



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**  
**ON**  
**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as the “Party”);

*Considering* the strong historical, political, and economic relationships and cooperation between the two countries;

*Desiring* to cooperate in the efforts to achieve sustainable development especially in the tourism industry;

*Adhering* to the principles of respect for sovereignty, mutual benefit and principles under the UN Charter;

*Have reached* the following understanding:

## **Article 1**

### **Objective**

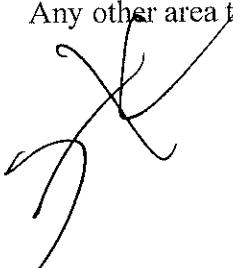
The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) is to set the general framework for cooperation between the Parties in the field of tourism.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties, in order to attain the objective of this MoU, agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a) Technology and skill transfer in hotel and tourism industry;
- b) Capacity building for the trainers and trainees in the field of tourism and hospitality management, including through internship programmes for trainees;
- c) Collaborating in advanced joint workshops, curriculum development, research and consultancy services in the field of tourism and hospitality management;
- d) Strengthening the capacity of personnel working on tourism and hospitality management;
- e) Exchange of materials and research information as well as experts and managers for experience sharing in the field of tourism and hospitality management;
- f) Sharing of best practices and knowledge in the field of tourism and hospitality management;
- g) Experience sharing on e-tourism and satellite account;
- h) Provision of Italian language training for hotel and tourism professionals;
- i) Facilitate the organization of exhibitions and fairs on tourism promotion and others, as may be necessary and participate in the events that will take place in each other's country;
- j) Organization of familiarization tour program for tourism officials in order to create greater understanding;
- k) Exchange information on tourist flow, tourism product development, tourist facilities and on the formulation of national tourism development policies, strategies and plans; and
- l) Any other area that may be agreed between the Parties.



### **Article 3**

#### **Cooperation between National Museums**

The Parties agree to promote cooperation between their national museums and heritage sites through the exchange of delegations, publications and expert visits.

### **Article 4**

#### **Competent Authorities**

The Ministry for Tourism of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Tourism of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be the competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this MoU.

### **Article 5**

#### **Mechanisms of Implementation**

1. The Competent Authorities may prepare a joint action plan to determine the arrangement for the implementation of this MoU.
2. The Parties may explore the possibilities of other areas of cooperation within the objective and framework of this MoU.

### **Article 6**

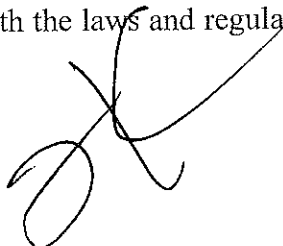
#### **Intellectual Property Rights**

The Parties may conclude a separate agreement in accordance with their respective laws and regulations concerning the utilization of intellectual property rights on works produced through the programs or projects envisaged under this MoU.

### **Article 7**

#### **Responsibilities of Personnel**

The Parties shall ensure that its personnel engaged in the activities under this MoU shall respect and comply with the laws and regulations of the host country and shall not participate in any



political affairs and/or any commercial ventures as well as any activities or programs inconsistent with the purpose of this MoU.

### **Article 8**

#### **Financial Arrangements**

1. The Parties agree to finance their respective expenses related to the execution of any activity within the framework of this MoU in accordance with their respective national laws.
2. Other financial obligations for the implementation of any joint undertaking will be determined by agreement between the Parties.

### **Article 9**

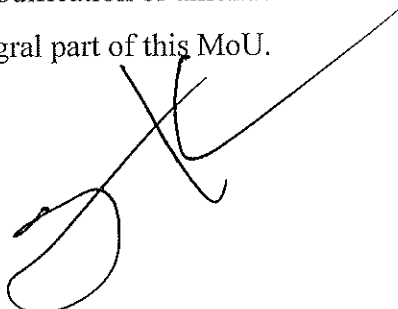
#### **Legal Status**

1. This MoU provides for the intention of the Parties to cooperate in the field of tourism and does not give rise to any obligation under international law.
2. The Parties agree to implement this MoU in accordance with their respective domestic laws.
3. The provisions of this MoU shall not affect the commitments of the Parties within the framework of other bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements.

### **Article 8**

#### **Amendment Procedure**

1. Any amendment(s) to this MoU shall be made by mutual consent of the Parties provided that one of the parties presents a written proposal for such amendment(s) to the other, which the other party shall reply within six (6) months after the receipt of such proposal through diplomatic channels.
2. Amendment(s) may be made through the exchange of notes or signing of the amendment(s) agreement.
3. Any modification or amendment made by the mutual agreement of the Parties will be an integral part of this MoU.

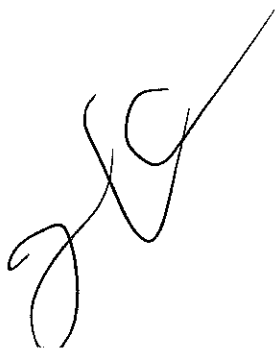


**Article 10**  
**Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise in the interpretation and/or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

**Article 11**  
**Entry into force, Duration and Termination**

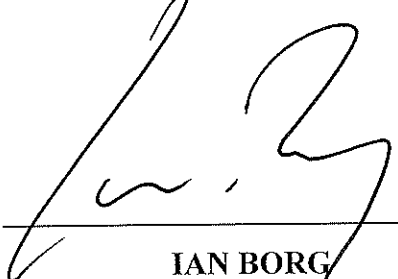
1. This MoU shall enter into force upon signature.
2. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature. It will remain in force for a period of five (5) years and will automatically be renewed for successive periods.
3. Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving the other party three (3) months prior written notice through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate it.
4. The termination of this MoU pursuant to paragraph 3 of this article shall not affect the finalization of all programs and activities being carried out in accordance with its provisions and not fully executed at the time of its termination.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective authorities, have signed this MoU in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

*Done* at Addis Ababa on this.....<sup>8</sup>.....day of the month of May in the year 2023.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MALTA**



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