

AGREEMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The State of Paraná, through **the State Secretariat for Science, Technology and Higher Education**, hereinafter referred to as **SETI**, registered with the CNPJ / MF under n° 770469510001-26, with its headquarters at Prefeito Lothario Meissner 350, Jardim Botânico, CEP 80215-090, Curitiba, PR, Brasil, represented in this Act by its Secretary-in-Office, JOÃO CARLOS GOMES, Brazilian, enrolled with the CPF under n°. 338.677.719-87 holder of the identity card PR N° 1.251.715-7 SSP/PR

And

Languages Canada, located at the address, 27282 12B Avenue, ALDERGROVE BC V4W 2P6 CANADA represented in this act by its Executive Director, Gonzalo Peralta.

CONSIDERING:

- I. SETI's desire to invest in English language training for teachers, researchers, students and staff of the seven (07) state higher education institutions of Paraná;
- II. The program "Paraná speaks English" is part of a larger program, belonging to the SETI strategic plan called "Paraná Speaks Foreign Languages". The program aims to promote the internationalization of higher education institutions in Paraná in order to Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the state of Paraná compatible with those of the best national and foreign universities. In this regard, actions on several fronts are necessary, among which the most important are to enable students and teachers to participate in exchanges. However, this participation is increasingly dependent on knowledge of foreign languages, especially the English language;
- III. Canada's Commitment Strategy in the Americas foresees, in its goal 3, the strengthening of bilateral and multilateral relations among governments, private sectors, civil societies and academia, in search of mutual understanding and cooperation;
- IV. LANGUAGES CANADA represents the language education sector of Canada, representing its two official languages: English and French, through its network of member institutions, operating in Canada and abroad. Membership is limited to educational institutions that meet the stringent standards of LANGUAGES CANADA.

DECLARE their intention to cooperate to promote English language learning in accordance with the following clauses:

Clause One: Objectives

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to ratify the intent to collaborate by the parties, to identify and define general guidelines in order to facilitate the joint implementation of programs, projects, actions and activities of common interest, especially in the area of English language teaching.

Clause Two: Areas of Practice

- Development of the training of teachers, students and employees of the state universities of Paraná in relation to proficiency in the English language, including courses and undergraduate programs in Letters, Language Institutes and development of English programs for various courses.
- Creation of a program to use Canadian Teaching Assistants in exchange programs that will be defined later. This program includes the experience of English as a language of instruction for language and non-teachers;
- Research on language education, including the Paraná Speaks English Program, the Language Institutes of the seven (07) state universities, and the Literature programs, with the objective of analyzing how language education is valued, examining its standards and quality, and developing a robust Linguistic Policy.

The areas of action above are defined as priorities, but do not limit or restrict the implementation of future actions that will collaborate with the vision and the expanded objectives of the Paraná Speaks English Program.

Clause Three: Of the General Forms of Collaboration

- The parties will jointly define the specific forms for collaboration, as well as the possible promotion of exchange among institutions, teachers, researchers, technicians and students, among others;
- The implementation of programs, projects, actions and activities that meet the objectives of this Agreement.

Clause Four: Effectiveness and Termination

- The present Agreement will come into effect as of its signature and will be valid for a period of 60 (sixty) months, counted from the date of its signature. This Agreement may be renewed for the same period if the parties have a common interest in doing so;
- Only Institutions linked to SETI and Institutions Member of LANGUAGES CANADA may participate in actions provided for in this Agreement

- This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any of the parties, without the incidence of a charge or penalty, as long as it notifies the others in advance of 30 (thirty) days;
- Any termination will not disrupt ongoing programs or actions, except when both parties agree differently;

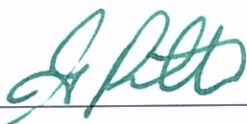
And, by mutual agreement, the Parties sign this Instrument in two ways of equal content and value, in the presence of two equally signatory witnesses.

Curitiba/PR, 23 de março de 2017



JOÃO CARLOS GOMES

Secretaria de Estado da Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior



GONZALO PERALTA

Languages Canada



Witness 1:

Witness 2: