

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN



The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)\*(USA)

Agencia Centroamericana de Acreditación de Programas de Arquitectura y de Ingeniería of Central América

## Whereas:

The National Architectural Accrediting Board aspires to be the leader in establishing educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the architectural profession and its mission is to maintains a system of accreditation in professional architecture education that is responsive to the needs of society and allows institutions with varying resources and circumstances to evolve according to their individual needs acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of architecture education and has extensive experience in specialized accreditation in the United States.

The Agencia Centroamericana de Acreditación de Programas de Arquitectura y de Ingeniería (ACAAI) acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering and architecture education and to continuous improvement of the accreditation system of Central America (Panama, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica).

NAAB and ACAAI are interested in promoting cooperation between their respective organizations in the United States and Central America.

Therefore, the NAAB and ACAAI agree to collaborate on the following activities related to architecture education and accreditation activities.

- Facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe both NAAB and ACAAI accreditation activities and the interchange of experiences between NAAB and ACAAI.
- Collaborate in the development of accreditation workshops and seminars to promote accreditation principles and facilitate the training of Central America's architecture program evaluators.
- Promote and facilitate each other's participation in seminars and workshops about accreditation systems worldwide.
- Exchange information including documents, papers and surveys concerning accreditation processes and higher education quality assurance.
- Encourage the development of ACAAI as a future signatory to the Canberra Accord.

Allocation of expenses associated with implementation of this MOU between the two agencies will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis prior to the execution of any projects or services.

This agreement is valid effective this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2013 and may be revised through mutual agreement of both parties or terminated by either party with sixty (60) days notice.

Signed this 2nd of May, 2013

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