

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

REGARDING COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION
IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made and entered into on 16/07/1444H (Corresponding to 07/02/2023G) by and between:

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK, a multilateral development bank having its headquarters at 8111 King Khalid Street, Al Nuzlah, Al Yamania District, Unit No.1, Jeddah 2444-22332, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (hereinafter referred to as "IsDB"); and

THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, a United Nations regional commission, having its headquarters at United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand (hereinafter referred to as "ESCAP").

The above-mentioned parties are hereinafter referred to collectively as "**Parties**" and individually as "**Party**".

WHEREAS

- A. IsDB is established to foster the economic development and social progress of IsDB member countries and Muslim communities individually as well as jointly by participating in various development activities; and
- B. ESCAP is a regional commission established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is responsible for promoting inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and
- C. In order to establish a mutually beneficial cooperation and collaboration to best serve their common objectives and render their activities more effectively towards the 2030 Agenda implementation in countries of common membership, especially in the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; and
- D. The Parties are keen to foster mutually beneficial cooperation and collaboration to best serve their common objectives and render their respective activities more effective and therefore intend their joint collaboration to address the needs of their member countries in a manner set forth in this MoU.

NOW, therefore, in recognition of their interests and objectives, the Parties hereby confirm their mutual understanding as following:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to further strengthen the cooperation and collaboration between the Parties towards supporting their member countries in the 2030 Agenda implementation.

2. SCOPE OF THE MOU

- 2.1. The Parties intend to cooperate with each other on national and regional projects, programs and activities of mutual interest with the involvement of other partners, where necessary.

2.2. The Parties seek to prioritize the following overarching areas which are intended to be implemented in accordance with the Joint Action Plan agreed upon between the Parties, as detailed in Annex -1 of this MoU:

- 2.2.1 Sustainable transport connectivity and trade facilitation including through digitalization.
- 2.2.2 Road safety awareness, knowledge sharing and capacity building.
- 2.2.3 Low-carbon, climate change resilient development.
- 2.2.4 Science, Technology and Innovation policy support and capacity building, including using space applications and GIS for decision making.
- 2.2.5 SDG implementation in cities including urban sector policies.
- 2.2.6 ICT, digital connectivity, technology applications, data management, and transformation.
- 2.2.7 Energy transition and cross-border power systems connectivity including green and smart grids.
- 2.2.8 Leaving no one behind with a focus on women's entrepreneurship.
- 2.2.9 South-South and triangular cooperation.
- 2.2.10 Economic research and statistical capacity development.

3. METHODS OF COOPERATION

- 3.1. The Parties may take appropriate measures within their respective rules, regulations, policies and procedures to ensure full collaboration and cooperation within the areas set forth in this MoU.
- 3.2. The Parties may consult each other to determine the best approach in undertaking their respective activities to ensure coherence and efficiency.
- 3.3. The Parties may co-operate through a range of mechanisms, which may include, inter alia:
 - 3.3.1. Research, analysis and thought leadership pieces in areas of collaboration as a key means of implementation for the achievement of the SDGs;
 - 3.3.2. The formation of a network of scientists, technologists, innovators, and entrepreneurs to foster greater knowledge-sharing and collaboration;
 - 3.3.3. Co-development of relevant capacity building and training materials and sharing of existing knowledge/information on areas of collaboration;

- 3.3.4. Undertake joint workshops, seminars, and events to support increased capacity of actors and organizations;
- 3.3.5. Play an advisory role on the respective work programmes of each other; and
- 3.3.6. any other mechanisms that may be agreed upon by the Parties.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1. It is the Parties' intention to maintain strategic policy and institutional dialogue and meet on a regular basis at least once around mid-term of the MoU and one prior to the end of the MoU either physically or virtually, to review the state of the relationship between IsDB and ESCAP.
- 4.2. In addition, if needed, the Parties may conduct joint high-level field missions/visits to identify and learn from good practices and to advocate for collaboration and solicit partner commitments including political support and resource mobilization from concerned governments.
- 4.3. The Parties may exchange data, information, and knowledge products, but a receiving Party will not disclose any such information obtained from the other Party (as disclosing Party) to any third party without express consent of the other Party. The receiving Party may use the received data, information, and knowledge in their institutional work by providing proper reference etc. However, the Parties may disclose any information that:
 - was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure or entered the public domain thereafter;
 - is disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party who is not in breach of any obligation as to confidentiality to the owner of such information or any other person;
 - was already in the possession of the receiving Party at the time of disclosure;
 - is gained independently by the receiving Party;
 - the receiving Party is obliged to disclose in judicial and/or administrative proceedings provided that, subject to and without any waiver of the privileges and immunities of either Party, the receiving Party shall give the disclosing Party sufficient prior notice of a request for the disclosure of information in order to allow the disclosing Party to have a reasonable opportunity to take protective measures or such other action as may be appropriate before any such disclosure is made; and
 - is required by auditors, tax advisors, lawyers, notaries and/or other professional advisors bound by rules of confidentiality in order to fulfil their advisory role.

