



COMPENDIUM OF CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Environment for the Republic of Rwanda and the Department of Environment and Climate Change of Canada Concerning Environmental Cooperation

SUBJECT CATEGORY:

Environmental Cooperation

TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:

Bilateral

FORM:

Memorandum of Understanding

STATUS:

- Signed by Canada November 20, 2017
- Valid until November 19, 2020

LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:

Lead: Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ministry for the Environment, Republic of Rwanda

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**Web Links:**

[News Release on the Signing of the MOU](#)

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[ECCC Inquiry Centre](#)

COMPENDIUM EDITION:

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PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

The MOU seeks to enhance cooperation between Canada and Rwanda on environmental and sustainable development issues. It identifies five areas where the two countries will work together: climate change, the green economy, environmental compliance and enforcement, sustainable urban wetland management, and other environmental issues of mutual interest.

The memorandum of understanding emphasizes the role of Indigenous Peoples and gender equality. It will promote innovation and green growth.

OBJECTIVE

To enhance cooperation between parties on environmental and sustainable development issues, and to further efforts to address climate change and environmental protection.

KEY ELEMENTS

The MOU identifies the following areas of cooperation: climate change; green economy; environmental compliance and enforcement; sustainable urban wetland management. Additional topics may also be included by joint decision.

Other key elements of this MOU include a commitment to indigenous peoples, gender equality and the importance of innovation towards clean growth, and a mechanism to add projects as annexes to the MOU.

Cooperation under this MOU can be in the form of:

- sharing best practices and lessons learned;
- capacity building and training initiatives;
- participating in meetings and other cooperative activities.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The MOU is expected to achieve the sharing of best practices and expertise to improve the protection of the environment in both countries.



CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT

Canada and Rwanda worked hard to encourage members to the Montreal Protocol to ratify the [Kigali Amendment](#), which aims for the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and as a gesture of friendship and continued partnership, the countries agreed to sign an MOU on environmental cooperation.

The MOU also strengthens Canada's bilateral relationship with Rwanda in the context of Canada's G20 commitment towards Africa, gender equality and women's empowerment.

RESULTS / PROGRESS

Activities

Canada and Rwanda are working on a mechanism to implement activities under the MOU.