

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AND THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY INSTITUTE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Science and Technology Policy Institute, Republic of Korea (STEPI) reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest including on STI in the service of developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP-STEPI COOPERATION

2. As both ESCAP and STEPI have common mandates to promote sustainable development by facilitating cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region in areas of science, technology and innovation (STI), ESCAP and STEPI plan to work together:

- (a) to support countries in the Asia-Pacific region to develop science, technology and innovation (STI) policies in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
- (b) to facilitate regional and multilateral cooperation to facilitate learning and exchange of information between national STI policy institutes in the Asia-Pacific region.
- (c) to provide thought leadership on effective STI strategies and policies, and emerging STI opportunities and challenges in the context of sustainable development, through joint research and analysis.

III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP-STEPI COOPERATION

3. ESCAP and STEPI will be guided by the following general principles:

- (a) Sharing information on strategic and operational priorities for collaborative activities, and
- (b) Utilizing comparative strengths and complementary roles of each organization in research capacity as well as in research and policy networks for identifying and developing regional approaches and programmes.

IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP-STEPI JOINT ACTIVITIES

4. The priority areas for joint activities would include those listed below, which may be amended from time to time with the mutual written consent of the Parties. Collaborative activities may include as follows:

- (a) Fostering a Network of STI Policy Institutes in the Asia-Pacific region to facilitate information exchange and capacity development within the region.

- (b) Undertaking joint research on effective STI strategies and policies, and emerging STI opportunities and challenges in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals
- (c) Strengthening the capacity of major stakeholders in developing countries on developing strategies and policies for STI in support of sustainable development.
- (d) Undertaking joint events to advocate for STI as a key means of implementation for the Sustainable Development Goals, share-knowledge and stimulate regional collaboration.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5. ESCAP and STEP I recognize that effective cooperation depends on open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information at the institutional level. They agree to make appropriate arrangements to:

- (a) provide copies of relevant publication and public documents of each organization to the main library of the other organization to be maintained as reference documents; and
- (b) give notice, through information posted on the websites of each organization, of relevant:
 - conferences, seminars and workshops being organized or sponsored;
 - regional, country, sector and thematic policy/strategy documents;
 - programme and project approval documents; and
 - regional programme, country programme, sectoral, project and other evaluations.

VI. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS

6. ESCAP and STEP I recognize that appropriate representation is important for the purpose of joint positioning and advocacy. They agree that:

- (a) reciprocal invitations will be extended to the other organization to attend related meetings and other important consultative fora which have a bearing on the envisaged cooperation; and
- (b) invitations to other meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas, where appropriate.

VII. PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS

7. ESCAP and STEP I recognize that it is important to convene periodic consultations to review what is being planned, what is being implemented, and what is being achieved in terms of results as well as to discuss new challenges, opportunities and problems. They agree to hold such consultations periodically as required and not less than once every two years.

VIII. FOCAL POINTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MOU

8. ESCAP and STEPI agree to designate as focal points for the activities under this MoU:
- (a) for ESCAP: Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division
 - (b) for STEPI: Chief Director, Division of Global Innovation Strategy

IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

9. ESCAP and STEPI will prepare annually by end of the calendar year:
- (a) a list of all current operational cooperation activities and status of implementation;
 - (b) a list with a brief description of all planned cooperation activities for the next year; and
 - (c) an indicative list of planned cooperation activities for the two subsequent years.
10. ESCAP and STEPI agree that:
- (a) the Parties will conduct a joint review or evaluation of the ESCAP-STEPI cooperation three years after signature of this MoU, in consultation with the evaluation offices of the respective organizations; and
 - (b) these assessments will be reviewed by ESCAP and STEPI in considering further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MoU.

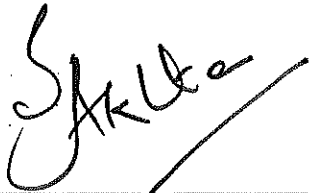
X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

11. ESCAP and STEPI recognize that the involvement of both organizations in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. They agree that:
- (a) there will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each organization to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation; and
 - (b) the use of emblems of each organization in documentation related to cooperation will be in accord with the current policies of each organization concerning such usage.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

12. The term of this MoU will be from the date of signature by both Parties until 31 December 2021.
13. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement.
14. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.
15. This MoU may be terminated by either Party on six months' notice in writing.

For the Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific



Shamshad Akhtar
Under-Secretary-General
and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Date: 7 Feb. 2018

Place: Seoul

For the Science and Technology Policy
Institute, Republic of Korea



Hwang Hee Cho
President of STEPI

Date: 7/2/2018

Place: Seoul



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17 December 2021

Dear Ms. Mun,

Memorandum of Understanding between ESCAP and STEPI

I would like to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Science and Technology Policy Institute, Republic of Korea (STEPI) dated 7 February 2018 to promote sustainable development by facilitating cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region in areas of science, technology and innovation (STI).

ESCAP and STEPI have had an excellent collaboration over the past three years. This collaboration has provided thought leadership on effective STI strategies for the SDGs through research collaboration. It has also facilitated information exchange and capacity development on developing strategies and policies for STI in support of sustainable development through activities for policy makers across the Asia-Pacific region and through the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on STI policy.

ESCAP and STEPI have common mandates to promote sustainable development by facilitating cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region in STI and we plan to continue working together:

- a) to support countries in this region to develop STI policies in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals;
- b) to facilitate regional and multilateral cooperation to facilitate learning and exchange of information between national STI policy institutes in this region; and
- c) to provide thought leadership on effective STI strategies and policies and emerging STI opportunities and challenges through joint research and analysis.

Therefore, with your concurrence, we would like to propose that the Memorandum of Understanding between ESCAP and STEPI be extended for five years, up to 31 December 2026 to promote sustainable development by facilitating cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region in areas of science, technology and innovation (STI).

All other terms and conditions under the agreement shall remain unchanged. I would be grateful if you could indicate your concurrence in writing to the proposed extension.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adnan H. Aliani', with a horizontal line underneath.

Adnan H. Aliani
Director
Strategy and Programme Management Division

Ms. Mi Ock Mun
President
Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI)
Republic of Korea

December 30, 2021

Dear Mr. Aliani,

Thank you for your letter regarding the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI).

We believe that ESCAP and STEPI have had an outstanding collaboration over the previous three years on developing effective science, technology and innovation (STI) strategies for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We are in agreement with that both parties have common mandates going forward, as outlined in your letter dated December 17, 2021, to promote sustainable development in the region of the Asia-Pacific by working together:

- a) to support countries in this region to develop STI policies in alignment with the SDGs;
- b) to facilitate regional and multilateral cooperation to facilitate learning and exchange of information between national STI policy institutes in this region; and
- c) to provide thought leadership on effective STI strategies and policies and emerging STI opportunities and challenges through joint research and analysis.

Therefore, STEPI agrees with that the Memorandum of Understanding between ESCAP and STEPI be extended for five years, up to 31 December 2026, as your proposal in your letter dated December 17, 2021. STEPI also agrees with that all other terms and conditions under the agreement shall remain unchanged.

Thank you again for your willingness to work with STEPI on promoting sustainable development by facilitating cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region in the field of STI.

Yours sincerely,



Mi Ock Mun
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