

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

The Government of the Republic of India herein represented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles herein represented by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Energy (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as "the Participants").

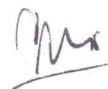
RECALLING the productive bilateral exchange of ideas and experiences that took place in July 2012 on the occasion when the High Commissioner of Seychelles in India met with Minister of New and Renewable Energy;

CONSIDERING the visit of an Indian delegation to Seychelles in February 2013, which proposed an action plan for biomass and solar energy projects in Seychelles;

DESIRING to strengthen and further develop cooperation between the two countries in various types of renewable energy systems including training of personnel;

CONVINCED of the necessity for lasting and effective cooperation in this field in the interest of both the countries;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:



PARAGRAPH I

OBJECTIVE

The Participants, subject to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each country, will endeavour to strengthen, promote and develop renewable energy cooperation between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

PARAGRAPH II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Each Participant will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote cooperation in various renewable energy sectors but not limited to the following:

- (a) Biomass/Bio-energy
- (b) Solar Energy including Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal

PARAGRAPH III

WORKING GROUP

In order to coordinate the above-mentioned activities and to decide upon project proposals related to research, design and development of various new and renewable energy technologies, the Participants intend to form a Joint Working Group with the objectives of:

- (a) Identifying areas of mutual interest and cooperation for development of new and renewable energy technologies, systems, sub-systems, components etc.



(b) Monitoring and evaluating cooperation activities.

Each of the Participants will designate co-chairs and other representatives to the Joint Working Group. The Participants shall designate one main representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary / Director General from each representing ministries to the Joint Working Group. The Joint Working Group shall be comprised of ten (10) representatives, five (5) from each party. For the aforesaid activities, the Joint Working Group shall to the extent possible conduct its work through electronic communication, but meet alternately in India and Seychelles, when this is deemed necessary.

The Joint Working Group can co-opt other members from scientific institutions, research centres, universities or any other entities when considered essential.

PARAGRAPH IV

AMENDMENT

The present Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants. The amendments shall be enclosed with the present Memorandum of Understanding and shall form an integral part of it thereof.

PARAGRAPH V

COMING INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signing and shall remain valid unless either of the Participants terminates it by giving the other Participant ninety (90) days prior written notice of its decision to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding. Termination will not affect activities covered by a collaborative contract between the executive agencies and already underway at the time of termination.



