INDEPENDENT WORK HABITUALLY/ NOT HABITUALLY CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART. 2222 OF THE CIVIL CODE

Dear Prof. Olivier Dewitte

In consideration of the power of attorney conferred upon me the by the Council of the Civil Protection Center for the conferment of assignments for a seminar/conference/single teaching assignment/case study by resolution n 50 date 14/12/2023, with the present agreement, pursuant to Art 2222 and following articles of the Civil Code, the assignment to hold a seminar/conference/single teaching within the framework of the Agreement between the University of Florence - UNESCO Chair and UNESCO office of Zimbabwe for the development of an introductory course on "Landslide Vulnerability Assessments, Monitoring and Forecasting" relating to the implementation of the "Biosphere Reserves as Observatories for Climate Change Adaptation in Southern Africa (Be-Resilient)"

The seminar/conference/single teaching assignment will focus on the following topic

Case studies on landslide risk assessment, monitoring, and forecasting

The subject of the service performed will be strictly related to the assignment described above, excluding any extension to tasks not expressly provided for in the present agreement.
The service shall be performed on (date) 29/12/2023 according to the established programme, with complete autonomy in defining technical methods and tools.
The work has occasional nature and does not imply any clear or implicit agreement of continuity or renewal of the assignment. To carry out the assignment, you, the appointee, shall provide your own means and with the greatest organisational autonomy.
The ex lege termination of the present contract is envisaged in the case of violation of the obligations deriving from the Code of Conduct of Decree 62 of 16 April 2013.

option 1) The fee is established in relation to the value of the work carried out, in the amount believed appropriate of €500,00 gross of all charges to the beneficiary's account, as well as (if agreed) the reimbursement of the following documented expenses (*), within the limits of the available budget.

☐ travel  ☐ board  ☐ accommodation

or option 2) The service is provided free of charge with only reimbursement of the following documented expenses (*) according to the availability of funds.

☐ travel  ☐ board  ☐ accommodation

or option 3) The service is provided free of charge.

The total expenditure will be paid from the budget of the Civil Protection Center, project FONDI_RESIDUI_CT, Coan advance analytical accounting n 17028 and will be paid upon presentation of a regular record of the services provided, with annexed declaration where you state that the employment relationship was in accordance with the terms agreed, or the invoice if the present assignment falls within your habitual profession. Regarding the eligible expenditure ceilings, reference is made to the University's current regulation on reimbursement and expenses.

With regard to the stamp duty affixed to the Services note for a seminar/conference/single teaching assignment/case study or on the invoice issued by the professional in total or partial exemption from VAT, the right of recourse against the University is excluded.

For all matters not expressly provided for, reference is made to the Civil Code on self-employment (Book V, title III) and the current regulatory provisions issued by University.

Florence, date 18/12/2023
* Expenses as well as fee are taxed pursuant to art. 25 D.P.R. no. 600 of 1973. See also resolution no.49/E of 11 July 2013 – taxation of expense reimbursements by the Italian Revenue Agency.

The undersigned, having read the conditions as set out above in the Director’s/Supervisor’s proposal, declares

that he/she accepts the assignment conferred with the present agreement and
- he/she is not bound by a degree of consanguinity or affinity up to the fourth degree, with any Professor of the Department or with the Rector, the Director General or any member of the University Board of Directors pursuant to art. 18, paragraph 1 letter c) of Law 240/2010 and
- he/she is not the beneficiary of a scholarship or grant in the same period as the present contract (art. 8 current regulation of the University on scholarships and research grants (Rector’s Decree 54/2013).
- he/she has provided a statutory declaration in lieu of an oath pursuant to art.15, c 1, lett. c) of Legislative decree no. 33/2013 and pursuant to art. 20, c 5 of Legislative decree no. 39/2013

The undersigned encloses his/her curriculum vitae et studiorum in European format.

The undersigned pledges to respect the obligations deriving from the Code of Conduct of Civil Servants according to art. 2 paragraph 3 of Presidential decree DPR 62/2013 implemented in the Code of Conduct of the University of Florence (Rector’s Decree 98 ref. number 16906 of 8 February 2016) and is aware that violating the above mentioned obligations will entail the ex lege termination of the present contract agreement.

