

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR
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AND
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this "**MoU**"), dated 14 January 2019 is entered into by and between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ("**ESCAP**") and The Energy Foundation ("**EF**"). Each of the foregoing parties is referred to herein individually as a "**Party**" and collectively referred to as the "**Parties**".
2. **WHEREAS**, the primary objective of ESCAP is to promote regional cooperation for inclusive, equitable, and sustainable economic and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, so that (a) member States have more effective, inclusive equitable and sustainable development policies for addressing development from a multi-disciplinary perspective, to narrow development gaps and build resilience; (b) global processes are shaped by a stronger coordinated regional voice and countries are supported in implementing international commitments; and (c) regional cooperation mechanism and institutional frameworks are in place to promote regional integration and inclusive and equitable development;
3. **WHEREAS**, the purpose of EF, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, is to promote the transition to a sustainable energy future by advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy.
4. **WHEREAS**, ESCAP and EF reaffirm their desire to work together on Promoting Sustainable Energy in the Asia and Pacific Region to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 ("**SDG7**") and the Paris Agreement. The Parties will address areas of mutual interest pertaining to accelerating progress on sustainable energy through SDG7, helping ensure achievement of the Paris Agreement targets and ensuring opportunities to promote sustainable energy are exploited in Asia and the Pacific through this MoU.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP - EF COOPERATION

1. ESCAP and EF have established with mandates, inter alia, to promote economic development, sustainable energy, and environmental protection in Asia and the Pacific Region, by enhancing policy coordination, facilitating high-level policy dialogues and delivering knowledge products. As both Parties have a common goal to ensure low carbon and sustainable development with a view to achieve the SDGs and the Paris Agreement targets, ESCAP and EF desire to work together on the following:

(a) Developing policy options in energy and environment to enable more ambitious

target setting and enhance standards enforcement; providing assistance to institutions in Asia-Pacific countries to ensure the sustainability of policy implementation.

- (b) Strengthening partnerships and networks to allow high-level dialogue which will facilitate cross-sector collaboration and peer learning; creation of a platform to engage key stakeholders for dialogues on clean power, cooling efficiency, electric vehicles, green investment and finance; and optimizing low carbon infrastructure for transport, power, and telecommunication.
- (c) Delivering high-quality knowledge products to promote knowledge sharing and exchanges; policy research and assessment on clean power development, enlargement of renewables, efficiency improvement in industry, building, transport and infrastructure, low carbon city and urbanization, air quality, low carbon transition and public and media discourse on opportunities for sustainable energy in the region.

III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP- EF COOPERATION

1. ESCAP and EF will be guided by the following general principles:
 - (a) The Parties' respective activities hereunder shall be in accordance with and without derogation from their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures.
 - (b) The Parties shall establish a working group consisting of representatives at the working level from ESCAP and EF to coordinate the preparation and implementation, including to ensure the high quality of agreed work scheme.

IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP- EF COOPERATION

1. The partnership between ESCAP and EF will target the Asia-Pacific Region and focus on support for member States to achieve SDG7 and SDG13. The Parties also agree to jointly promote opportunities to develop sustainable energy through enhanced regional cooperation and the regional economic cooperation and integration (RECI) mandate of the ESCAP (Bangkok Declaration ESCAP RES/70/1).
2. The priority areas for joint activities include renewable energy deployment, cooling energy efficiency, green finance, electric vehicles, clean and low carbon cities, and tools for SDG7 and SDG13 Roadmaps in member States, but may be amended from time to time with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

V. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ESCAP- EF

(a) ESCAP

- i. Organizes dialogues, consultations and shares information among stakeholders from member States;
- ii. Establishes the working group of ESCAP and EF representatives as aforementioned;
- iii. Strengthens intergovernmental processes and partnerships for high-level dialogue to facilitate cross-sector collaboration and peer learning;
- iv. Promotes joint planning, research and coordination on agreed topics of interest, covering renewable energy deployment, cooling energy efficiency, green finance, electric vehicles, clean and low carbon cities and tools for SDG7 Roadmaps in member States;
- v. Organizes capacity building activities to convene stakeholders on identified topics;
- vi. Identifies, selects, supports and supervises regional and international institutions or individual consultants to:
 - a. Undertake scoping studies on sectorial needs in identified topics;
 - b. Compile case studies of member States' SDG7 transition pathways; and
 - c. Study and align host countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and upcoming climate targets with investment decisions to reflect climate and environmental concerns in financing processes;

(b) EF in consultation with ESCAP;

- i. Provides necessary financial, technical and human resources to support and conduct researches and activities agreed;
- ii. Provides human resources for the implementation of this MoU through its staff members with expertise relevant to the sustainable energy priorities outlined in the MoU, the details of which shall be agreed in the specific project document;
- iii. Participates in the working group as aforementioned;
- iv. Promotes joint planning, research and coordination on agreed topics of interest, covering renewable energy deployment, cooling energy efficiency, green finance, electric vehicles, clean and low carbon cities and tools for SDG7 Roadmaps in member States; and
- v. Supports and collaborates with ESCAP to facilitate activities in policy studies, dialogues, information sharing, personnel exchange, and capacity building in member States.

