



Memorandum of Agreement

Between

SIDS DOCK
The Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Organisation

And

Henry L. Stimson Center Alliance For A Climate Resilient Earth (“ACRE”)

On

“Building Resilience To Climate Change In Islands Through The Energy Sector: North-South Cooperation For Sustainable Energy Development In Small Islands”

April 2021



PREAMBLE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MoU”) is made between the Small Island Developing States Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Organization, (“SIDS DOCK”), located at C/O The Government of Belize, Ministry of Public Utilities and Logistics, NEMO Building, Melhado Parade, Belmopan, Belize, Central America, and the Henry L. Stimson Center Alliance For A Climate Resilient Earth (“ACRE”), located at 1211 Connecticut Ave NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, United States of America, (herein after referred to as the “Parties”);

WHEREAS, SIDS DOCK was established on 27 September 2015, by Small Island Developing States (“SIDS”) Heads of State and Government and is the only United Nations (“UN”)-recognised international organisation, with all the rights and privileges for addressing climate change, resilience, and energy security in small islands. SIDS DOCK represents 32 small islands and low-lying developing states across the globe and is the designated cooperation mechanism for SIDS to finance climate change adaptation, including building resilience of the coastal environment and development of ocean energy as an integral component of transforming the energy sectors of small island developing states to low-carbon economies. SIDS DOCK represents a group of islands that together, have rights to govern ocean areas more than fifteen (15) times the size of the European Union (“EU”) land mass and represents their largest natural resource endowment, and who govern over and serve as the “Blue Guardians” of their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) - vast ocean territories extending up to 200 nautical miles from their coastlines;

WHEREAS, SIDS are experiencing increasingly significant negative social, economic and environmental damages from changes in climate related to increasing concentration of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere, and that given the general high level of economic vulnerability of SIDS to global events, there is need to link renewable energy uptake to climate resilience and more effective disaster recovery, in order to protect their population;



CONSCIOUS, of the urgent need to develop clean energy resources, SIDS DOCK and its members are committed to the promotion of clean energy availability, energy efficiency, climate mitigation and climate resilience, and the development of ocean energy and the blue economy. SIDS DOCK members have set minimum goals to improve energy efficiency by 25 percent (2005 baseline), to increase the renewable energy share in power generation to a minimum of 50 percent, and to reduce fuel use in commercial transportation by 25 percent by 2033, as a part of SIDS climate resilience building strategy, *Island Energy For Island Life: 25-50-25*;

NOTING, that the Henry L. Stimson Center, founded in 1989, is a nonpartisan and nonprofit think tank that has worked in the field of international security and helped to broaden its meaning to include economic issues, the sustainable development agenda, and the full spectrum of policies and actions for a climate resilient earth. ACRE brings together industries from across the private sector, universities, national laboratories, financial institutions, insurance and reinsurance companies, national security think tanks, environmental organisations, multilateral development banks, and UN connected networks to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The professional staff has developed excellent relationships over many decades with governments, foundations, companies, and nongovernmental organisations.

FURTHER NOTING, that the Stimson Centre initiated the Alliance for a Climate Resilient Earth (ACRE), which unites the strength of member-organisations and uses strategic communications and advocacy for an action agenda. ACRE is the collective voice for the alliance of member-organisations in private industry, civil society, and academia. Through ACRE, Stimson is encouraging collaboration and innovation between these member-organisations and creating Public-Private Partnerships (“PPPs”) as called for in UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17 – Partnerships for the Goals: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development. ACRE’s aim is to enhance environmental, social, and economic sustainability and to enable its member-organisations and partners to better achieve their own missions as they contribute to climate resilience;



RECALLING, that the *2012 Barbados Declaration on Achieving Sustainable Energy for All in Small Island Developing States*, recognises SIDS DOCK as a critical vehicle through which technical and financial support, capacity building, and preparation of investment opportunities are delivered to our members in order to achieve the three objectives of the “SEforALL Initiative” and the core purposes of SIDS DOCK. The *2014 SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway* Outcome Document called on the international community to support investment in initiatives by and for small island developing States, in particular the SIDS DOCK indicative project pipeline of renewable energy and energy efficiency and conservation projects, as well as in the areas of capacity-building and human resources development and public education and awareness;

CONSIDERING therefore that it is within the Parties’ common interest to enhance their cooperation;

NOW THEREFORE, desiring to establish a mutually beneficial cooperation as the Parties have significant common interest, SIDS DOCK and the Stimson Centre therefore agree that cooperation in research and the development of new practical partnerships that support climate adaptation and resilience would be mutually beneficial and have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Objectives and Areas of the Cooperation

1. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a framework for close cooperation between the Parties in research and the development of new practical partnerships that support climate adaptation and resilience in a sustainable, effective and efficient manner in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

2. The Parties will work together in good faith, through joint and concerted cooperation in accordance with the provisions of this MoU. The areas of cooperation are described



below:

- a. **Work Plans:** The parties will enter into specific written agreements (“Work Plan”) hereunder to clarify and define the nature, extent, and terms of the proposed collaborations. Prior to entering into any such agreements, these agreements will require the approval of appropriate officers from each institution as designated by the parties.
- b. **Joint research cooperation:** On climate adaptation and resilience and other mutually agreed topics;
- c. **Conduct joint workshops, conferences, and other events:** To promote events related to climate adaptation and resilience;
- d. **Joint support for the agreed upon Work Plan and operational activities:** To support the SIDS DOCK and ACRE missions as they relate to climate resilience;
- e. **Pursuing relevant grants and funding opportunities to support mutually beneficial activities:** To develop funding proposals to enable preparation of prefeasibility studies and bankable proposals towards the development and implementation of new practical partnerships that support climate adaptation and resilience.
- f. **Elevating ocean energy as a mainstream international leadership goal:** To support the *SIDS DOCK 2023 Heads of State and Government Strategy for the Commercial-scale Deployment of Ocean-based SIDS-Appropriate Energy Technologies* for the development of a low carbon economy, with emphasis on generating sustainable blue-green gender-equity employment to replace those that will be lost due to the negative impacts of climate change.
- g. **Other practical activities** as agreed upon by the Parties.



Article 2

Intellectual Property and Use of Name

1. Each Party shall remain the sole owner of all industrial or intellectual property rights, technical data, know-how, designs, specifications and the like generated or acquired before the signature or beyond the scope of this MoU.

2. All press releases or public statements relative to this Memorandum of Understanding or its implementation must be approved by both Parties, in writing, prior to release or disclosure. After the signing of the MoU, both parties will jointly promote and disseminate the resulting partnership through websites or other promotional material.

Article 3

Termination, Amendment and Renewal

1. This MOU will be valid for five (5) years unless terminated in writing by one of the parties. Either institution may withdraw from this MoU provided written notification of the withdrawal is given to the other institution providing sixty (60) days written notice to the other. This MoU may be amended only by written agreement of both Parties. This MoU may be renewed for any specified period upon mutual written consent of the two institutions.

Article 4

Notices

1. The undersigned representative of each Party represents, and the other Party relies upon such representation, that he or she has the authority to sign this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of that Party.



2. Any notices required by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be given in writing and delivered to the following addresses:

- 2.1. When Addressed to SIDS DOCK:**

SIDS DOCK Secretariat
Attention: Secretary-General
C/O Ministry of Public Utilities and Logistics
Government of Belize
NEMO Building
Melhado Parade
Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize
Tel: 1-301-873-4522
Fax: +(501)-822-2619/0020
E-mail: secretariat@sidsdock.org

- 2.2. When Addressed to The Henry L. Stimson Center:**

The Henry L. Stimson Center
Attention: Brian Finlay, President and CEO
1211 Connecticut Ave NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
United States of America
Telephone: 703-860-4600
Email: jahartke@gmail.com

- 2.3 Addresses other than the above may be given as appropriate in accordance with the terms of this notice provision.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two (2) originals in the English language, on the day set forth below.

For SIDS DOCK:

**His Excellency Mr. Ronald J. Jumeau
Chair, Executive Council of SIDS
DOCK**

**For THE HENRY L. STIMSON
CENTER:**

**Mr. Brian Finlay
President and Chief Executive
Officer (CEO)
The Henry L. Stimson Center**

Date: April 15, 2021

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