

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
ON THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO SCALE UP THE SAEMAUL UNDONG  
EXPERIENCES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (“MOFA”) of the Republic of Korea (“ROK”) and the United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”). MOFA and UNDP are hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides”.

**WHEREAS**, UNDP serves in many respects as the operational arm of the United Nations at the country level and works with partners in numerous countries to promote sustainable development, eradication of poverty, advancement of women, crisis prevention and recovery, good governance and the rule of law.

**WHEREAS**, UNDP represented by the Bureau for the Development Policy is interested in enhancing its development activities to collaborate with MOFA in scaling up local development solutions for sustainable livelihoods.

**WHEREAS**, the Sides share a mutual interest in strengthening the commitment to development cooperation in order to achieve poverty eradication and sustainable development, in particular by sharing related experiences and scaling up proven solutions for local development, under the purview of the Partnership Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Development Programme, which entered into force on 25 April 2006.

**THEREFORE**, the Sides have reached the following understandings:

**Paragraph 1  
Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Sides in areas of common interest.
- 1.2 The Sides recognize the value of the ROK’s own development experiences, including lessons learned from the *Saemaul Undong* and UNDP’s global knowledge on local development solutions for sustainable livelihoods.
- 1.3 The Sides will work together towards launching a global programme which aims to update, integrate and scale up elements of the *Saemaul Undong* and its application into an exemplary model and effective platform for local development.

**Paragraph 2  
Areas of Cooperation**

The Sides jointly decide to cooperate in the following areas of activity:

- i. to conduct a joint study on the *Saemaul Undong* in order to analyze the lessons learned from ROK’s past development experiences and consider the possibilities of

formulating the *Saemaul Undong* as a local development model in terms of its applicability and scalability, to complement other relevant solutions for sustainable local development ;

- ii. to adapt the elements of the *Saemaul Undong* into a UNDP global programme based on an agreed set of guiding principles between the Sides, and apply them to an initial set of countries based on demand and focusing on ROK's Priority Partner Countries;
- iii. to scale-up the impact of the integrated local development model based upon the *Saemaul Undong* experiences, to be an effective platform for achieving poverty eradication and sustainable local development through the sharing of evidence-based results and support to South-South and triangular cooperation; and
- iv. to draw on the activities of the global programme through rigorous monitoring and evaluation as well as systematic documentation in order to provide adequate inputs to global and regional discourses including the post-2015 development agenda.

### **Paragraph 3 Consultation and Exchange of Information**

- 3.1. The Sides will keep each other informed of common interest on a regular basis, thereby leading to mutual collaboration.
- 3.2. Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this Paragraph will be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents. Such arrangements will survive the termination of this MOU and of any arrangements signed by the Sides within the scope of this collaboration.
- 3.3. The Sides will, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings under this MOU in order to review the progress of activities being carried out and to plan future activities.
- 3.4. The Sides may invite each other to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by them or under their auspices in which, in the opinion of either Side, the other may have an interest. Invitations will be subject to the procedures applicable to such meetings or conferences.

### **Paragraph 4 Implementation**

- 4.1. In order to implement the specific activities envisioned hereunder, the Sides will conclude cost-sharing arrangements in accordance with the respective Sides' regulations, rules and procedures which will specify the responsibilities of the Sides on the provision of costs or expenses relating to programme implementation. Financial resources contributed by MOFA will be managed by UNDP in pursuance of the applicable UNDP regulations, rules and procedures.
- 4.2. It is understood that all activities will be carried out on the basis of project documents

agreed between UNDP and the concerned governments, in consultation with MOFA, and in accordance with the applicable UNDP regulations, rules and directives.

- 4.3. Neither Side will be an agent, representative or joint partner of the other Side. Neither Side will enter into any contract or commitment on behalf of the other Side and will be solely responsible for making all payments to and on behalf of its own account, as provided under this MOU and under cost-sharing agreements concluded hereunder.
- 4.4. Each Side will be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this MOU and its implementation.

#### **Paragraph 5 Visibility**

The Sides recognize that the cooperative arrangements will be publicized and therefore jointly decide to acknowledge the role and contribution of each Side in all public information document relating to instances of such cooperation and use each Side's name and emblem in documentation related to the cooperation in accordance with the current policies of each Side and subject to the prior written consent of each Side.

#### **Paragraph 6 Notices and Addresses**

Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this MOU will be in writing. Such notice or request will be delivered by hand, certified mail, overnight courier, or telex to each Sides at the address specified below:

For MOFA:  
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#### **Paragraph 7 Miscellaneous**

This MOU and any related co-financing arrangements and project document comprise the complete understanding of the Sides in respect of the subject matter of this MOU.

**Paragraph 8**  
**Entry into Effect, Duration, Termination and Amendment**

- 8.1. This MOU will enter into effect upon signature by the Sides.
- 8.2. This MOU will continue to remain valid unless either Side gives the other Side two (2) months' prior notice for termination in writing.
- 8.3. In the event of termination of this MOU, any cost-sharing or project cooperation arrangements, and any project document concluded pursuant to this MOU, may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in such arrangements. In such case, the Sides will take necessary steps to ensure that the activities carried out under this MOU, the cost-sharing arrangements, and the project documents are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.
- 8.4. This MOU may be amended only by written joint decision of the Sides.

Signed at New York, 26 September 2013, in two original copies in English.

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