MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AND THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY CENTER - KOREA

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Green Technology Center - Korea (GTC-K) reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest in the service of developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which supersedes the MoU signed between the two organizations on 29 October 2012.

II. PURPOSE OF ESCAP-GTC-K COOPERATION

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

   (a) to support countries in the Asia-Pacific region to bridge economic, social and environmental gaps, particularly through facilitating green technology cooperation and diffusion,

   (b) to promote regional and multilateral cooperation in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, Goal 17 on Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ESCAP-GTC-K COOPERATION

3. ESCAP and GTC-K will be guided by the following general principles:

   (a) Sharing strategic and operational priorities for collaborative activities

   (b) Utilizing comparative strengths and complementary roles of each organization for identifying and developing regional approaches and programmes.

IV. FOCUS OF ESCAP-GTC-K 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) Developing and implementing capacity building for major stakeholders in developing countries in support of green technology transfer and strategy;

   (b) Developing regional strategies, programmes and activities including researching big data for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to promote and utilize green technologies for climate change mitigation and adaptation;
(c) Strengthening the capacity of major stakeholders in developing countries on developing national strategies for science, technology and innovation in support of sustainable development.

V. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5. ESCAP and GTC-K 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 GTC-K 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 GTC-K 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 GTC-K agree to designate as focal points for the activities under this MoU:

(a) for ESCAP: Head, Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia
(b) for GTC-K: Director, Center for Climate Technology Cooperation

IX. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE MOU AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

9. ESCAP and GTC-K 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 GTC-K 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-GTC-K 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 GTC-K in considering further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MoU.

X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

11. ESCAP and GTC-K 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.

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