

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE OF
THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
ON ENVIRONMENT**

The Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to individually as “side” and collectively as “both sides”),

Recognizing “the Brazil-Japan Partnership Initiative on Environment, Climate, Sustainable Development and Resilient Economies,” launched by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and the Prime Minister of Japan, Kishida Fumio, based on their Joint Statement on May 3, 2024, in Brasília, and emphasizing that this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “this MOC”) contributes to the implementation of the partnership,

Acknowledging the need to take urgent action to tackle global environmental challenges and crises, including of climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification and pollution, which are further exacerbated by persistent levels of poverty, food insecurity and inequality,

Recalling their commitment to promote sustainable development in its social, economic and environmental dimensions, which are integrated, indivisible, interdependent and mutually reinforcing; and acknowledging that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development,

Reaffirming both sides’ steadfast and respective commitments, in pursuit of the objective of UNFCCC, to tackle climate change by strengthening the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, achieving its purpose and long-term goals, reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances, recalling their aim to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and contributing to global emission reductions in order to meet the targets of the Paris Agreement, and

Emphasizing the importance of creating bilateral investment opportunities in sustainable projects, environmental services, including through enhancing cooperation in carbon credit markets,

Have reached the following recognition:

**PARAGRAPH I
OBJECTIVE**

This MOC is for strengthening, facilitating and developing mutual cooperation in the field of the sustainable development, reaffirming the importance of the actions towards the swift and successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PARAGRAPH II AREAS OF COOPERATION

Cooperative activities may be decided in mutually confirmed areas pertaining to environmental protection and climate change responses as listed below:

- Mitigation and adaptation to climate change including carbon credit markets and early warning systems for extreme weather events;
- Research collaboration on estimation of carbon emissions and sequestration;
- Urban environment, pollution prevention and monitoring;
- Waste management and sustainable consumption and production approaches, including circular economy;
- Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity that provides ecosystem services;
- Access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from their utilization;
- Environmental education;
- Marine environment;
- Management of forest and coastal and off-shore ecosystems; and
- Other areas related to the environment as mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH III IMPLEMENTATION AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

Both sides will encourage and facilitate cooperation through appropriate forms, to the extent of resources prepared by both sides, including:

- Policy dialogue;
- Exchanging information;
- Joint projects, research, feasibility studies, seminars, workshops and meetings; and
- Other forms of cooperation to be mutually decided upon.

PARAGRAPH IV MODIFICATION

This MOC may be modified at any time through mutual written consent of both sides.

PARAGRAPH V RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS

Any problem arising from the operation of activities under this MOC will be resolved amicably through consultation or negotiation between both sides.

PARAGRAPH VI
COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUATION

1. The cooperation under this MOC will commence on the date of its signature.
2. The cooperation under this MOC will continue unless discontinued at any time by either side by giving written notification at least six (6) months prior to the date of the intended discontinuation.
3. The discontinuation of the cooperation under this MOC will not affect the duration of any ongoing project or activity until the completion of such project or activity, unless both sides decide otherwise. The foregoing represents the recognition reached between both sides on the matter referred to in this MOC.

Signed in duplicate at Tokyo on 25 March 2025, as a non-legally binding document in the English language.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF
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