



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **BETWEEN ABET, INC. of the USA and the Greater Caribbean Regional Engineering Accreditation System**

**March 1, 2010**

Whereas:

ABET acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education and has extensive experience in accreditation in the United States.

The Greater Caribbean Regional Engineering Accreditation System, hereinafter GCREAS, is a formal organization of representatives currently from institutions of higher learning in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Panama, and Haiti interested in developing a Caribbean Regional accreditation system.

The GCREAS acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education and the continuous improvement of the educational process through outcomes based assessment and accreditation in the Greater Caribbean Region.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, ABET and GCREAS are interested in promoting cooperation between each organization in both the United States and the Greater Caribbean Region.

ABET and GCREAS agree to collaborate on matters related to applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education and higher education accreditation activities.

To establish linkages for cooperation, they agree to:

- Facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe both ABET and GCREAS accreditation evaluation activities and the interchange of experiences between ABET and GCREAS.
- Collaborate in the development of accreditation workshops and seminars to promote accreditation principles and facilitate the training of the Greater Caribbean Region in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology program evaluators.

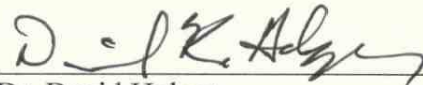
- Promote and facilitate each other's participation in seminars and workshops about accreditation systems worldwide.
- Exchange information including documents, papers, and surveys concerning accreditation processes and higher education quality assurance.
- Explore the feasibility of mutual recognition through the Seoul Accord, Washington Accord, the Dublin Accord, and the Sydney Accord, as appropriate, based on the collaboration, exchange, and assessment of their respective accreditation systems by those accords.
- Negotiate and mutually agree upon any expenses associated with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the execution of any projects or services.

This Memorandum of Understanding serves as the initial basis under which ABET and GCREAS agree to promote improve the quality of higher education through accreditation activities. This Memorandum of Understanding is valid, effective this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010 and may be revised through mutual agreement of both parties or terminated by either party with sixty day notice.

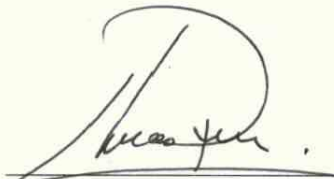
Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2010



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