MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA
AND THE PACIFIC
AND
THE KOREA ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which supersedes the memorandum of understanding signed between the two organizations on 24 October 2012.

II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP-KEITI COOPERATION

2. ESCAP and KEITI have common mandate to promote sustainable development by helping bridge environmental gaps among member or partner countries and plan to work together to foster sustainable development in the region.

III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP-KEITI COOPERATION

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

   (a) Utilizing their respective comparative advantages to increase collaboration activities in support of the promotion of cooperation areas;

   (b) Encouraging participation of public and private sector stakeholders and academia in joint activities; and

   (c) Developing programmes and policies suitable for the region.

IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP-KEITI 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) Operating the Asia Carbon Footprint Network (ACFN) and facilitating cooperation among Network members on policies and tools for carbon footprinting and labelling schemes in support of efforts of the business sector for its low carbon emissions;
(b) Developing and implementing joint programmes for capacity building and knowledge & technology transfer for sustainable development;

(c) Supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation project development through co-financing, feasibility study, appropriate technology transfer and knowledge sharing; and

(d) Addressing environmental challenges in North-East Asia through implementing joint programmes to combat transboundary air pollution issues including particulate matter (PM), and enhancing the knowledge base of environmental challenges with the collection, analysis and dissemination of environmental indicators.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5. ESCAP and KEITI 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:

(a) conferences, seminars and workshops being organized or sponsored;
(b) regional, country, sector and thematic policy/strategy documents;
(c) programme and project approval documents; and
(d) regional programme, country programme, sectoral, project and other evaluations.

VI. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS

6. ESCAP and KEITI 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 the related meetings and other important consultative fora that 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 KEITI 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 KEITI agree to designate as focal points for the activities under this MoU:

   (a) for ESCAP: Director, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia
   (b) for KEITI: Director, Environmental Policy Cooperation Office

IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

9. ESCAP and KEITI will prepare 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.

10. ESCAP and KEITI agree that:

   (a) the respective focal points will prepare a joint report 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-KEITI cooperation three years after signature of this MoU, in consultation with the evaluation offices of the respective organizations; and
   (c) these assessments will be reviewed by ESCAP and KEITI in considering further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MoU.
X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

11. ESCAP and KEITI 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 October 2021.

13. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement.

14. Nothing that this MoU imposes any legal obligations upon any party hereto.

15. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

16. This MoU may be terminated by either Party on six months notice in writing.

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