

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SETTING OUT THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA, GRENADA, MONTserrat, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, ANGUILLA, AND THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

AND

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENT & LABOUR

(together referred to as “the Participants”)

SHARING a common desire to promote sustainable economic development and encourage good environmental practices.

RECOGNIZING the need for enhanced co-operation between public and private entities with a view to facilitating and encouraging good environmental practices.

DETERMINED to foster environmental business development.

The Participants hereby decide as follows:

ARTICLE 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT WORKING GROUP

1. There shall be established a Joint Working Group to oversee implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Working Group shall comprise one representative from each of the Participants.
3. The Working Group shall meet at least once annually.
4. Meetings of the Working Group shall be held in one of the participating countries or territories on a rotational basis.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

1. The Participants shall co-operate to the fullest extent possible in fostering environmental business development in conformity with international law and other applicable agreements with a view to encouraging and ensuring good environmental practices.

ARTICLE 3: AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. The Participants agree to:
 - (a) share information and expertise on environmental protection and enhancement;
 - (b) provide support to entities interested in business opportunities and investment in environmental goods and services and generally to facilitate access to each others markets in these goods and services;
 - (c) share information and expertise in the field of environmental technology through training and institutional twinning activities;
 - (d) encourage the coordination of environmental missions and collaboration with governments at all levels;
 - (e) promote and facilitate environmental and economic linkages through cooperation on environmental technologies; and
 - (f) exchange and share information and expertise with respect to agricultural practices and research and technology, attendant to sustainable development and good environmental management.
2. In order to meet the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Participants shall cooperate closely with each other consistent with international law.

ARTICLE 4: SECTORS

1. In accordance with the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding, special focus shall be given to encouraging business growth and cooperation, in the following sectors:
 - (a) Solid-waste management and water and wastewater treatment;
 - (b) Land use planning and erosion control;
 - (c) Marine resource management and coastal zone management;
 - (d) Environmental technology;
 - (e) Emergency planning management;
 - (f) Environmental health and sanitation;
 - (g) Pesticide management;
 - (h) Sustainable tourism;
 - (i) Management, training and education related to the environmental sector and personnel exchanges; and
 - (j) Development and encouragement of youth environmental programs.

ARTICLE 5: IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES

Government of Montserrat

The Honourable Kerry Morash

Minister of Environment and Labour
Province of Nova Scotia, Canada

The Honourable Dr. Earl Asim Martin

Minister of Health and Environment
Government of St. Kitts and Nevis

The Honourable Dr. Douglas Slater

Minister of Health and Environment
Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The Honourable Ferguson John

Minister of Physical Development, Environment and Housing
Government of Saint Lucia