

Protocol for Cooperation

Between the **United Nations Development Programme** (hereinafter "UNDP")
And the European Union Agency for **Fundamental Rights** (hereinafter "FRA")

The UNDP and the FRA (hereinafter the "Parties"),

Whereas UNDP works with partners in more than 160 countries as the United Nations global development network to help people build a better life,

Whereas UNDP is the subsidiary organ of the United Nations General Assembly with special responsibility for promoting human development,

Whereas FRA is an advisory body of the European Union established to provide assistance and expertise relating to Fundamental Rights as set out in Article 2 and 4.1 of the Council Regulation No. 168/2007 of 15 February 2007,

Recognizing that cooperation between the Parties has progressively developed, as manifested by the successful cooperation in the area of fundamental rights in the European Union and candidate countries with observer status the Parties express the strong willingness to deepen this cooperation,

Believing that the extension of cooperation is in the interest of both Parties in the framework of their respective mandate and based on each organisation's strengths and comparative advantages,

Desirous of further developing and institutionalizing their cooperation, the Parties

Agree to the following:

General Provisions

The purpose of this Protocol for Cooperation is to promote cooperation between the Parties and establish the framework for intensifying and expanding this cooperation.

Areas of Cooperation

Cooperation between UNDP and FRA will focus on the following areas of work:

- Data collection and research
- Networking and common events
- Communication and awareness raising activities
- Capacity Development

Where appropriate, cooperation in these areas could – inter alia - take the form of:

- Coordination of data collection and analysis;
- Participation in relevant expert meetings
- Collaboration in research project surveys or forthcoming publications
- Coordination of respective research methodologies to enhance comparability of project results;
- Joint efforts in identifying common stakeholders

- Exchange of information on respective stakeholder interaction
- Cooperation in implementing networking activities
- Joint organisation of events
- Dissemination of information on relevant subjects to their respective stakeholders and partners
- Joint efforts in building up a pool of experts in the Fundamental Rights fields.

Implementation

In order to implement specific activities at country or regional level under this Protocol for Cooperation, the Parties, if required, shall conclude supplementary agreements for individual projects or programmes in accordance with UNDP and FRA internal regulations, rules, policies and procedures, including as regards the requirements of the procurement and programming guides of UNDP and FRA.

Such agreements shall reflect the spirit of partnership between the two organisations, contain the communication lines between the two Parties, beneficiaries and donors as well as the division of tasks between UNDP and FRA in order to achieve the specified results. In the case of EU funded projects, reporting requirements shall be in line with the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement between the European Community and the United Nations, and the subsequently agreed Joint EC-UN Guidelines on Reporting (as updated in 2011).

In the eventuality that the Parties collaborate in carrying out activities at country level, the Parties agree to cooperate fully with each other and the national authorities of the country in question and partners concerned with the execution of such activities.

Consultation and Exchange of Information

The Parties shall, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters of common interest, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration.

A meeting between senior officials of both organisations shall take place in the first quarter of each year with the aim to discuss possible opportunities for joint activities, challenges faced, lessons learned and ways to develop the partnership further for mutual benefit.

Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this Article shall be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents.

The Parties shall invite each other to send observers to meetings or conferences convened by them or under their auspices in which, in the opinion of either Party, the other may have an interest. Invitations shall be subject to the procedures applicable to such meetings or conferences.

Contact Points

Both Parties will appoint contact points with the view of facilitating effective cooperation between them.

Name/Logo

Neither Party shall use the name or logo of the other Party or any abbreviation thereof, in connection with its activities or otherwise without the express prior written approval of the other Party in each activity.

Both Parties acknowledge being familiar with their respective ideals and objectives and recognize that its name and emblem may not be associated with any political or sectarian cause or otherwise used in a manner inconsistent with the Parties' status, reputation and neutrality.

Settlement of Disputes

All disputes which may emerge in relation with the interpretation or application of the present Protocol for Cooperation shall be settled by means of consultations and negotiations between representatives of the Parties.

Nothing in this Protocol for Cooperation shall be construed as a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including UNDP, and FRA's status as a European Union Agency.

Amendments and Supplements

This Protocol for Cooperation may be subject to amendments with the mutual consent of both Parties through the adoption of supplements.

Either of the Parties may request consultations with the intention of amending this Cooperation Agreement.

Entry in Force and Termination

Either of the Parties may terminate this Protocol for Cooperation by means of written notification. The termination enters into force after a period of 60 days, which starts with the first day of the month following the month in which the other Party received the written notification of termination.

This Protocol for Cooperation enters into force on the day of its signature.

Done in English in two copies

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