



LETTER OF INTENT

between

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

and

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

This Letter of Intent shall form the basis of cooperation between

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

AND

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

I. THE COOPERATION PARTNERS

1. ADB and UNODC (the "Parties") have a mutual interest in a world in which human security, dignity and livelihood prevail and the UN Millennium Goals are a reality. ADB is a major development institution in the Asia and Pacific region which seeks to foster economic growth, good governance, human resource development, and the alleviation of poverty for the benefit of its developing member countries. UNODC has a mandate to promote and implement the relevant UN Conventions and to assist the Member States of the United Nations in addressing the interrelated issues of drug control, crime prevention and international terrorism in the context of sustainable development and human security.
2. Representatives of ADB and UNODC have held discussions with a view to enhancing their opportunities for collaboration. It is envisaged that enhanced collaboration will strengthen institutional capacities of the Parties and improve their efficiency and effectiveness in working towards common goals.
3. ADB and UNODC have concluded that they should collaborate in the identified areas of mutual interest, without creating formal obligations for either Party.

II. THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

4. ADB and UNODC acknowledge that the collaboration that they seek to foster shall facilitate the realization of their aims to promote sustainable development, the rule of law and improved governance, and thereby contribute to human security, dignity and improved livelihood. Both Parties further acknowledge that collaboration will increase the relevance and effectiveness of their development-related work. The collaboration between ADB and UNODC will be based on partnership and shared responsibility.
5. The collaboration between ADB and UNODC shall be guided by the following principles:
 - a. Country and regional ownership of sound development policies and programmes are necessary to ensure sustainable development;
 - b. Long-term approaches to sustainable development are needed;
 - c. Full stakeholder participation should be encouraged, consistent with available resources; and
 - d. Development and/or capacity building programmes should be results oriented and built on transparent relationships between development assistance providers and beneficiary countries.

III. AREAS OF COOPERATION

6. ADB and UNODC agree that they will collaborate at regional, country, sector, programme and project levels in line with the development priorities of their partner countries. Under their respective mandates ADB and UNODC undertake to explore possibilities for effective collaboration with a focus on:

- (i) Education programs, including computer based training modalities, on the dangers of drug abuse and related risks, to strengthen national and international action against drug production, trafficking and drug-related crime through alternative development projects,
- (ii) illicit crop monitoring,
- (iii) cross border monitoring and coordination
- (iv) anti-money laundering and anti-corruption programs,
- (v) as well providing research and analysis, capacity building (namely computer training), and technical assistance.

7. Other areas for mutual collaboration and cooperation may be identified and agreed to by the Parties from time to time.

IV. PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF COOPERATION

8. The collaboration between the ADB and UNODC may involve the following activities:

- a. Addressing priority issues of sustainable development with particular relevance for Asia by sponsoring joint seminars or conferences when and where appropriate;
- b. Promotion of staff exchanges, including each other's staff in formal and informal staff development initiatives and participation in capacity building and technical assistance programmes;
- c. Regular exchange of information and knowledge products on their respective regional, country and sectoral programmes and on other areas of common interest.

9. Where necessary, ADB and UNODC will agree on specific financial, administrative, and technical arrangements with regard to the individual areas of collaboration.

V. REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND DESIGNATION OF FOCAL POINTS

10. ADB and UNODC agree that a first review of activities under this Letter of Intent will be launched within three months of its signing to consider further ways to facilitate its implementation.

11. The progress in the implementation of this Letter of Intent will be reviewed regularly at intervals convenient to both parties.

12. The designated focal point at ADB will be the Strategy and Policy Department headed by its Director General. The designated focal point at UNODC will be the Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs. Individual activity coordinators in both organizations in charge of specific work areas will remain directly responsible for cooperation in these areas.

13. Each institution can terminate this Letter of Intent by providing three months written notice (the Notice Period) to the other institution to this effect. During the Notice Period both parties will take all measures to ensure that any joint activities being undertaken are finalized or arrangements made to minimize any adverse impact from the termination.

VI. FURTHER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT

14. ADB and UNODC do not intend to create legal obligations by the signing of this Letter of Intent. It is intended only that opportunities for cooperation and collaboration shall be identified, coordinated and facilitated.

15. In the event that opportunities are identified for further collaboration involving the provision or management of funds or the commitment of the resources of either Party, these shall be subject to agreements concluded for that purpose, if necessary, and be implemented in accordance with the established practices and procedures of the Parties.

Signed in Manila, Philippines this 27th day of February 2006.

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