

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR  
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC  
AND  
KOREA INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Sides," recognize the importance of new strategic priorities of the 'Strategic Cooperation Between the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific' and reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest in the service of developing countries in Asia and the Pacific through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

**II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP-KOICA COOPERATION**

2. As the Sides have been established with mandates to promote and strengthen cooperation for sustainable development and the Asia-Pacific region is the area of common interest, the Sides plan to work together:

- (a) to support countries in the Asia-Pacific region to build capacity for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- (b) to facilitate regional and multilateral cooperation to promote learning and exchange of knowledge and experiences between government ministries, policy institutes and other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region.

**III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP-KOICA COOPERATION**

3. The Sides 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 Side for identifying, developing and implementing regional approaches and programmes.

#### **IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP-KOICA 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 Sides. In support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia and the Pacific, collaborative activities of the Sides may include as follows:

- (a) Encouraging low carbon and climate resilient development paradigm to achieve SDG 13 and Paris Agreement, where appropriate;
- (b) Promoting gender equality and women and girls empowerment;
- (c) Promoting peace, justice and strong institution to support vulnerable groups and leave no one behind: and
- (d) Improving connectivity in ICT, transport and energy.

#### **V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

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

- (a) provide copies of relevant publication and public documents of each side to the main library of the other Side to be maintained as reference documents;
- (b) give notice, through information posted on the websites of each Side, of relevant:
  - conferences, seminars and workshops being organized;
  - regional, country, sector and thematic policy/strategy documents; and
  - regional programme, country programme, sectoral, project and other evaluations; and
- (c) facilitate opportunities for KOICA staff to be seconded to ESCAP in the form of non-reimbursable loan (NRL) experts to support joint activities subject to a separate written agreement.

#### **VI. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS**

6. The Sides recognize that appropriate representation is important for the purpose of joint positioning and advocacy. The Sides agree that reciprocal invitations will be extended to the other Side to attend meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas listed in this MoU, where appropriate.

## **VII. PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS**

7. The Sides 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. The Sides 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. The Sides agree to designate as focal points for the activities under this MoU:
- (a) for ESCAP: Head, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia Office
  - (b) for KOICA: Director General, Program Strategy and Policy Planning Department

## **IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES**

9. The Sides will jointly prepare a list of current operational cooperation activities and status of implementation for further cooperation opportunities for review at the consultations.

10. The Sides agree that the respective focal points will prepare a joint report by 2023 to review the status of implementation of the cooperation activities, which will be evaluated by the Sides in considering further cooperation activities.

## **X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS**

11. The Sides recognize that the involvement in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. The Sides agree that:

- (a) there will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each side to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation; and
- (b) the use of emblems of each side in documentation related to cooperation will be in accord with the current policies of each side concerning such usage.

**XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 12. The term of this MoU will be from the date of signature by both sides until 31 December 2023.
- 13. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement.
- 14. This MoU is not intended to create any legal rights and obligations under international law and is subject to the availability of appropriate funds and personnel of the Sides.
- 15. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Sides.
- 16. This MoU may be terminated by either Side on six months' notice in writing.
- 17. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Sides.
- 18. The Sides to this MoU may by a simple exchange of letters enter into supplementary arrangements, within the scope of this MoU.
- 19. Noting in this MoU shall in any way constitute or imply a waiver, renunciation, termination, or modification by either Side of any of its privileges, immunities or exemptions granted by any applicable convention or under international law or any applicable law.
- 20. Any matter for which no provision is made in this MoU shall be determined in a manner mutually acceptable to the Sides, and, in this regard, each Side shall give sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Side.

For the United Nations Economic and Social  
Commission for Asia and the Pacific

For the Korea International Cooperation  
Agency



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**15 February 2019**

**Seoul, Republic of Korea**



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**AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**  
**THE KOREA INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY AND**  
**THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

In accordance with Article XI Paragraph 15 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Korea International Cooperation Agency which entered into force on 15 February 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the “original MoU”), the Korea International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as “KOICA”) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “ESCAP”) agree to amend the original MoU as follows:

- (1) Insert the following words in Article II Paragraph 2 after the words “*strengthen cooperation for sustainable development*”:

*by actions for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership, the five areas of critical importance declared through the 2030 Agenda,*

- (2) Subparagraphs 4(a) to 4(d) of Article IV of the original MoU will be replaced by the following:

- (a) *Encouraging low carbon and climate resilient development including through sustainable finance and technologies to achieve SDG 13 and Paris Agreement;*
- (b) *Promoting Gender equality and women and girls economic empowerment;*
- (c) *Promoting inclusive and equitable societies supporting vulnerable groups and leave no one behind;*
- (d) *Improving connectivity in ICT, trade, transport and energy; and*
- (e) *Air pollution monitoring and prevention.*

- (3) Subparagraphs 8(a) to 8(b) of Article VIII of the original MoU will be replaced by the following:

- (a) *for ESCAP: Head, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia Office*  
*Director, Strategy and Programme Management Division*
- (b) *for KOICA: Director, Strategic Partnership and New Business Team*

- (4) References to the year “2023” in Paragraphs 10 and 12 are replaced with “2028”.
- (5) All other terms and conditions of the original MoU will continue unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS, the Sides have caused this amendment to be executed in duplicate, such copy of which will be considered an original, by their respective representatives duly authorized as of 23 June 2022 at UN ESCAP Headquarters, Bangkok, Thailand.

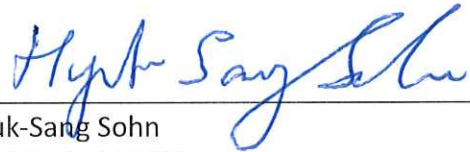
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