

Memorandum of Understanding

on cooperation

**In the field of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
and innovation**

Between

**The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(MoMSME), Republic of India**

And

The Ministry of Economy, United Arab Emirates

Whereas the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Economy of the United Arab Emirates,

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

RECOGNIZE the significant role of MSMEs in the development of the economy, formation of the market environment and creation of employment opportunities,

CONSIDER Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as a key factor for sustainable development and competitive capacity of the economies of both countries;

ASSERTING the increasing importance of MSMEs in the sphere of bilateral economic and trade relations;

AFFIRMING to broaden the bilateral cooperation in the sphere of

development and support of MSMEs;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Objectives

- (1) To establish strong cooperation in MSMEs and innovation via practical framework for the development of stronger relations between the Parties and to set forth a procedure of cooperation that can enhance the implementation of both Parties' objectives.
- (2) The Parties aim to promote cooperation between MSMEs in the fields of bilateral trade and research and development (R&D) through joint projects and activities.

Article 2

Fields of Cooperation

The main fields of cooperation in accordance with the objectives formulated in Article 1 are:

- (1) Facilitating SME cooperation in the sphere of trade, joint ventures, innovations and technology transfer.
- (2) Analysis of the business environment and ongoing trends in MSMEs development in the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of India.
- (3) Exchange of expertise and information in all areas related to support of MSMEs and young entrepreneurs in particular development of business infrastructure, setting of financial and non-financial support measures.

- (4) Promoting partnership projects, institution-to-institution and enterprise-to-enterprise cooperation between the Republic of India and the United Arab Emirates.
- (5) Encouraging bilateral programs of cooperation aiming at the development of business infrastructure and relevant services, such as incubators, clusters and "business angels".

Article 3

Joint Cooperation Programs and Activities

- (1) The Parties shall exchange research results, studies and informational materials as well as participate in joint projects aiming at the promotion of MSMEs development.
- (2) The Parties shall promote the organization of joint seminars, meetings and conferences with the participation of representatives of MSMEs and business support institutions from the Republic of India and the United Arab Emirates.
- (3) The Parties shall jointly develop and perform bilateral business meetings, communication forums and information events during bilateral and multilateral international events.

Article 4

Financial Obligations

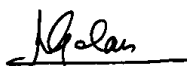
- (1) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, each Party shall bear costs and expenses incurred by in connection with the implementation of this MOU.
- (2) Any program or project requiring financial obligation from either Party shall be subject of a separate agreement.

Article 5

Effective date, amendment, termination and Settlement of disputes

- (1) This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect upon its signature by the Parties and shall remain in effect until both or either of the Parties request its termination by a letter addressed to the other Party.
- (2) The Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties.
- (3) Any dispute arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Signed in New Delhi on 25 January 2017 in two original copies, each in English, Hindi and Arabic, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation the English text shall prevail.



**For the Government of the
Republic of India**



**For the Government of
the United Arab Emirates**