

STATEMENT OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

AND

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN

REGARDING

**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, POLLUTION CONTROL AND
NATURE CONSERVATION**

THIS STATEMENT OF INTENT is formulated

BETWEEN

THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK an international financial institution with its headquarters in Abidjan, Avenue Joseph Anoma, 01 B.P. 1387, Abidjan, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (“hereinafter referred to as “**AfDB**”),

AND

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF JAPAN a Japanese governmental institution with its headquarter in Tokyo, Godochosha No. 5, Kasumigaseki 1-2-2, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8975, Japan (hereinafter referred to as “**MoE**”)

AfDB and **MoE** are hereinafter jointly referred to as the “**Participants**” and individually as the “**Participant**”.

WHEREAS:

- A. AfDB is established by the Agreement Establishing the African Development Bank (the “AfDB Agreement”), with a primary objective to contribute to the sustainable economic development and social progress of its regional member countries (“RMCs”) individually and jointly;
- B. AfDB is interested in enhancing the climate-related benefits of its development activities and accelerating Japanese public and private sector engagement in development towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the RMCs;
- C. Since its establishment in 1971 as the Environmental Agency and since its formation as a ministry in 2001, MoE has solidified its leadership for global environmental conservation, pollution control, and nature conservation; and
- D. The Participants share similar objectives and wish to cooperate in areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their efforts and wish to express their intention to establish a framework of cooperation.

NOW THEREFORE the Participants intend to record their common intention in this Statement of Intent (“**SOI**”) as follows:

1.0 Purpose of Collaboration

The objective of this **SOI** is to initiate non-binding discussions between the Participants with a view to exploring options for cooperation to assist the RMCs to develop in a low carbon, climate resilient, environmentally sustainable and just manner; enhancing action in the RMCs to combat the impact of extreme and slow-onset weather events; and facilitating the deployment of clean technologies and clean energy.

2.0 Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of this SOI are the conclusion of the discussions on providing support to the RMCs on:

- a) Clean energy and clean technology using existing and new and innovative instruments, including amongst others, the Joint Crediting Mechanism, capacity building support taking into account the work of the Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership (A6IP), and voluntary carbon markets;
- b) Adaptation and Loss and Damage to extreme and slow onset weather events using existing and new and innovative instruments, including amongst others, the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism related to Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement; and
- c) Environmentally sound waste management to improve public health including, amongst others, collaboration with the project formulation program funded by MoE.

3.0 Areas of Co-operation

The Participants intend to cooperate in the following areas of activity:

- a) Convening regular dialogues, consultations and information exchange; and
- b) If appropriate, preparation of a Concept Note on the cooperation outlining the objectives, modalities and procedures, potentially including a fund to support the identification, development and financing of projects that contribute to the Participants’ combined objectives.

4.0 Conditions

- a) This SOI is indicative, non-exclusive and does not create any rights or binding contractual obligations under domestic or international law on the Participants.
- b) Nothing in this SOI is intended to waive, renounce or modify any immunities, exemptions, privileges or rights to which each Participant may be entitled by virtue of its constitutive instruments and international law.
- c) No provision in this SOI should be construed as to interfere in any way with the decision-making autonomy of each of the Participants with regard to their respective operations, or to run counter to, or modify their respective mandates.
- d) Neither of the Participants shall be an agent, representative or joint partner of the other Participant. Neither Participant shall enter into any contract nor commitment on behalf of the other Participant and should be solely responsible for making all payments to and on behalf of its own account, as provided under this SOI.
- e) The Participants recognize that the cooperative arrangements may be publicized and therefore acknowledge the role and contribution of each organization in all public information documentation relating to instances of such cooperation and use each organization's name and emblem in documentation related to the cooperation in line with the current policies of each organization and subject to prior written consent of each Participant.
- f) The Participants will explore possibilities to formulate future collaboration in order to further expand their partnership.
- g) The Participants recognize that this statement is strictly limited to the scope described above and does not entail any further commitments on either Participant.
- h) Before implementation of any activities under the stated areas of co-operation, the Participants should execute a specific arrangement to govern the intended collaboration among the Participants.

5.0 Representation

The Participants designate the following persons or offices to serve as liaisons on matters concerning this SOI:

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6.0 Modifications

This SOI may be modified by the written mutual consent of the Participants, in line with their respective rules and regulations.

7.0 Settlement of Disputes

The Participants should exercise good faith in their efforts to resolve amicably any dispute between them arising from or in connection with this SOI.

8.0 Commencement Date

This SOI shall commence on the date of its execution by the Participants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AfDB and MoE each acting through its representative, have signed this Statement of Intent on thisday of.....the year 2025.

For and on behalf of:

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

For and on behalf of

**MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF
JAPAN**

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