



MOU
BETWEEN
Asian Mayors Forum (AMF)
AND
D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation

Considering that both Organizations are operating within a geographical area with some common countries,

Recognizing D8 as the **international organization for economic cooperation** of the Asia, the Middle East and Africa Region,

Agreeing to ensure presence of the AMF in the D8 Cooperation 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
INTRODUCING and PURPOSE

AMF is established with the purpose of establishing sustainable development, peace, promoting constructive co-operation among Asian cities and people, enhancing friendly relations among Asian cities as well as providing required ground for sustainable development of all Asian cities in different economic, social scientific environmental and technological fields.

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a general framework for cooperation between AMF and D8 in promoting localization of the Glocality's promise.

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The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, also known as Developing-8, is an organisation for development co-operation among the following countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

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***

D8 will provide technical assistance for projects identified by both the Parties, with particular focus on the topics specified in the attached Concept Note, which constitutes an integral part of this assignment.

(ii) ***Capacity building***

Both Parties will encourage exchange of visits by the personnel of both organizations to discuss matters of common interest. AMF and D8 may perform regular exchange of documents and publications on the localization of the SDGs 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 document.

(iv) ***Joint Programs***

The Parties may prepare programs about the trainings to be organized under this assignment related to the main issues mentioned below:

- To explore possibilities for collaboration and to strengthen the relationship between Parties in the field of mayoral network for sustainable development;

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- Exploring areas of cooperation to expand the investment platform in the field of transportation;
- providing endorsement for the activities of AMF and D8 that contribute and support Asian countries and cities;
- Developing and provide specific reports in the field of urban economy for Asian cities.
- Publishing reports of mutual interest on each other's Websites;
- Maintaining open Channels of communication between the organizations;
- Monitoring progress of Joint activities and obtained results;
- Expand cooperation in the field of tourism, including health tourism, educational tourism;
- Holding joint training courses and workshops, specialized seminars;
- Holding specialized meetings on energy, transportation, textile industry;
- Attracting joint professors for joint online and face-to-face courses;
- Exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of energy, textiles, urban studies;
- Using of knowledge in the form of holding specialized exhibitions.

(v) *Reciprocal Promotion of Both Organizations*

Both parties will promote each other's joint activities and common events on their websites, periodical publications, etc. Both AMF and D8 will encourage their members to be involved in respective activities and projects.

ARTICLE 3

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

A consultative mechanism between AMF and D8 will be established to identify areas of mutual cooperation. Both Parties may designate one focal point in each other's Organization and focal points will carry forward works in the area or areas of cooperation agreed upon.

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ARTICLE 4

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parties are jointly responsible to perform the works to be pursued under this assignment 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 document 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 AMF and D8.

ARTICLE 6

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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

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 1 (one) month following notifications conveying written consent by both Parties and shall constitute an integral part of this document.



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 1 year. If none of the Signatories notifies the other of its intention to terminate this document 1 (one) month before its expiration date, the MoU will be automatically renewed each time for an additional period of 1(one) year. This assignment may be terminated by either Party upon 6 (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 AMF and the Secretary General of the D8 have signed this Memorandum in two originals in English and on the date herein below indicated.

02.09.2021

On behalf of
Asian Mayors Forum (AMF)



Dr. Goshtasb Mozaffari
Secretary General

On behalf of
D-8 Organization for Economic
Cooperation



Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari
Secretary General

Technical Co-operation between AMF and D-8

Concept Note

According to a draft MOU between the two, AMF and D-8 organization, this was fixed that collaborations should be directed in some certain fields mentioned below:

- Development of cooperation in the field of joint meetings with the approach of traffic and technologies in the field of export and import;
- Implement regional-level joint summits to advance the goal of economic development and regional peace;
- Holding training courses with the aim of exchanging knowledge and techniques;
- Exchange of members to conduct work courses between the two organizations with the aim of training specialized people.

As a matter of fact, by the aim at developing and strengthening international relations, and also for public diplomacy and collaborating with the D-8 these collaborations should fulfill some issues according to below:

1. Applying standard methods and principles in the implementation of tasks;
2. Timely fulfillment of undertaking in the concluded discussions;
3. Responding the requests received from both of the sides as soon as possible;
4. Observing of the interests and intellectual property rights of the two sides.

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