

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES (UNOPS) AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

The United Nations Office for Project Services (hereinafter, “UNOPS”) and the Government of the Dominican Republic (hereinafter, the “Government”) (individually, the “Party”, collectively, the “Parties”);

WHEREAS, UNOPS is an operational arm of the United Nations by United Nations General Assembly Decision 48/501 of 19 September 1994 as a central resource for the UN system in procurement, contracts management and other capacity development activities, as well as its value in providing efficient, cost-effective services to partners in its specialized areas;

WHEREAS, the UNOPS Strategic Plan, 2026-2029, reinforces its commitment to contribute expertise to expand implementation capacity to support countries in developing their capacity and resource base for the Sustainable Development Goals, help people in need through effective expertise, and enable partners through efficient project services;

WHEREAS, UNOPS administers the Global Centre for Climate Mobility (hereinafter “GCCM”), which implements regional Climate Mobility Initiatives, including the Greater Caribbean Climate Mobility Initiative (hereinafter “GCCMI”), the Rising Nations Initiative (hereinafter “RNI”), and the Communities Climate Adaptation Facility (hereinafter “C-CAF”), collaborating with respective regional organizations, relevant entities of the UN System and the World Bank as core partners;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes that UNOPS, in these mandated areas, possesses comparative advantage and expertise;

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that their respective activities include areas of common interest where closer collaboration in the form of a partnership between the Parties would be mutually beneficial and would increase the effectiveness of each Party in fulfilling its mandate, role and function;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework for non-exclusive cooperation and collaboration between the Parties in areas of common interest.

Article 2

Areas of Co-operation

2.1 The Parties intend to co-operate in the following areas relating to a comprehensive engagement on climate mobility in the Dominican Republic (“The Dominican Republic Climate Mobility Deep Dive”):

A. GCCMI

- (i) **Building Knowledge:** Establish a baseline of climate mobility knowledge and projections for the Dominican Republic, drawing on the GCCMI’s data and complementary research to inform national and local adaptation planning and related project proposals in the context of multiple climate hazards;
- (ii) **Preparing a National Blueprint:** Develop a country-specific analysis in the form of a climate mobility country profile and an agenda for action in the form of a national blueprint for addressing climate mobility, including through a consultative process with concerned actors and stakeholders;
- (iii) **Informing Policy:** Apply the national blueprint on climate mobility to national and sub-national adaptation and development planning processes and policies, including upgrading the National Adaptation Plan, Nationally Determined Contribution, and other strategic plans;
- (iv) **Accessing Climate Financing:** Jointly develop and submit evidence-based proposals to international climate financing institutions and other global and regional partners to establish dedicated institutional capacities for addressing climate mobility and for climate mobility projects in the country and region;
- (v) **Accelerating Diplomacy:** Promote global and regional cooperation in support of climate-vulnerable nations and communities, including to address the movement of people due to the impacts of climate change, and effectively communicate their priorities in international and regional fora.

B. RNI

- (i) **Building Capacity:** Strengthen the national capacity to address the threats posed by sea level rise in the areas of knowledge, data and science; adaptation, finance, and resilience; livelihoods, culture and heritage; and statehood continuity and rights.
- (ii) **Advancing Global Advocacy:** Build momentum to ensure robust and action-oriented multilateral action to address the multidimensional challenges posed by sea level rise, including through dedicated forums and coalitions such as the Coalition for addressing Sea-level rise & its Existential Threats (C-SET) and the Coastal Cities Coalition launched during the Third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3).

C. C-CAF:

- (i) **Mobilize financing for directly supporting community-led solutions that enable people to remain in place, respond to immediate threats, and build resilience, through the C-CAF.**

Article 3

Exchange of Information and Documents, and Confidentiality

- 3.1 The Parties will meet periodically to review activities ongoing under this MOU and to plan future activities.
- 3.2 The Parties intend to consult on and keep each other regularly informed of any matters of common interest that may lead to mutual cooperation or collaboration. A Party may request the other Party to provide confidentiality undertakings prior to such consultation or exchange of information.
- 3.3 When either Party holds meetings relevant to one of the Areas of Co-operation identified in Article 2, it may invite the other Party to participate by sending observers, subject to the procedural rules applicable to such meetings.

Article 4

Implementation

- 4.1 Subject to applicable UNOPS regulations, rules and procedures of the Parties, the Parties may conclude project agreements to implement specific activities under this MOU and to apportion the corresponding costs and expenses. The Parties agree that the terms of this MOU shall apply to any project agreements made hereunder, which shall incorporate by reference the terms of this MOU.
- 4.2 Subject to provisions addressing such costs in applicable project agreement(s), the Government shall bear the cost of its public relations activities.
- 4.3 Nothing in this MOU shall be read to construe either Party as an agent, representative or joint partner of the other, or to authorise either Party to contract on behalf of or otherwise commit the other Party. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs of participating in this MOU, unless provided for otherwise in this MOU or any agreement made hereunder.
- 4.4 Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions in connection with this MOU and its implementation.

Article 5

Amendment

This MOU may be amended at any time by the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Article 6

Termination

This MOU may be terminated at any time by either Party giving two months' written notice to the other Party. The Parties will consult to determine how any outstanding matters should be dealt with, and should ensure that ongoing activities are brought to an orderly conclusion. Any project agreement made under this MOU should be terminated separately and in accordance with its provisions.

Article 7

Effective Date and Duration

This MOU will come into effect on the date on which it becomes duly signed by both Parties (the “Effective Date”), and will remain in effect for a period of three years, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties or terminated in accordance with Article 6.

Article 8
Notices

Any notice or other communication under this MOU shall be deemed valid only when delivered by hand, certified mail, courier, telex, or cable to the other Party, at the address or number provided below:

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Article 9
Miscellaneous

9.1 This MOU and any related project agreement comprise the complete understanding of the Parties in respect of the subject matter in this MOU and supersede all prior agreements relating to the same subject matter. Failure by either Party to enforce a provision of this MOU shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision of this MOU. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this MOU shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this MOU.

9.2 Any disputes relating to this MOU shall be settled amicably.

9.3 Nothing in or relating to any provision in this MOU shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the United Nations and/or UNOPS.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Parties on the matters referred to in this MOU.

Signed in duplicate at the date(s) and location(s) indicated below.

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02 July 2026 / NY, USA
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