VI. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. ESCAP and EF acknowledge that effective cooperation depends on open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information at the institutional level. The Parties agree to make appropriate arrangements to:
 - (a) Provide access, at no cost, to all relevant publications and all public documents of each Party to the main library of the other Party to be maintained as reference documents; and

- (b) Give notice, through information posted on the websites of each Party, of:
- 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.

VII. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS

1. ESCAP and EF recognize that active attendance as well as appropriate representation in relevant activities of each Party is important for the purpose of joint positioning and advocacy. The Parties agree that:
 - (a) Reciprocal invitations will be extended to the other Party to attend at its own cost, the relevant meetings of EF and the intergovernmental meetings related to BRI, regional cooperation and integration organized by ESCAP;
 - (b) Invitations to other meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas of renewable energy deployment, cooling energy efficiency, green finance, electric vehicles, clean and low carbon cities and tools for SDG7 Roadmaps in member States will be sent, where appropriate.

VIII. PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS

1. ESCAP and EF 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 Parties agree to hold such consultations periodically as required and not less than once a year.

IX. FOCAL POINTS FOR THE MOU

1. The Parties agree to designate as focal points for the activities under this MoU:
 - (a) For ESCAP: Hongpeng Liu, Director, Energy Division
 - (b) For EF: Lijin Zhong, Chief of Staff, EF China.

X. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

1. ESCAP and EF will prepare by 31 December annually:
 - (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.
2. ESCAP and EF agree that:
- (a) The respective focal points will prepare a joint report by 31 March annually on the status of implementation of the cooperation activities, including an assessment of results achieved;
 - (b) The Parties will conduct a joint review or evaluation of the ESCAP-EF cooperation after two (2) years of the execution of this MoU, in consultation with the evaluation offices of the respective organizations; and
 - (c) These assessments will be reviewed by ESCAP and EF in considering further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MoU.

XI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

1. ESCAP and EF recognize that the involvement of both Parties in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. The Parties agree that:
- (a) There will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each Party to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation; and
 - (b) The use of emblems of each Party in documentation related to cooperation will be in accordance with the current policies of each Party concerning such usage, and prior written consent shall be required from the partners in advance of each use.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The term of this MoU will be from the date of signature by both Parties until **31 December 2022**.
2. There is no transfer of funds between the Parties or commitment of funding in this MoU. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or separate written agreement to be agreed by both Parties.
3. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.
4. This MoU may be terminated by either Party with six months' notice in writing.
5. Signed in Beijing on 14 January 2019 in two copies in English.

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



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14 January 2019

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16 December 2022

Dear Mr. Zou,

**Memorandum of Understanding
between ESCAP and The Energy Foundation**

I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and The Energy Foundation signed on 14 January 2019, which sets out a framework to work together on the common goal of ensuring low carbon and sustainable development with a view to achieve the SDGs and the Paris Agreement targets in Asia and the Pacific.

To date, much progress has been made against the objectives set forth under the MoU, including project support delivered to ESCAP member States in developing roadmaps for the energy transition and SDG7, as well as national cooling action plans (NCAPs). Awareness and capacity building activities through trainings and workshops have been delivered, utilising the NEXSTEP tool and building on the NCAP methodology developed under this agreement. The Asia Pacific Energy Think Tank Network was established in October 2019 and several studies were completed based on demands from ASEAN member countries on topics relating to SDG7 and the clean energy transition.

ESCAP continues to work on the agreed topics of interest, including renewable energy deployment, cooling energy efficiency, green finance, electric vehicles, clean and low carbon cities, and tools for SDG7 Roadmaps in member States. We appreciate the support of The Energy Foundation to enable the continued delivery of policy coordination, policy dialogues, capacity building, and knowledge products in these areas. We look forward to building upon the successes achieved thus far and to deliver meaningful outcomes for our member States located in South-East Asia and with special needs.

Therefore, with your concurrence, we would like to propose that the Memorandum of Understanding between ESCAP and The Energy Foundation be extended for five years, up to 31 December 2027, so that we may continue to promote economic development, sustainable energy, and environmental protection in Asia and the Pacific.

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Enclosure

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cc: Mr. Hongpeng Liu, Director, Energy Division, ESCAP

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,



Adnan H. Aliani
Director
Strategy and Programme Management Division

Accepted and agreed to on behalf of The Energy Foundation:

Signed:



Mr. Zou Ji
CEO, The Energy Foundation

Date: