Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)

And

Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat
1  Preamble

The Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), Suva, Fiji and the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat of Port Vila, Vanuatu (herein as referred to as Parties)

Desirous to establish cooperation to advance issues of common interest to the Parties;

Desirous to access relevant expertise including bringing disciplines together as needed to address key issues, contributing to research and development projects, policy formulation, and capacity building initiatives;

Noting the mutual benefits that can be derived from collaboration, interaction, and other forms of collaboration consistent with the priority of the Parties;

Committed to making a contribution to the equitable, inclusive and sustainable development of their members and to the welfare of the Pacific Region;

Believing the Pacific Region can be a region of solidarity and cooperation in accordance with shared national interest, with the objective to widen engagement with Public, Civil and Private Sectors and strengthening of regional cooperation;

Committed to work closely together to maximise effective cooperation and efficiency and reduce duplication in delivering services to their common members;

Have agreed as follows:

2.  Purpose

2.1 The MOU aims to strengthen cooperation between the Parties through providing a framework for collaboration and strengthening direct communication between the Parties.

3.  Principles of Cooperation

3.1 Genuine partnership. The collaboration is based on a genuine spirit of equitable partnership that seeks to enhance and complement each Party’s efforts while building on their individual natural strengths and areas of primary expertise.

3.2 Mutual recognition and respect: Mutual recognition and respect for each other’s mandate, role and responsibilities are central to this MOU.

3.3 Joint team approach: Where the parties are involved in the same priority area of work, a joint team approach will be defined through a collaborative process that respects the core functions of each organization and the strategies or approaches that have been defined by their respective governing bodies.

3.4 Sharing of information: Both organizations agree to share information that is necessary to assist each Party in achieving the common purpose and principles contained in this MOU.

4.  Areas of Cooperation

4.1 The Parties regard the following areas of cooperation as desirable and feasible:

(i) policy dialogue to advance Green Growth;
(ii) development of policy and strategies from Green Growth Initiatives;

(iii) research, capacity building, including advice regarding different mechanisms of regional significance to support green growth partnership in the region;

(iv) technical cooperation economic policies to foster green growth development goals;

(v) engaging with and learning from the private sector of best policies, synergies and practices of green growth and sustainable development;

(vi) exchange of information; and

(vii) other areas that may be agreed between the Parties from time to time

5. **Mechanism for cooperation**

5.1 The Parties shall each appoint a focal point for the purpose of ensuring the implementation of this MOU and the further strengthening of partnership and collaboration. The two focal points for the Parties will communicate regularly and will meet at least two times per year for a structured meeting on collaboration between the two organizations. These meetings will address any issues of cooperation arising from this MOU.

5.2 The Parties may invite each other to participate as observers in meetings of their governing bodies and other selected technical meetings as appropriate and where resources permit.

5.3 This MOU is not a formal legal agreement giving rise to any legal relationship, rights, duties or consequences.

6. **Confidentiality and intellectual property**

6.1 Any exchange of information between the Parties under this MOU, whether in relation to research, management or information systems, will be subject to any reasonable conditions of confidentiality that the Party disclosing the information wishes to impose.

6.2 In the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge that this MOU will not act as a licence for either Party to exercise the other’s intellectual property rights in relation to know-how, materials or technology.

7. **Amendment**

7.1 This MOU may be amended or modified at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties.

7.2 The Memorandum can be terminated at any time by either party upon provision of two (2) weeks written notice to the other party.

8. **Entry into force**

8.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing and it may be renewed for a further five (5) years by the mutual agreement of both parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this memorandum of understanding at place and date indicated below.

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