

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EVALUACION OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (IEA) ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN THE ICCS 2016 STUDY**

The Ministry of Education of the Dominican Republic, represented by Carlos Amarante Baret, referred to as Dominican Republic on the one part,

and

The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (Chamber of Commerce The Hague # 41158871 – VAT not applicable), acting by and through Mr Dirk Hastedt, Executive Director, referred to as IEA

**HAVE AGREED**

The participation of Dominican Republic in the ICCS 2016 assessment, including the calculation of the international scores and the publication of the data.

**ARTICLE I – PURPOSE OF THE CONTRACT – DURATION**

RELATION OF WORKS TO BE DONE BY THE IEA, WITH THE COLLABORATION OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING THE ICCS 2016 PROJECT

**First phase (1 and ½ year) – January 2013 – June 2014 development**

- Development of the ICCS framework and its specifications
- Development of a national context on-line survey for participation countries
- Development of test items and scoring procedures for constructed response items (including regional or other modules)
- Development of context questionnaires (for student, teacher, and school) and scoring procedures
- Development of procedures for the translation and translation verification of instruments
- Development of sampling plans for each participating country and the selection of school samples for each country

### Second phase (1 year) – July 2014 – August 2015 field trial

- Development of operations and field trial manuals
- Training of national center staff for the field trial data collection and scoring procedures
- Management of the field trial instruments translation verification
- Analysis of field trial data
- Preparation of final versions of the survey instruments

### Third phase (1 year) – September 2015 – October 2016 main survey

- Development of operations and main study manuals
- Training of national center staff for the main study data collection and scoring procedures
- Management of the main survey instruments translation verification
- Training of Quality Control Monitors, coordination of quality assurance site visits during data collection, and documentation of the results
- Construction of the international database and checking and rechecking the accuracy and comparability of the national datasets
- Data analysis of the main study data, including scaling, estimation of sampling error, and construction of indices for reporting

### Fourth phase (1 and ½ year) – November 2016 – May 2018 reporting

- Preparation of report tables and coordination of review by experts and the participating countries
- Writing and publication of the international and technical reports
- Elaboration of a thoroughly documented database and accompanying User's Guide
- Conducting training seminar in using the ICCS database

## **ARTICLE 2 – ROLE OF THE BENEFICIARIES**

Dominican Republic has the rights on the results of the study executed according the Agreement within the scope of agreements accepted by IEA and the participating countries.  
IEA has the right to evaluate the data collected to meet IEA quality standards.

Dominican Republic ought:

- to deliver necessary information for coordinating the study to IEA according to the project time schedule.  
To timely implement consecutive steps of the study in accordance with agreed manuals .
- to accept the results of the study executed according to the Agreement and to pay the participation fees.

## **ARTICLE 3 – BREAKDOWN OF COSTS – FINANCING THE ACTION**

Outstanding participation fees for ICCS 2008 (project years 2008,2009 and 2010) US\$ 41,250.00 to be paid in two years: US\$ 20,625.00 with the 2014 project year fees and US\$ 20,625.00 with the 2015 project year fees.

The total participation fee for the ICCS 2016 project for the Dominican Republic will be assessed in Euro and US Dollar, the IEA Currency Units ( ICU = EURO 0.50 plus USD 0.50) amounts to US\$ 100,000 (one hundred thousand US dollars) plus EURO 100,000 (one hundred thousand EUROS), payable in 4 equal annual (2014-2017) portions of US \$ 25,000 plus EURO 25,000.

## **ARTICLE 4 – PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The annual participation fees are payable free of charge, within 30 days after invoice date to:  
Stichting IEA Secretariaat The Netherlands; ABN-AMRO bank, Singel 548, 1017AZ Amsterdam –  
The Netherlands – SWIFT/BIC code: ABNANL2A.

USD account # 48.19.62.069 (IBAN-SEPA: NL52ABNA0481962069)  
EURO account # 48.19.61.968 (IBAN-SEPA: NL63ABNA0481961968).

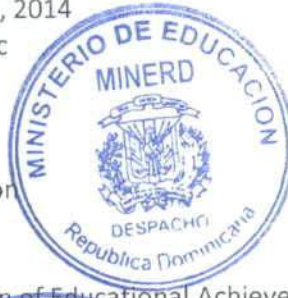
**ARTICLE 5 – SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATION**

The International Report and regional ICCS 2016 will be provided December 2017 and the International database and the technical Report will be made available April 2018.

This agreement has been executed on June 16, 2014  
Signed for and on behalf of Dominican Republic



by Carlos Amarante Baret, Minister of Education



The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement



by Dirk Hastedt, Executive Director IEA