5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In the event that the Parties foresee that intellectual property that can be protected shall be created in relation to any activity to be carried out under this MoU, the Parties shall negotiate and agree on the terms of its ownership and use in a separate agreement.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

The Parties recognize that the involvement of both organizations in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. They agree that:

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 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.

7. SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS

Specific arrangements for collaborative activity(ies), project(s) or program(s) arising from this MoU will be agreed by the Parties in supplementary agreement(s) such as formal agreement(s) or an exchange of letters. Such agreement(s) may specify the form of participation, amount of financial contribution, project, program or technical assistance to be provided or financed by each Party, the disbursement plan/schedule, the respective responsibilities of each Party and such additional terms and conditions as the Parties may mutually agree.

8. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1. The Parties shall each bear their own costs and expenses incurred in complying with their obligations under this MoU.
- 8.2. This MoU does not represent any commitment with regards to any funding for a particular activity, project or program on the part of either Party.
- 8.3. Costs or expenses relating to, or arising from any activity(ies), project(s) or program(s) undertaken pursuant to this MoU shall be borne by one or both of the Parties in accordance with the provisions of such supplementary agreement(s) as shall be reached by the Parties in advance of implementation of the activity, project or program concerned. The obligation of any Party to fund such activity, project or program shall be contingent upon execution of the supplementary agreement, such as exchange of letters.

9. CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

- 9.1. Each Party shall continue to nominate a contact person who shall be responsible in practice for ensuring effective liaison between them, preserving the underpinning principles outlined here and maintaining an overall perspective on developments initiated through this MoU. The identity and contact details of

the respective nominee (unless otherwise delegated in writing by such respective nominee) are stated as follows:

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Al Nuzlah Al Yamania District
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Bangkok 10200
Thailand

Attn: Mr. Adnan H. Aliani
Email: escap-spm�@un.org

- 9.2. Either Party may by prior notice in writing to the other Party, substitute the representatives designated hereinabove, or designate additional representatives or officials to serve as focal points for the purpose of facilitating implementation of this MoU or coordination of collaborative activities for the notifying Party.
- 9.3. Any notice, request or other communication under this MoU shall be in writing in English language-

10. COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 10.1. This MoU shall take effect upon its signature by the Parties (the date of the last signature being the "Commencement Date") for a period of five (5) years commencing on the date of signature of this MoU. The Parties may agree in writing, to extend this MoU for subsequent periods of five (5) years
- 10.2. Notwithstanding the provision above in paragraph 8.1 the MoU may be terminated at any time by a written declaration of one of the Parties given to the other Party (3) months in advance.
- 10.3. In the event of termination by either Party, necessary steps shall be undertaken by both Parties in ensuring that the decision to terminate is not prejudicial to any of the activities undertaken within the framework of this MoU. Further, the early termination of this MoU shall take effect on the date specified in the notice of termination, provided that the provisions of this MoU shall remain in effect to the extent necessary to permit the conduct of activities undertaken within the framework of this MoU.

10.4. The Parties may, by exchange of letters, mutually agree to amend the MoU or any of its provisions, at any time.

10.5. Any other matter for which no provision is made in this MoU shall be determined in a matter mutually acceptable to the Parties, and, in this regard, either Party shall give the consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party.

