



## **COLLABORATION PROTOCOL CITY OF BIELLA & KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY**

The City of Biella of the Republic of Italy and the Keetmanshoop Municipality of the Republic of Namibia, hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties

### **PREAMBLE**

Under the framework of the Biella City's successful candidature, it is intended to identify in the Keetmanshoop Municipality, located in Namibia, the partner with whom to start a collaboration for the purposes indicated in this protocol.

This act is inspired by the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Mission Statement of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

The Parties are guided by common interests to explore and implement local socio-economic development projects and plans.

As part of their competences, the Parties agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The purposes pursued by the Parties are to develop an active collaboration in the following areas:

- Biella offers training support and mentorship for Keetmanshoop's future candidacy for the Unesco Creative Cities Network;
- Promotion of support activities by local economic operators to the development of Namibian weaving / crafts as strategic alternatives to the trade of animal fur.

### **ARTICLE 2- REGULATORY UNCHANGE CLAUSE**

This Collaboration Protocol is applied in full compliance with the laws and regulations in force in the respective countries, as well as in compliance with international obligations and with those deriving from Italy's membership of the European Union.

### **ARTICLE 3 - COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES**

The following activities will be carried out within the protocol:

- 3.1 Tutoring and cooperation initiatives within the UNESCO Creative Cities Network with the aim of making Keetmanshoop join the UCCN global network in the future.
- 3.2 Technical cooperation concerning municipal governance best practices and smart city development.

- 3.3 Promotion of technical assistance and cooperation initiatives for the development of a wool processing industry in Keetmanshoop.
- 3.4 Cooperation in initiatives that support the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including education and skills development, investment, trade, cultural exchanges and tourism promotion.
- 3.5 Collaboration on human resources development and exchange programs between the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - FINANCIAL NEUTRALITY CLAUSE**

All the activities planned or resulting from the implementation of this protocol will be covered, for the Italian side, in the budget of the Municipality of Biella, without generating financial burdens on the State.

#### **ARTICLE 5 – INFORMATION**

The Parties will inform the Embassies competent for the territory of their respective countries on the progress of the initiatives planned in implementation of this Collaboration Protocol.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - MODIFICATIONS AND INTEGRATIONS**

Any changes or additions to this protocol may be defined in writing with the consent of the Parties and, for the Italian Party, in compliance with procedures similar to those provided for the authorization of this deed.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - INTERPRETATIVE DIVERGENCES**

Any divergence in the interpretation or implementation of this Collaboration Protocol will be resolved amicably, through direct consultations between the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION**

This Collaboration Protocol becomes effective upon signature and will have a duration of five years. It may be expressly renewed between the Parties through written communication and in compliance with the procedures provided for by the respective national laws.

Each Party may terminate the effectiveness of this protocol at any time through written communication to the other Party.

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**City of Biella**

**Municipality of Keetmanshoop**

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