

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE DIGITAL AGENCY OF JAPAN

AND

THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

IN THE AREA OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

The Digital Agency of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “**DA Japan**”) and the Ministry of Communication Technologies for the Republic of Tunisia (hereinafter referred to as “**MCT Tunisia**”), hereinafter referred to individually as a “Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”, hereby formulate this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “this **MoC**”) concerning cooperation in the field of Digital Government.

ITEM 1

Objectives for Cooperation

The objective of this MoC is to develop a long-term and sustainable cooperation, on the basis of mutual interest in the areas of Digital Government and in line with the relevant laws and regulations of each country, and the relevant norms and principles. This MoC does not create any legally binding rights or obligations on each Participant, whether under international or domestic law.

ITEM 2

Areas of Cooperation

The main areas of cooperation between the Participants will include, but will not be limited to the following, within their respective competencies:

1. Cooperation and sharing of best practices in the areas of Digital Government
2. Cooperation in building capacities and trainings in the areas of Digital Government
3. Exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned in the fields of digital government transformation and reforming traditional approaches to technology adoption
4. Exchange of experience, expertise and knowledge in new digital technologies

ITEM 3
Funding and Resources

1. The conduct of cooperative activities, carried out under this MoC will be subject to availability of existing funds and other resources of the Participants.
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Participants in writing, all costs and expenses incurred by a Participant in relation to or in connection with this MoC will be borne solely by the Participant that incurred such costs and expenses.

ITEM 4
Implementation of MoC

1. The Participants designate the following institutions as their coordinating representatives, responsible for the arrangement of collaboration and implementation of this MoC:
Tunisia: **MCT Tunisia** Japan: **DA Japan**
2. The Participants may invite other institutions, or other government organizations, to participate in the work and assign them responsibility for the implementation of particular activities.
3. The Participants will collaborate to decide, on a case-by-case basis, how their joint activities will be funded and resourced.
4. English will be the working language during the joint activities to implement this MoC.

ITEM 5
Confidentiality and Intellectual Property Protection

Each Participant will ensure appropriate protection of intellectual property rights generated from cooperation in line with this MoC, consistent with laws, rules and regulations applicable to each Participant and international agreements to which each country of the Participants is a party.

ITEM 6
Confidentiality of Information

Neither Participant will disclose or distribute any confidential information that is supplied by the other Participant, in the conduct of cooperative activities under this MoC, to any third party, except when a Participant informs the other Participant about supplying/providing such information to the extent approved in writing by the Participants beforehand.

ITEM 7
International Obligations

Any matters of this MoC will not affect the rights and obligations deriving from international agreements to which each country of the Participants is a party.

ITEM 8
Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute about the interpretation or implementation of this MoC will be resolved by consultations between the Participants.

ITEM 9
Commencement, Duration and Termination

1. The cooperation under this MoC will commence on the date of its signing by the designated representatives of the Participants and will continue for a period of five (5) years.
2. The Participants may renew this MoC for a period of one (1) year upon mutual written consent.
3. The Participants may modify this MoC upon their mutual written consent.
4. A Participant may terminate the cooperation under this MoC for any reason by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participant.
5. Termination of the cooperation under this MoC will not affect the implementation of the projects and programs between the Participants commenced during the duration of this MoC.

Signed on Tuesday of 10/10/2023, in English language.

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