-France
20. NUFFIC (The Netherlands)
21. Etc.

Our university also has two UNESCO chairs namely :

1. UNESCO Chair Human Right (Chaire UNESCO des droits de la personne humaine et de la démocratie).
2. UNESCO Chair in sciences, technology and environment (Chaire UNESCO en sciences, technologies et environnement).

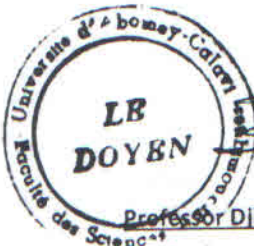
In this regard, FSA-UAC is delighted to support the bid of ABUAD for a UNESCO Chair and subsequent grant opportunities via the UNESCO Chair. We are willing to collaborate with ABUAD to share our experiences gained over the years through our various international researches and training within the framework of institutional cooperation and partnership. FSA-UAC shares the aims and goals of the UNESCO Chair in the quest to ensure that entrepreneurship education through agriculture is imparted to students in the elementary secondary and tertiary levels in a creative, stimulating and empowering manner.

As a sister institution in the West Africa sub-region with several international collaborations FSA-UAC is happy to support the continuing intervention of UNESCO in Africa through the creation of the UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship Education & Agriculture for Sustainable Development in ABUAD. This is with the hope that it will constitute the springboard and platform for national and international exchanges in the critical areas of Entrepreneurship Education and Agriculture for Sustainable Development between our two institutions and in Africa, generally.

Additionally, FSA-UAC identifies with the UNESCO Chairs objectives to develop vocational skills through entrepreneurship education for women and vulnerable groups as well as build institutional and national capacity for quality teaching and research programs in entrepreneurship education, which will enhance sustainable development.

Finally, FSA-UAC looks forward to more collaboration in the areas of Agriculture with ABUAD and ABUAD Farm, Particularly in the specific domains of the UNESCO Chairs as is being applied for, and other areas of similar interests in order achieve all the aims and objectives of the existing partnership between our two institutions.

With our warmest regards



  
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