11. LIMITATION

This MoU does not constitute a joint venture, an agency relationship or a legal partnership between the Parties. The Parties will retain full discretion as to whether to provide support for the above mentioned or other activities and this MoU shall neither legally bind the Parties to take any specific action nor confer on them legal rights nor impose on them a legal obligation.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any controversy or dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this MoU between the Parties, shall be settled in keeping with the relevant resolutions and decision(s) of the appropriate organs of the Parties by negotiations and conciliation. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other to settle amicably any matter as to the interpretation or application of this MoU.

13. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to any provision in this MoU will be construed as constituting a waiver, either expressed or implied, of any privileges or immunities accorded to the Parties.

14. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

This MoU and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this MoU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the MoU or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the Parties' and delivered to the other Party. Each Party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this MoU are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this MoU or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature, by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.

[END OF ARTICLES]

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In Witness Whereof, the Parties, each acting through its duly authorized representative, have signed this MoU, in a set of two original counterparts in English, on the day and year first above written.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK



Dr. Zamir Iqbal
VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE & CFO

Date: 07-02-2023

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF
ESCAP

Date: 07-02-2023

Annex -1 Joint Action Plan

Priority Areas	Initiatives	Timeline	Targets or Output Indicators	Responsible Department/Focal Point
Sustainable transport connectivity and trade facilitation including through digitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify concrete measures on strengthening sustainable transport connectivity among common member countries • Identify mutual areas of cooperation on other transport issues such as, on road safety and sustainable urban transport as included in the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (2022-2026) and in cooperation with the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECAs) and its Thematic Working Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action plan revised with specific activities or concrete measures on the priority areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest, ESCAP Transport Division, e-mail: azhar.jaimurzina@un.org • Atiq Ahmad, ESID, EI Division, e-mail: atiqahmad@isdb.org

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Road Safety awareness, knowledge sharing and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possibility of joint actions relating to Road Safety awareness, knowledge sharing and capacity building for internal and external stakeholders in common MCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q4 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential areas of cooperation and joint actions identified and related areas of cooperation formulated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanattaporn Rasamit, ESCAP Transport Division, e-mail: rasamit@un.org Atiq Ahmad, ESID, EI Division, e-mail: atiqahmad@isdb.org
Low-carbon, climate change resilient development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange on IsDB's Resilience index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanjay Srivastava, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: svrivastavas@un.org Riad Ragueb Ahmed, Director, Cooperation and Capacity Development, e-mail: RAhmed@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange on ESCAP's early warning on drought mechanisms/flood hotspots mapping/air pollution monitoring and RESAP for space applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keran Wang, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: wangk@un.org Riad Ragueb Ahmed, Director, Cooperation and Capacity Development, e-mail: RAhmed@isdb.org

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Science, Technology and Innovation policy support and capacity building, including using space applications and GIS for decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas of collaboration regarding transfer of agricultural technology and technical cooperation in improving agricultural productivity and food security, including post-harvest technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan revised with concrete initiatives on transfer of agricultural technology and technical cooperation for improved agricultural productivity and food security, including post-harvest technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yutong Li, ESCAP Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, e-mail: li78@un.org Nizar Zaied, Manager, Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development, e-mail: nzaied@isdb.org Mohamed Shaker Hebara, Lead STI Specialist, e-mail: Mshaker@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping of Agricultural Technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directory of Agricultural Technologies that can be used for improving the lives of smallholder farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yutong Li, ESCAP Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, e-mail: li78@un.org Louai Farouk Yousif, Lead STI Specialist, e-mail: LYousif@isdb.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support STI ecosystem and technology transfer in member countries; i.e. policy and technology development, technology appraisal and evaluation, governance, infrastructure, capacity building, linkages and enabling environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-2028 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member countries supported for strengthened STI ecosystems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yutong Li, ESCAP Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, e-mail: li78@un.org Isatou Cham, Lead STI Specialist, e-mail: ICham@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange on use of geospatial data for decision making in disaster management and sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keran Wang, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: wangk@un.org Abdi Abdullahi, Resilience and Social Development, e-mail: AAbdullahi@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to work jointly on building capacity in common member countries on using earth observation and other innovative tools to help common member 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keran Wang, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: wangk@un.org Areef Suleman, Director, Economic Research and

