

**PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

The United Nations Development Programme and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as «UNDP» (together referred to as «Parties»),

Whereas a strong partnership between all development actors is of critical importance for achieving the internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda,

Whereas the multilateral cooperation and the United Nations development system play an important role in this context,

Whereas the Government has expressed commitment of the Russian Federation to intensify its development assistance and expand the range of instruments of such assistance in line with the Concept of the Russian Federation's State Policy in the Area of International Development Assistance adopted in 2014, as well as the 2002 Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development, the 2008 Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness,

Whereas the Russian Federation has the potential as a donor and a participant in global development processes including its leadership in a number of multilateral for a,

Whereas the Agreement between the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of the Russian Federation was signed on 17 November, 1993,

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has accumulated a wide range of experience, practices and expertise, and sharing of this experience and knowledge by means of assisting developing countries is one of the priorities of the Government's foreign policy,

Whereas UNDP, in the exercise of its mandate in the area of promoting sustainable human development, is committed to assisting programme countries through its global network consistent with applicable UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures as set forth in UNDP's Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures («POPP»),

Whereas the Parties are interested in developing a strategic partnership to increase their joint contribution to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda,

Now, therefore, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Partnership Framework Agreement (hereinafter referred to as «Agreement»).

## **Article I Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is to:

- a) strengthen the partnership between the Parties;
- b) foster international partnerships that contribute to addressing development challenges of developing countries;
- c) collaborate based on the Russian Federation's potential as a donor and a global development partner, including through leadership in a number of multilateral fora, especially in the region of the Commonwealth of Independent States; and
- d) increase the participation of the Russian Federation in the regional and global development activities of UNDP.

## **Article II Areas of cooperation**

The Parties agree to work together and collaborate further in accordance with this Agreement in the following priority areas:

- a) Support to multilateral efforts and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, especially in what concerns:

Increasing collaboration in the context of the Government's participation in the development related work of the UN system, including the activities of the UNDP Executive Board;

Creation of a comprehensive, balanced and universal set of new development goals (the Post-2015 Development Agenda) in line with the Outcome Document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio-de-Janeiro, June 2012) and the Recommendations of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;

Promotion of the sustainable development and development cooperation agenda in the key multilateral fora where the Government is participating, including the Global Environment Facility and the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative – an important part of the global efforts to achieve sustainable development, with special focus on the challenges in access to energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy in the countries of Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States;

Development of the important fields of cooperation with the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States such as rural development, sustainable management of water resources, and the response to HIV/AIDS;

Promotion of regional economic cooperation in the Commonwealth of Independent States, in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and in other regions as well as of integration process in Eurasian region as a means to promote trade, economic growth and sustainable human development.

b) Development cooperation in the developing countries around the world, with particular focus on the region of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and with specific emphasis on assistance to low-income and lower-middle-income countries. The cooperation will mainly focus on:

poverty reduction;

disaster risk reduction and early preparedness to emergencies;

post-disaster response and early recovery.

In order to realize main areas of the cooperation stipulated above the Parties will rely on the global network of UNDP offices.

c) Collaboration in countries where the Russian Federation is providing bilateral development assistance with a view to enhancing effectiveness of such assistance.

d) Leveraging the knowledge, experience and expertise in development cooperation, including by involving academic institutions and individual experts from the Russian Federation in accordance with UNDP's applicable regulations and rules, and policies and procedures as set forth in UNDP's POPP when done through UNDP development projects/programmes.

e) Promoting a skilled cadre from the Russian Federation in the field of development within UNDP, inter alia, via establishing a Russian Federation Programme for Junior Professional Officers (JPO), to be fully funded by the Government of the Russian Federation and to be agreed upon through a separate agreement.

### **Article III**

#### **Contributions of the Government of the Russian Federation to UNDP**

1. The Government within its national legislation and in accordance with its budget cycle and subject to availability of resources shall provide annual contributions in US dollars to UNDP's Regular Resources.

2. The Government of the Russian Federation is committed to contribute, as appropriate, to UNDP projects and programmes in the countries agreed by the Parties through co-financing in the form of financial contributions and in-kind contributions received and utilized by UNDP in accordance with the applicable UNDP regulations and rules, and policies and procedures as set forth in UNDP's POPP. All financial contributions further to this Agreement shall be provided on a grant basis, and all in-kind contributions further to this Agreement shall be provided on a non-reimbursable basis. The contributions of the Government of the Russian Federation to UNDP projects and programmes will be a subject to a standard cost-recovery rate established by the UNDP Executive Board.

#### **Article IV**

#### **UNDP - Russia Trust Fund**

To build the cooperation the Parties shall establish a UNDP - Russia Trust Fund for Development (hereinafter referred to as «Trust Fund») as a mechanism for financing and a tool to ensure sustainability and efficiency of programmes. The Trust Fund shall be financed through a separate agreement between the Parties, which will specify the Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund, including the structure of the Steering Committee and the responsibilities and representation of the Parties as well as the steering mechanism for the Trust Fund.

#### **Article V**

#### **UNDP Contribution to the Partnership**

UNDP shall contribute to this partnership by providing the following:

- a) Access to UNDP global network and its accumulated knowledge and expertise, in line with the cooperation fields specified in this Agreement;
- b) Effective use of Russian donor funds and result oriented programme management, data reporting and transparency as well as providing other cooperation platforms leveraging UNDP's global presence;
- c) Advisory and technical support to the Government of the Russian Federation in multilateral fora in relation to various development issues, based on UNDP's global development experience, knowledge and systems;
- d) International visibility in connection with UNDP's main fields of its activities and operation;
- e) Subject to availability of funds, UNDP will co-finance projects in line with its mandate;
- f) Partnering with the Government of the Russian Federation where the Russian Federation is providing bilateral development assistance with a view to enhancing effectiveness of such assistance;
- g) Promoting a skilled cadre from the Russian Federation in the field of development within UNDP.

## **Article VI Implementation**

1. In order to implement the specific activities further to this Agreement, the Parties shall conclude separate agreements which shall specify the costs or expenses relating to the certain activity and how they are to be borne by the Parties.

2. All programmatic activities under this Agreement shall be carried out on the basis of project documents between UNDP and the government of the country (ies) concerned.

## **Article VII Communication and Consultation**

1. The Parties will regularly inform and consult on matters of common interest.

2. With regard to the focal point for implementation of this Agreement:

a) For UNDP, it is the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States; and

b) For the Government of the Russian Federation, it is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

3. An annual consultation will be held to review progress against the set objectives and priorities of this Agreement.

## **Article VIII Visibility**

1. The Parties agree to acknowledge the role and contribution of each Party in all public documentation relating to their cooperation. Each Party shall use the name and emblem of the other Party in documentation related to this Agreement and subject to prior written agreement between the Parties.

2. The Parties shall take all appropriate measures to publicize the initiatives undertaken under this Agreement, provided that such actions do not jeopardized the United Nations privileges and immunities provided under the 1946 Convention

on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations as well as the safety and security of United Nations staff and personnel.

**Article IX**  
**Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute or disagreement arising from or relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be amicably settled through negotiations between the Parties.

**Article X**  
**Effectiveness**

1. The Agreement shall become effective upon signature.
2. Any provision of this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement between the Parties and shall become effective in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. The Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated by mutual written agreement or by either Party upon six (6) months' notice in writing to the other Party. Except as otherwise agreed, notwithstanding termination of this Agreement, agreements concluded by the Parties in accordance with Article IV and VI will remain in effect.

Done at Davos on 23 January 2015 in duplicate, each in the English and Russian languages, both texts equally authentic.

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