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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT,  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

AND

FUNDACIÓN ASAMBLEA DE CIUDADANOS Y CIUDADANAS DEL  
MEDITERRÁNEO (FACM)



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مؤسسة مجلس مواطني و مواطنات المتوسط

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This Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) represents a statement of intent by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) and the International Development Association (“IDA”), (together, the “World Bank”) and the Fundación Asamblea de Ciudadanos y Ciudadanas del Mediterráneo ( “FACM”), each a “Party” and together the “Parties”, to collaborate in the achievement of common objectives as described, and on the basis outlined, below.

1. **WHEREAS:**

- (a) The World Bank is an international development institution established by Articles of Agreement adopted by its member countries. The World Bank’s overarching mission is to reduce poverty, improve living conditions, and promote sustainable and comprehensive development in the developing world. The World Bank achieves these objectives by providing loans, concessional financing, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing services to its member countries and through partnerships with other organizations. The Center for Mediterranean Integration (“CMI”) is a cooperative arrangement and a multi-partner platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing for Mediterranean integration and transformative reform. CMI convenes partners and members to jointly identify solutions to inherent challenge on the Mediterranean and facilitates their connection to change agents. CMI members are Egypt, France, Greece, Jordan, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Spain, Tunisia, the City of Marseille, the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region, the European Investment Bank and the World Bank, and the European External Action Service as an observer.
- (b) FACM is a network that promotes dialogue, proposal and citizen action that fosters the democratic values of freedom, peace and respect for diversity, as well as environmental responsibility in the Mediterranean. It is present in 19 countries and 29 Mediterranean cities through their citizens' circles, understood as local citizenship spaces for dialogue and action, and which are permanently open to civil society in their respective geographical areas. The FACM has among its axes of action the promotion and visibility of the cultural diversity of the Mediterranean area with a focus on gender and youth in the region. Its work has been recognized by the "SLOBODA" / Freedom Prize, which was awarded to FACM by the International Center for Peace in Sarajevo in February 2020, in recognition of the promotion of human rights, freedoms and diversity in the Mediterranean; and by the 2020 Laureate of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, awarded as part of its 14th General Assembly in Athens, in the second half of February 2020. The FACM is an observer member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (APM) and of the Network of Mediterranean Cities Medcités; it has been in a governing board of the Anna Lindh Foundation Spanish Network and it

is an active member of it. FACM has collaboration agreements with the Foundation Charles Léopold Mayer FPH (Paris, France); the Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNY (Portoroz, Eslovenia), the Euro-Mediterranean University Institute EMUI (Madrid, Spain); the Foundation Three Cultures of the Mediterranean (Seville, Spain); Centre for Environmental Studies of the Mediterranean CEAM (Valencia, Spain); Centre of the Alliance of Euro-Mediterranean Cities of Culture AVEC (Arles, France); Mostra Viva del Mediterraneo (Valencia, Spain); Peripli Associazione Culture e Società Euromediterranee (Naples, Italy); Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional CERAI (Valencia, Spain); Recherche et Evaluation de Solutions Innovantes et Sociales RESOLIS (Paris, Spain); Centro Cultural Islámico de València CCIV (Valencia, Spain); the UN network on youth and sustainable development, SDSN Youth among others. With over 70 international actions per year (accessible in the activity reports), the FACM has consolidated its main lines of action through various projects and activities throughout the Mediterranean: the transition to sustainable societies; governance and regional cooperation; responsibility and ethics; promotion and dissemination of cultural diversity.

**NOW THEREFORE the Parties intend as follows:**

**2. Objective**

Consistent with their respective mandates, the Parties desire to collaborate in joint initiatives to foster regional civil society dialogue to enhance change and integration in the region. In doing so, the Parties will advance the achievement of inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development in the Mediterranean region through regional cooperation.

**3. Collaboration**

- (a) This Memorandum provides a framework within which the Parties may develop and undertake collaborative activities in order to pursue more effectively their common objectives.
- (b) The Parties anticipate that their collaboration will focus on a number of specific substantive areas, consistent with their policies and procedures, which shall include, *inter alia*, activities in the following thematic areas:
  - (i) Socio-economic transformation: Co-development and integration, including migration and human capital mobility; and

- (ii) Resilience: Mitigation and adaptation to external shocks, mainly climate change and forced displacement.

