



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT,

represented by the
Hon. Prime Minister,
Office of the Prime Minister,
P O Box G1, Honiara, Solomon Islands
(hereinafter referred to as "SIG")

AND

THE SOLOMON ISLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,

represented by the Chairman of the Board of the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry, having its registered Office at Suite 223, Hyundai Mall, P O Box 650, Honiara, (hereinafter referred to as "SICCI")

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

RECOGNISING the desire of the parties to establish and develop co-operation to

promote public private partnership as a tool through which the

Government can effectively implement and support economic reforms;

COGNISANT of the significance of collaboration between the Solomon Islands

Government and the private sector for the betterment of the livelihood

of the people of Solomon Islands;

REALISING that the private sector is the engine of growth;

AWARE of the constraints that have previously impeded the relationship

between Government and the private sector;

CONSCIOUS of the need to establish, develop and foster public private partnership

co-operation, have reached the following understanding:

1. The Parties will cooperate within the framework of their respective mandates and authority in the implementation of specific activities in agreed priority areas, while

making full use of the comparative advantages of the two organisation in promoting public private partnership under this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU").

Establishment of an Advisory Group

- 2. There is hereby established an Advisory Group that is responsible for:
 - (a) providing a forum for dialogue on matters relating to developing public private partnership opportunities in Solomon Islands;
 - (b) recommending policy directions on areas of mutual interest;
 - (c) recommending legislative initiatives for fully effecting identified public private partnership opportunities;
 - (d) advising government and private sectors on matters related and or incidental to the development of any public private partnership regime.
- 3. The Chairperson of the Advisory Group shall be the Permanent Secretary (MCILI) or the designate authority.
- 4. The Terms of Reference of the Advisory Group is as set out in Schedule One of this MOU.

No Formal Agency, Partnership of Joint Venture

5. This MOU does not intend to create any legal relationship in the nature of agency, partnership or joint venture between the Parties, and the Parties shall make no such representation to anyone.

Term

- 6. This MOU shall take effect upon the signature of the Parties and effective as of the date signed by the last Party and shall have an initial duration through 2019.
- 7. The duration of this MOU may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing.

Amendment and Modification

8. This MOU may be amended or modified by written agreement between the Parties.

Termination

9. Any Party may terminate this MOU at any time upon at least sixty days written notice to the other Party with such termination becoming effective upon the date set forth in such written notice.

Information

10. Parties shall provide each other such information as may be needed to facilitate the activities provided for under this MOU, including demographic and other data on any target population, contributions from other public and private sector partners,

information on implementing partners, additional resources needed or developed and etcetera.

Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare, MP
Prime Minister
Solomon Islands Government

Name and Signature of Witness:

DHW MURIA (JUR) JCL

Hon. Elijah D Muala, MP Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration Solomon Islands Government

Name and Signature of Witness:

Hunter Hlasuguris

KATALAINI ZIRU

Jeremy Bartlett
Chairman
Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industries

Name and Signature of Witness:

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SCHEDULE ONE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

SIG-PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY GROUP

1. Establishment

2. Objectives

3. Composition of Advisory Group

The Advisory Group shall comprise of persons for the time being holding the offices of the following:

- (i) Chairperson of the Board of Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- (ii) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Treasury or the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry responsible for the "Finance" portfolio;
- (iii) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration or the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for the "Commerce" portfolio;
- (iv) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Development, Planning and Aid Coordination or the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for the "Planning" portfolio;
- (v) Chief Executive Officer of the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- (vi) Director, Economic Reform Unit, Ministry of Finance and Treasury;
- (vii) Director, Industrial Development Division, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration;

- (viii) Representatives of two members of the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- (ix) Two members co-opted by the Chairperson of the Advisory Group on the advice and recommendation of the members of the Advisory Group.

4. Meeting Dates

The Advisory Group shall meet once every month at a place to be determined by the Chairperson after consultation with Committee members.

5. Governance

The Advisory Group shall report directly to joint meetings of the Executives Ministries in (3) altogether with the Board of the Solomon islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("joint forum") on current interest issues that the Advisory Group is involved in.

6. Deliverables

- (i) Continuous reporting to the joint forum on current interests issues;
- (ii) Make recommendations towards the effective implementation of identified public private partnership opportunities.

7. Life of Advisory Group

The Advisory Group shall subsist until a formal Government and private sector cooperation framework is established.