



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND SEA OF
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC**

and

**THE MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT
OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

on

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred as the “Parties”,

RECOGNIZING the importance to develop joint cooperation programs and actions in the field of climate change and sustainable development;

BEING AWARE of the necessity to promote joint initiatives between the respective Countries in order to address climate change and sustainable development challenges;

RECALLING that the 21st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), has adopted the Paris Agreement to combat climate change;

EMPHASIZING that the Paris Agreement, in enhancing the implementation of the UNFCCC, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;

RECALLING that the Italian Republic and the United Arab Emirates are Parties to the UNFCCC, to the Kyoto Protocol and have signed the Paris Agreement;

RECALLING the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) that the United Arab Emirates has submitted to the UNFCCC on 22 October 2015;

CONVINCED that the collaborative efforts between developed and developing economies are strongly needed in order to accelerate research and development in low-carbon technologies and that the technological diffusion will require greater private sector engagement;

have entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding:

Article 1

Objective

Within the competences of the Parties, the objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to reinforce bilateral cooperation between the Parties in the fields of climate change and sustainable development, on the basis of mutual benefit.

Article 2

Areas of cooperation

The Parties will cooperate, in particular, in the following areas of common interest:

1. implementation of the measures for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, as identified in the “Nationally Determined Contribution” that the United Arab Emirates has submitted to the UNFCCC on 22 October 2015;
2. stimulation and dissemination of policies and tools to encourage economic diversification and technological transformation towards a sustainable economy;
3. identification and implementation of climate change adaptation measures and new sustainable development opportunities in the field of urban planning and land development, buildings and construction, transport, renewable energy, energy efficiency and resource-efficient and cleaner production;

4. identification and implementation of policies and technical solutions for sustainable farming, fisheries, food processing, landscaping, biodiversity conservation and tourism in the hyper-arid environment;
5. identification and implementation of policies and technical solutions to air quality, noise monitoring and controlling, chemicals management and waste management;
6. transfer of technologies and capacity building, aiming to ensure the involvement of the private sector;
7. foster technical cooperation and information exchange;
8. further areas of cooperation could be included, upon approval by the Parties.

Article 3

Activities

The Parties will cooperate in the areas mentioned in Article 2 through:

- a) implementation of joint demonstration projects;
- b) capacity building, technology transfer and technical assistance;
- c) exchange of experts, delegation visits and trainees;
- d) promotion of private-sector participation and activities to implement Public-Private Partnership initiatives;
- e) further activities of cooperation could be included upon approval by the Parties.

Article 4

Coordination

1. In order to ensure the efficient implementation of the provisions of this MoU, the Parties will establish a joint Working Group (WG).
2. The WG will be composed by representatives from the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of the Italian Republic (IMELS) and representatives from the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (MOCCAE).
3. The WG will provide general direction and advice on cooperation, approve work programs, supervise and support the cooperation activities, and take necessary decisions for the activities.
4. The WG will develop the Rules of Procedure to define the WG mandate, modalities for the organization of the meetings, decision-making procedures, as well as any other possible procedural aspect consensually deemed relevant by the representatives of the Parties.
5. The meetings of the WG will be open to the participation of representatives of Diplomatic missions of the respective Countries, in accordance with the place where the meetings are held, and to other relevant stakeholder, to be selected jointly.

Article 5

Means of implementation and costs

1. The Parties engage themselves in the implementation of the activities mentioned in Article 3.
2. Any costs arising from the implementation of this MoU will be borne by the Parties within the limits of their financial resources, without additional costs for the respective ordinary State budgets.

Article 6

Applicable law

1. This MoU will not affect or prevent rights and obligations of the Parties towards third parties.
2. This MoU will be implemented by the Parties under their exclusive competence, in accordance with applicable international law and their respective national legislations including, as for the Italian Party, the obligations ensuing from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Article 7
Intellectual property

Intellectual property rights will be respected and enforced by the Parties throughout the cooperation activities implemented under this MoU.

Article 8
Effectiveness, duration, termination

1. The present MoU takes effect on the date of the signature and will remain valid for five (5) years, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing, at least six (6) months in advance, of its intention to terminate it.
2. This MoU will be automatically extended for another period of five (5) years, unless terminated by both Parties.
3. The termination of this Memorandum will have no effect on ongoing cooperation projects and initiatives already decided upon the Parties.

Article 9
Amendments

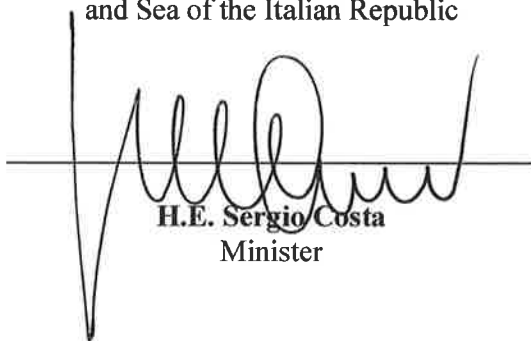
The provisions of this MoU may be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 10
Divergences

Any divergence in the interpretation and application of this MoU will be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiation between the Parties.

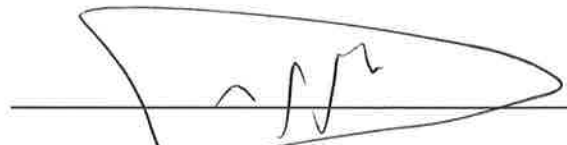
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