#### **4. Forms of Collaboration**

- (a) Further to the achievement of their common objectives, the Parties intend to consider ways to:

- (i) share knowledge, ideas and lessons learned;
- (ii) plan joint activities in areas of common interest;
- (iii) pool efforts and expertise;
- (iv) collaborate on the promotion, preparation and organization of workshops/conferences/training seminars;
- (v) collaborate on the organization and execution of activities;
- (vi) collaborate on ways to join with other entities which could bring further support to the activities pursued under this Memorandum;
- (vii) collaborate on the dissemination of activities through publications, seminars, workshops, conferences and other easily accessible means; and
- (viii) periodically evaluate the effectiveness of working in collaboration, with reference to their respective mandates and priorities;
- (ix) provide mutual advice on issues related to the activities of both parties;
- (x) develop and implement joint projects in fields of mutual interest, in particular collaborate in the elaboration and realization of national and international activities cooperation on the social, cultural and political reality of the Mediterranean countries; and
- (xi) jointly promote knowledge of the socioeconomic reality of the Mediterranean region.

- (b) The Parties anticipate that each Party will contribute to the activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum, in one or more of the following ways:

- (i) mobilizing its own staff for the pursuit of the objectives of this Memorandum, and paying for related out-of-pocket expenses;

- (ii) providing facilities for workshops, conferences or training seminars;
- (iii) providing support to relevant stakeholders; and
- (iv) such other means as the Parties may agree.

## **5. Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements**

For the purposes of carrying out the joint activities, the Parties shall endeavor to carry out a review of the progress achieved in the implementation of the joint activities through, *inter alia*: (i) sharing relevant information on a continuous basis; (ii) arranging meetings, or workshops as needed; and (iii) undertaking joint supervision missions, and conducting joint analytical work as may be agreed. To this end, the Parties shall endeavor to meet on annually, to review the progress and the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to this Memorandum, and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the joint activities and the achievement of the objectives of the Memorandum.

## **6. Contacts**

Each party hereby designates and appoints below its representative with overall responsibility for implementing this Memorandum. The Parties may, by written notice to the other Party, designate additional or different persons as points of contact but the Parties expect to have only one person at a time designated as the person with overall responsibility for all activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum.

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**7. Intellectual Property**

The Parties recognize the importance of intellectual property rights protecting the materials used for or resulting from the joint activities conducted under the framework established by this Memorandum. This Memorandum does not grant the right to use materials belonging to or created by either Party. To this end, the World Bank will retain intellectual property rights in all materials developed and produced by the World Bank, its staff or consultants and FACM will retain intellectual property rights in all materials developed and produced by FACM, its staff and consultants.

**8. Names, Marks and Logos**

No Party will use the name or emblem of the other Party, or any abbreviation thereof, without the prior written approval of such other Party in each case.

**9. Disclosure and Publicity**

This Memorandum and information with respect to the collaborative activities contemplated herein will be publicly disclosed by the Parties. Such disclosure will be made in accordance with both Parties' respective disclosure policies.

**10. Limits to Agreement**

- (a) This Memorandum is not intended by the Parties to be legally binding. For removal of any doubt, it is clarified here that it is not the intention of the World Bank or FACM, to create, and nothing herein shall be construed as creating, legal rights and obligations or any commitment whatsoever. Specific arrangements for individual activities and proposed collaborative projects will be set forth in a separate written document to be jointly approved by the Parties.
- (b) Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to be, or should be construed as a waiver of the privileges and immunities of either Party or its officers and employees, which privileges and immunities are hereby specifically reserved.

**11. Entry into Effect and Duration**

- (a) This Memorandum will come into force and effect upon signature by the Parties on the date set forth below. It shall have an initial term of three (3) years. Unless modified or terminated as provided below, the term of this Memorandum shall be automatically extended at the end of the initial term for another term of three (3) years.
- (b) This Memorandum may be modified or terminated at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Further, the Memorandum may be terminated by either Party at its sole discretion with sixty (60) days prior notice in writing to the other Party.

In witness whereof the Parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the day and date written below.

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