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	countries better report on the SDGs			Statistics Division, IsDBI, e-mail: areef@isdb.org
SDG implementation in cities including urban sector policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation on APUF-8 in 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q4 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curt Garrigan, ESCAP Environment and Development Division, e-mail: curt.garrigan@un.org Papa Sy, Lead Global Urban Specialist, e-mail: PAbdoulaye@isdb.org
ICT, digital connectivity, technology applications, data management, and transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas of collaboration in line with the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Action Plan 2022-2026 (3 Pillars: digital connectivity, technology applications and data) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 – Q4 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan revised with concrete initiatives on APIS implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tae Hyung Kim, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: kimt@un.org Syed Shaharyar, Senior ICT Specialist, e-mail: SJawaid@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate through the IsDB's technical working group on digital inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 – Q4 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one participation in IsDB's technical working group for contribution to digital inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tae Hyung Kim, ESCAP ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, e-mail: kimt@un.org Syed Shaharyar, Senior ICT Specialist, e-mail: SJawaid@isdb.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange on ICT training for women and youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiyounng Ko, ESCAP Asian and Pacific Centre for ICT for Development, e-mail: kiyounng.ko@un.org Syed Shaharyar, Senior ICT Specialist, e-mail: SJawaid@isdb.org Kristonia Lockhart, Lead Women Empowerment Specialist, e-mail: KLockhart@isdb.org
Energy transition and cross-border power systems connectivity including green and smart grids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas for cooperation on SDG7 roadmap follow-up in common countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan revised with concrete initiatives on SDG7 road maps and their implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Williamson, ESCAP Energy Division, e-mail: williamson@un.org Husain Abdallah Mugaibel, Manager, Economic Infrastructure Department, e-mail: HMugaibel@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas for cooperation on identifying bankable projects for renewable energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Williamson, ESCAP Energy Division, e-mail: williamson@un.org Husain Abdallah Mugaibel, Manager, Economic

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify projects on enabling multilateral power trade in Central Asia in support of existing initiatives for regional electricity market work and grid mapping to integrate renewable energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 		<p>Infrastructure Department, e-mail: HMugaibel@isdb.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Wittenstein, ESCAP Energy Division, e-mail: matthew.wittenstein@un.org Husain Abdallah Mugaibel, Manager, Economic Infrastructure Department, e-mail: HMugaibel@isdb.org
Leaving no one behind with a focus on women's entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas of collaboration regarding women's economic empowerment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cai Cai, ESCAP Social Development Division, e-mail: caic@un.org Kristonia Lockhart, Lead Women Empowerment Specialist, e-mail: KLockhart@isdb.org
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange on ESCAP's the Gender Marker methodology and gender mainstreaming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiebke Uhde, ESCAP Strategy and Programme Management Division, e-mail: uhde@un.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possible cooperation as part of Commission on Status of Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristonia Lockhart, Lead Women Empowerment Specialist, e-mail: KLockhart@isdb.org Cai Cai, ESCAP Social Development Division, e-mail: caic@un.org Kristonia Lockhart, Lead Women Empowerment Specialist, e-mail: KLockhart@isdb.org
South-South and triangular cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include IsDB as a member in the Working Group for technical assistance providers Explore concrete opportunities for supporting new development agencies in common member countries including 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 2023 Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IsDB participates in the activities of the Working Group Short list of projects where IsDB and ESCAP can combine resources to amplify impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeynep Orhun Girard, ESCAP Strategy and Programme Management Division, e-mail: orhun@un.org Aminuddin Mat Ariff, Senior Reverse Linkage Specialist, e-mail: AMatAriff@isdb.org Zeynep Orhun Girard, ESCAP Strategy and Programme Management Division, e-mail: orhun@un.org

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	through joint resource mobilization and co-funding arrangements			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aminuddin Mat Ariff, Senior Reverse Linkage Specialist, e-mail: AMatAriff@isdb.org
Economic research and statistical capacity development	Explore collaboration on multi-dimensional poverty research in cooperation with Oxford University in one or two common countries, e.g., Indonesia and one central Asian republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 2023 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arman Bidarbakht Nia, ESCAP Statistics Division, e-mail: bakhtnia@un.org Areef Suleman, Director, Economic Research and Statistics Division, e-mail: areef@isdb.org