

**法規名稱：**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (2019—2022)

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The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Saint Lucia (hereinafter referred to as the “ Parties ” ), desiring to strengthen their existing cordial relations and to promote cooperation in the area of the application of information and communication technology (ICT) for educational development (hereinafter referred to as “ ICT for Educational Development ” )have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

##### Objectives

The Parties recognize the importance of utilizing ICT to foster public sector reform, develop knowledge workers and advance sustainable economic diversification. Under this common understanding, the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall share its advanced ICT capabilities with the Government of Saint Lucia with the intention to improve the level of digitalization in education.

#### Article 2

##### Scope of Agreement

This Agreement establishes a basic framework within which the Parties agree to cooperate in the field of ICT for Educational Development to achieve the stated objectives. This Agreement also defines the areas of cooperation, the institutional aspects of the partnership, and general conditions that shall govern the project under this Agreement.

#### Article 3

##### Areas of Cooperation

The Parties have identified the following areas of cooperation in ICT for Educational Development:

- I. ICT for educational infrastructure and information system development: Strengthening of the ICT infrastructure and information system shall be pursued in accordance with the ICT in Education Policy and Strategy for Saint Lucia 2019-2022, as well as national development goals. Related policy consultation and assistance shall be implemented in compliance with international ICT standards, and procedures shall also be provided.
- II. ICT capacity building, education and training: ICT education and training related to the abovementioned areas of cooperation shall be conducted to improve the quality of human resources and to increase the pool of skilled labor.

#### Article 4

##### Projects

##### I. Content of projects

- i. The Parties shall conduct planning, development and implementation of the agreed application systems and physical ICT infrastructure for the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development, as well as schools, of Saint Lucia. The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall work with a designated team from the Government of Saint Lucia to develop, implement and monitor the systems agreed upon.
- ii. Human resources capacity building: As per the projects undertaken, the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall facilitate capacity building for project team members and other stakeholders through initiatives in training. Human resources capacity building projects shall also be undertaken with respect to the integration of ICT in education, design and development of database-driven web applications, and cyber security.

The content of the projects shall be adjusted according to

actual progress and disbursement of funds by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

## II. Executive agency

The projects shall be carried out by the International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF), as commissioned by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The Government of Saint Lucia shall designate its Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development as the supporting executive agency to work with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Saint Lucia to ensure smooth implementation.

## Article 5

### Obligations of the Parties

#### I. The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall:

- i. pay salaries (including consultancy fees), insurance fees, round-trip airfare, business expenses, administration expenses and travel allowances of the project manager, short-term experts and technicians (hereinafter referred to as “ Project Personnel ” )during their service in Saint Lucia; and
- ii. dispatch Project Personnel to Saint Lucia to provide any necessary advice and carry out the objectives described above.

#### II. The Government of Saint Lucia shall:

- i. appoint a project officer from within the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development to oversee, plan and improve coordination across departments and carry out activities related to the projects as defined;
- ii. issue appropriate personnel ID and work permits to the Project Personnel to facilitate their work;
- iii. provide human and other resources essential to the implementation of projects;
- iv. assume responsibility for the operation of the services

- once the projects are completed; and
- v. provide quarterly, annual and final reports on the status of the projects.

## Article 6

### Exemptions

The Government of Saint Lucia shall grant the following favorable treatment during the implementation of projects under this Agreement:

- I. Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other charges on all equipment, materials and supplies imported into Saint Lucia for the projects;
- II. Facilitation of protocol issues including established prerogatives, immunities and privileges related to Project Personnel ' s entry into, departure from, and stay in Saint Lucia during their service, and exemption from customs duties, taxes and other charges on equipment brought into Saint Lucia;
- III. Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other charges on vehicles for the Project Personnel ' s own personal use (one vehicle per person), and exemption from all applicable taxes in cases where the possession of vehicles is transferred between Project Personnel;
- IV. Exemption from income tax and other charges on the salaries and allowances earned abroad by Project Personnel for work related to projects during their service in Saint Lucia; and
- V. The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and all Project Personnel shall comply with and be subject to all procedures and requirements of the Government of Saint Lucia with respect to the granting of such privileges, exemptions and other treatment to the Project Personnel and their properties.

## Article 7

### Confidentiality

The Parties to this Agreement by themselves, their servants and/or agents shall not disclose any information relating to projects without prior written approval of the other Party, with the exception of disclosure of information in keeping with official reporting and accountability requirements.

#### Article 8

##### Term and Extension

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and remain in force for three years. It can be extended for a designated period of time upon mutual consent of the Parties.

#### Article 9

##### Amendments

Any amendment or revision to this Agreement shall be done by mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### Article 10

##### Termination

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving prior written notice to the other Party. However, the Parties shall attempt to reach an agreement on such termination and the recall of the Project Personnel.

#### Article 11

##### Other Provisions

All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or matters not included in this Agreement, shall be settled or negotiated by the Parties in good faith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, with



both texts being equally authentic, in Castries on the 27TH day of the 11TH month in the year one hundred and eight (108) of the Republic of China (Taiwan), corresponding to the 27TH day of the 11TH month of the year two thousand and nineteen (2019) of the Gregorian calendar.

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