



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

BETWEEN

The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (The D-8)

AND

The United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA)

The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) and The United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”);

Subject to the provisions of this MoU, the Articles of Agreement establishing the D-8, the Articles of Agreement establishing the UCLG-MEWA and the resources of both Parties and without prejudice to the existing bilateral relations between the States of common interest and both the Parties,

Considering that both the Parties are operating within substantially the same geographical area,

Sharing an understanding that many of the goals of the D-8 organization can be implemented in the local level,

Recognizing UCLG-MEWA as the **inter-governmental forum for local governments** of the Middle East and West Asia Region,

Agreeing to ensure presence of the D-8 organization in the UCLG-MEWA activities, and vice versa, to strengthen institutional relationship between the two organizations, and

Committing to raising awareness on local governance in terms of stimulating economic development and welfare,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a general framework for cooperation between the D-8 and the UCLG-MEWA in promoting economic and social development.

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ARTICLE 2
MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

The Parties have agreed on the following mutual obligations within the scope of the purpose stated in Article 1:

(i) *Technical assistance*

UCLG-MEWA will consider technical assistance for projects identified by both the Parties, with particular focus on Transportation, Trade, Energy, Industry & SME, Agriculture & Food security, Tourism, Science and Education.

(ii) *Capacity building*

Both Parties will encourage exchange of visits by the personnel of both organizations to discuss matters of common interest. The D-8 and the UCLG-MEWA may perform regular exchange of documents and publications on economic and commercial issues and other matters of mutual interests.

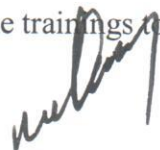
(iii) *Implementation of projects*

The Parties may review the areas of cooperation as necessary upon mutual consent.

The Parties may decide to implement joint projects under this MoU which shall be subject, on a case-by-case basis, to a specific written implementation agreement. Such agreements will cover technical aspects of the activities, responsibilities of the Parties, and legal (including the responsibilities of each Party and intellectual property rights) and financial aspects, as required. The parties shall use their best efforts to keep each other informed and consult on all matters carried out under this MoU.

(iv) *Joint Programs*

The Parties will prepare programs about the trainings to be organized under this MoU.



(v) *Reciprocal Promotion of Both Organizations*

Both parties will promote each other's activities and events on their websites, periodical publications, etc. Both D-8 and UCLG-MEWA will encourage their members to be involved in respective activities and projects.

ARTICLE 3

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

A consultative mechanism between the D-8 and the UCLG-MEWA will be established to identify areas of mutual cooperation. Both the Parties may designate one focal point in each others' Organization and focal points will carry forward works in the area or areas of cooperation agreed upon.

ARTICLE 4

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parties are jointly responsible to perform the works to be pursued under this MoU in compliance with their own legislation, other legislation they have to comply with and the activities to be executed. This MoU shall not affect the rights and liabilities of the Parties arising from any international agreement or obligation.

ARTICLE 5

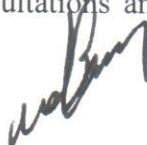
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

This MoU does not create any financial commitment for or between the Parties. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of funding or voluntary contributions, and shall be subject to the regulations and procedures in force in the D-8 and the UCLG-MEWA.

ARTICLE 6

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes or disagreements arising out of the interpretation or application of this MoU shall be settled amicably through mutual consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

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ARTICLE 7
AMENDMENTS


This MoU may be amended or additional protocols may be made by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendments or additional protocols shall enter into force 01 (one) month following notifications conveying written consent by both Parties and shall constitute an integral part of this MoU.

ARTICLE 8
ENTRY INTO FORCE, VALIDITY AND TERMINATION


This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years and shall fully enter into force upon approval of their competent Organs. If none of the Contracting Parties notifies the other of its intention to terminate this MoU 01 (one) month before its expiration date, the MoU will be automatically renewed each time for an additional period of 01(one) year. This MoU may be terminated by either Party upon 06 (six) months' notice in writing given to the other Party. In that event, the Parties will agree on measures required for orderly conclusion of ongoing activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Secretary-General of the D-8 and the Secretary-General of UCLG-MEWA have signed this Memorandum in two originals in English and on the date herein below indicated.

On behalf of
D-8 Organization for Economic
Cooperation (D-8)


Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi
Secretary-General

On behalf of
United Cities and Local Governments
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