

CONVENIO DE COOPERACIÓN ENTRE
LA AGENCIA CENTROAMERICANA DE ACREDITACIÓN DE PROGRAMAS DE
ARQUITECTURA Y DE INGENIERFA - ACAAI
Y EL COLEGIO FEDERADO DE INGENIEROS Y DE ARQUITECTOS
DE COSTA RICA - CFIA

The Agencia Centroamericana de Acreditación de Programas de Arquitectura y de Ingeniería that in forward is hereinafter referred to as ACAAI, card legal N.-represented by the Dr. MARIAN 1.ARCHIBOLD OF MCPHERSON, Panamanian, married, greater of age, with card of identity personal No.3-62-258, in its condition of Director Executive of ACAAI and legal representative of the same on the one hand; and on the other hand, The Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica, which hereinafter is referred to as CFIA, No.3-007-405118 legal identity, represented herein by the engineer OLMANVARGAS ZELEDÓN, Costa Rica, major, with identity card no. 1-504-825, Executive Director of the CFIA and its Legal representative as personal, have agreed to celebrate the present cooperation agreement.

Therefore, signatories agree to the following:

- ACAAI is a regional organization for non-profit, consisting of the academic sectors, public and private, professional, Government and employer of Central America (comprising: Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama), to grant the accreditation of the architecture and its related programs, and engineering and its various specialties of higher education institutions that operate in each country or region.
- The fundamental function of the CFIA, as well established in the organic law N ° 3663 of January 10, 1966, reformed by law No. 4925 of 17 December 1971, is the control, regulation, and the safeguarding of the quality in the provision of professional services in engineering and architecture in Costa Rica
- The ACAAI has as mission "Accredit programs of engineering and architecture in Central America." to achieve an assurance of quality, continuous improvement and regional integration of academic programs in this region.
- Within the primary purposes of the CFIA found: "stimulate the progress of engineering and architecture of the sciences, arts and crafts associated with them ', and also," promoters the educational, social, economic, technical, artistic and legal conditions for the evolution of professions that compose it

and cooperate with the State and private institutions in everything that involves improving the development of the country '.

- That the Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos, in fulfillment of its purposes, has developed an architecture and engineering programs accreditation agency (hereinafter called AAPIA) and has established a strategic alliance with the Costa Rican system of accreditation (SINAES), to support the accreditation of programs of architecture and engineering.
- Administrative and technical-scientific cooperation, brings great advantages for the development of a real national and regional system of education that will contribute to the continuous improvement of the quality of the professionals, specifically the engineering and architecture.
- That in consequence of the above, both parties shall establish an instrument that, framed in the regulations, you will allow the necessary coordination, in order to improve the institutional relations to those areas where there are common interests.

Agreement:

FIRST: To celebrate the present agreement of cooperation to promote the academic, scientific, cultural and professional collaboration between the ACAAI and the CFIA.

SECOND: Develop the cooperation in the following forms:

1. Exchange of experiences, documents, information, and knowledge of the achievements and results of investigations carried out by each of the parties, according to the regulations of each institution, and subject to the confidentiality that corresponds.
2. Development of research, consulting and advisory services of joint.
3. Development of joint programs and projects.
4. Staff training
5. Sharing in the use of equipment, specialized laboratories and materials for scientific and technical research, as well as the provision of technical services and studies according to regulations and possibilities of each institution.
6. Facilitate the exchange of use of physical facilities, for short courses of training, research projects, meetings and similar activities.
7. Development of an agreement for the mutual recognition of accreditation processes for architecture and engineering programs carried out by the ACAAI and the AAPIA, as the accrediting body of the CFIA
8. Others interest, mutually agreed.

THIRD: Projects approved by both parties, shall be specified in the objectives and expected results, as well as the participation that corresponds to each, in terms of financial, human and material resources.

FOURTH: The terms, scope, rights, responsibilities and procedures that will govern the implementation of programs and projects, will be defined through **memorandum of understanding** that clearly specify the objectives of each project, and that they shall be annexed to this Agreement.

FIFTH: For the proper operation of the present Convention will create a Committee of bipartite, which will meet periodically with the purpose of reviewing the operation of the same. The Committee will be composed of four members, two of part of the ACAAI, and two of part of the CFIA, appointed by the authorities that here to subscribe.

SIXTH: This Agreement, will begin to run from the date of its signature and will be in effect for a period of four (4) years renewable. It may be terminated when any of the parties, prior to its expiration, notify by written notice to the other party, with ninety (90) days in advance.

SEVENTH: The termination of this agreement will not affect the normal development of the projects and activities that have been concluded prior to the date of completion of the proposal.

EIGHTH: This agreement may be modified or added by mutual consent of the parties.

In faith of what has been agreed, for may, the undersigned, authorized for this purpose, sign this agreement in two copies of the same tenor and validity in the city of San José, Republic of Costa Rica, after 15 days of the month of may of the year two thousand and eight.