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No. 5843. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATISTICAL TRAINING CENTRE IN ACHIMOTA. SIGNED AT ACCRA, ON 29 AUGUST 1961

The Government of Ghana (hereinafter called "the Government") and the United Nations,

Desiring to promote statistical education and to provide training of personnel in statistical methods and techniques on a regional basis, and in particular to establish in Achimota (Accra) a Statistical Training Centre in order to provide study and training facilities for Ghana and other interested African countries,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE STATISTICAL TRAINING CENTRE

1. A Statistical Training Centre (hereinafter called "the Centre") shall be established under the auspices of the Government and the United Nations (acting through the Economic Commission for Africa), in accordance with the terms of this agreement and the arrangements which the Government and the United Nations may make to implement it.

2. The objectives and activities of the Centre shall be :

- (a) to organize courses in statistical methods and techniques for the training of middle grade statistical personnel from African countries;
- (b) to arrange for the participation of trainees in field surveys organized by the Government of Ghana and other African countries.

3. The curriculum as well as any entrance tests and final examination shall be determined in agreement with the United Nations with a view of ensuring wide recognition for certificates awarded by the Centre.

4. The medium of instruction at the Centre shall be English.

¹ Came into force on 29 August 1961, upon signature, in accordance with article VI (1).

Article II

ADVISORY BOARD

1. An Advisory Board shall be formed consisting of the Government Statistician, as chairman; a representative of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; the Resident Representative of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Ghana; Principal of the College of Administration, Achimota or his representative; Principal Secretary (Establishments) of the Government of Ghana or his representative; Director of the Institute of Statistics, University College, or his representative and the Director of the Centre appointed under Article III below who shall act as Secretary of the Board.

2. The Board is empowered to co-opt other members, not to exceed three in number, to serve in their individual capacities.

3. The functions of the Board shall be :

- (a) to consider and advise on programmes of work and training of the Centre;
- (b) to consider and advise on administrative and financial procedures for carrying out the activities of the Centre;
- (c) to receive and review reports from the Director appointed under Article III below and to take action on recommendations and proposals submitted by him.

4. The Advisory Board shall submit periodically but not less than once a year a report on the work and progress of the Centre to the United Nations (through the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa) and to the Government.

5. The Advisory Board shall be convened by its Chairman and shall meet at least once every year. It may transact its business by correspondence.

Article III

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE

1. A Director shall be appointed by the United Nations in consultation with the Government. He shall keep the United Nations informed of the activities of the Centre.

2. The functions of the Director shall be :

- (a) to plan and direct the work programme of the Centre in consultation with the Advisory Board keeping in view the standards to be established as per Article I (3) above;
- (b) to maintain such contacts with interested Governments or United Nations and its specialized agencies as may be necessary for carrying out the programme of the Centre;

(c) to train Ghanaian counterparts as and when provided by the Government.

3. The Director shall submit periodically, but not less than once a year, a report to the Advisory Board on the progress of the Centre and its programme of work.

4. The Director shall assist the Advisory Board as its Secretary and in that capacity shall service its meetings and maintain its records.

5. The Director shall make use of the normal administrative facilities of the College of Administration.

Article IV

CO-OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. Subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the resolutions and decisions of its organs, the United Nations shall provide the following technical assistance through the years 1961/62 to 1965/66 as specified below :

- (a) the services of an expert to fill the post of Director of the Centre;
- (b) services of United Nations statistical experts and visiting lecturers in accordance with arrangements to be agreed to from time to time between the Director and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- (c) technical books, journals, teaching material and equipment as approved by United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations;
- (d) fellowships for trainees from countries other than the host country in accordance with the applicable United Nations regulations. These fellowships shall include part of or the entire travel expenses from the trainee's place of residence to the Centre and return, and monthly stipends;
- (e) the cost of postage and telecommunications for official purposes.

2. The United Nations shall also utilize for the benefit of the Centre funds contributed for such purpose by public and private organizations.

3. The Executive Officer of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa shall be authorized to disburse funds which shall be made available annually to the Centre by the United Nations for the purposes agreed. The Executive Officer may in this endeavour utilize the services of the Director and of the office of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Ghana. Accountability shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations.

Article V

CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. The Government undertakes :

- (a) to provide the use of premises for the adequate functioning of the Centre. This will include class-rooms as appropriate, officers for the teaching and the administrative staff, space for library and storage of equipment and supplies;
- (b) to provide furniture, office equipment and supplies, including utilities required for the physical maintenance and safety of the premises;
- (c) to provide qualified instructors on the teaching staff of the Centre;
- (d) to provide the necessary clerical staff to assist the Director in the administration of the Centre;
- (e) to make available hostel facilities of the College of Administration to trainees attending the Centre from countries other than Ghana at rates normally charged to the students of the college;
- (f) to provide facilities for the transportation of personnel and trainees within the country in connection with field trips undertaken as part of the training programme of the Centre;
- (g) to provide stipends and, if necessary, travel for nationals of Ghana who may be selected as trainees at the Centre;
- (h) to provide such medical services and facilities for trainees at the Centre as may be available at the College of Administration;
- (i) to provide such medical, housing and transport facilities for the internationally recruited personnel at the Centre as are provided by virtue of the agreement on technical assistance between the United Nations and the Government;
- (j) to facilitate the entry into the Centre and the sojourn there of the nationals of the other countries attending the Centre as trainees.

2. The Principal of the College of Administration shall be authorized to operate the funds put annually at the disposal of the Centre by the Government.

3. The Government undertakes to bear full responsibility and shall indemnify the United Nations, and internationally recruited personnel of the Centre against any third party demands or obligations resulting from activities undertaken in the country in the implementation of their technical functions connected with the present agreement. It is understood that the responsibility of the Government shall not be deemed to include claims arising from wilful or reckless acts or omissions, attributable to the internationally recruited personnel of the Centre.

Article VI

1. This agreement shall enter into force upon signature.
2. This agreement may be modified by agreement between the Parties, and each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to and request for such modifications.
3. This Agreement shall remain in force in principle up to 30 September 1966 i.e. for a period permitting five sessions of course to be given subject to availability of United Nations technical assistance funds. In 1966 the question of continuing the Centre beyond the fifth term shall be examined by mutual consultations between the United Nations and the Government.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party and shall terminate 90 days after receipt of such a notice provided, however, that if such notification is received in the month preceding the opening date for the training course, or during the training courses, this Agreement shall not be terminated before the training courses are completed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and of the Government respectively, have signed this present Agreement.

DONE at Accra this 29th day of August 1961 in four original copies, all in English.

For the Government
of Ghana :
Kojo BOTSIO
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For the United Nations :

Wilfrid BENSON
Resident Representative, United
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Ghana