The undersigned encloses the form on “Personal details and information for tax and social security purposes for independent work assignments or occasional employment”.

The undersigned acknowledges that their personal and sensitive information will be processed according to EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) in relation to the protection of physical persons as regards processing their personal data. The undersigned also acknowledges that his/her curriculum vitae et studiorum and the declarations made for which, pursuant to current legislation there is the obligation of transparency, will be subject to publication on the University web page, “transparent administration” section.

The undersigned is also designated as being responsible for the personal information processed by the allocating facility, as determined by the Register of processing activities, and for which he/she receives appropriate instructions for data protection.

Florence, date 20/12/2023
Olivier Dewitte, a geographer, is employed as a senior research scientist in the Department of Earth Sciences of the Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA, Tervuren, Belgium). With a holistic knowledge and understanding of processes and quantitative research methodologies in geomorphology, natural hazards and environmental changes, his research aims to better understand the changing landscapes of Africa and the hazards they pose. More specifically, his interests are mainly focused on landslide, soil erosion and flash flood related topics in sub-Saharan Africa. His research is framed around extensive field experience and addresses the challenges of disaster risk reduction in data-scarce context through capacity building and cooperation activities.

**Work Experience & Education**

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<td>M.Sc. in Cartography and Remote Sensing</td>
<td>ULiège, ULB, UCLouvain, Belgium</td>
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**Research Projects Selection** (out of 28 on natural hazard risks in Africa) (* as PI and co-PI; ++ as RMCA PI)

- **2024 – 2033**
  - *G-HOLISTIC#2: Geo-HydrolOgical disaster riSk and the associated naTural resource degradation in sub-Saharan AfriCa: a transdisciplinary approach in densely-populated changing environments.* BELSPO FED-TWIN Project. O. Dewitte is co-PI with UCLouvain; 832.000 EUR.
- **2024 – 2029**
  - ++EDITOR: Environmental hazards associated with mining activities in the tropics. Belgian Federal Scientific Policy (BELSPO). O. Dewitte as task leader. 3 partners; 1.003.028 EUR.
- **2024 – 2026**
  - ++HARISSA#2 : Natural Hazards, RISks and Society in Africa: developing knowledge and capacities. Belgian DGD. O. Dewitte is task leader. 10 partners; 1.250.000 EUR.
- **2023 – 2026**
  - *LACTOSE: Slow-moving LANDslides in Changing TrOpical landscapes: dynamics and hillslope connectivity from SpacE.* BELSPO. O. Dewitte is PI. 3 partners; with VUB; 277.880 EUR.
- **2022 – 2025**
  - *GEOTROP: GEOmorphic hazards and compound events in a changing TROPical East Africa.* BELSPO. O. Dewitte is PI. 5 partners; 249.772 EUR.
- **2020 – 2030**
  - ++GuiDANCE: GeohazardDs in AfricaN CitiEs: patterns, rates and sustainability in urban sprawling contexts. BELSPO FED-TWIN Project – O. Dewitte is partner with VUB; 937.000 EUR.
- **2020 – 2025**
  - LAFHAZAV: Landslide and flood hazards and vulnerability in NW Rwanda: towards applicable land management and disaster risk reduction. ARES Research Project for Development (RPD). O. Dewitte is WP leader. 7 partners; 499.918 EUR.
- **2017 – 2022**
  - *PASTECA: Historical aerial Photographs and ArchiveS to assess Environmental Changes in Central Africa.* BELSPO. O. Dewitte is PI. 3 partners; 597.560 EUR.
- **2017 – 2021**
  - *MODUS: A Multi-sensOr approach to characterize ground Displacements in Urban Sprawling contexts.* BELSPO. O. Dewitte is PI. 4 partners; 204.307 EUR.
Olivier Dewitte, Ph. D.

CV

**Supervision:** 20 PhD students (11 ongoing) - 15 as (co-)supervisor since 2014; 3 postdoc guidances; 19 BSc. & MSc. students; 17 trainees/interns.

**Selection of PhD Projects as (co-)supervisor:**


**Selected Publications** (out of 2 books and 57 SCI Journal Papers; Google Scholar Citations (3878; h-index 32))


08 May 2024