

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELIZE AND THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA
FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

Belize and the Republic of Guatemala, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"

CONSCIOUS that sustainable tourism is a key factor in the development of the Parties;

CONSIDERING that the promotion of sustainable tourism in Belize and Guatemala attracts large numbers of tourists and is important to share successful experiences in sustainable tourism;

DESIROUS of enhancing cooperation in sustainable tourism between the Parties and creating reciprocal advantages beneficial to tourism development in both countries;

RECOGNISING the importance of tourism for the promotion of economic and cultural development between the Parties;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT regional initiatives including the Mundo Maya Organization, the Central American Tourism Council and specific initiatives and cooperation projects for sustainable tourism development in the Maya region and other regional projects;

Agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the current Agreement is to enhance cooperation and collaboration in the tourism sectors based on equal rights and mutual benefits in compliance with the respective national laws and international commitments, to which the Parties are a part of and to establish working mechanisms in order to strengthen the implementation of action plans and strategies of the Parties.

**ARTICLE 2
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The current agreement will include the following areas of cooperation:

- a) Encourage the development of initiatives that promote tourism to increase flows with emphasis on meetings, incentives, conventions, and expositions; medical tourism, gastronomic tourism, luxury tourism, adventure tourism, nature

tourism, sports tourism, sun and beach tourism, cultural tourism and tourism organized for groups, among others.

- b) Promote the image of the Parties by participating in seminars, conferences, exhibitions and symposia related to tourism and related issues, and any other action that provides potential for tourism development in both Parties.
- c) Encourage and support the exchange of experiences, best practices, statistics, information materials on tourist destinations and other information of mutual interest to their tourism sectors, including but not limited to the following information:
 - tourism resources and studies related to the sector;
 - tourism policies and plans;
 - volume and characteristics of their potential tourism markets;
 - experiences on cultural, medical, rural and sustainable tourism;
 - experiences in the managing of tourism infrastructure and development
 - routes and packages promoting multi-destination travel;
 - experiences in investment mechanisms for tourism development
 - research and development of tourism products and services;
 - systems for tourism access to both Parties, tourist facilitation and tourism security management;
- d) Promoting the implementation of exchange programs to train students and industry professionals of both Parties in the tourism sector, including language training;
- e) Encourage tourism through the dissemination of information materials on cultural events taking place in any of the Parties;
- f) Promoting actions for valuing indigenous identity, customs, values, culture and environment;
- g) Collaborate in any other areas related to the tourism sector as mutually agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3 CENTRAL AUTHORITIES

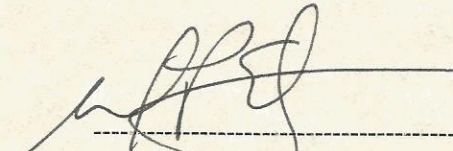
The Parties shall work together to enhance cooperation through their competent authorities in the fulfillment of this agreement.

2. This Agreement is also based on the Road Map for the Strengthening of the Bilateral Relations signed in Washington, D.C. United States of America on 24th January 2014 by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Parties, in which it was agreed to develop a programme of activities for the strengthening of the bilateral relations.
3. The present instrument shall not constitute a total or partial waiver of sovereignty over any territory (land, insular and maritime) claimed by either Party; nor shall any rights of either Party to such territory be prejudiced; nor shall any precedent be established for the strengthening or weakening of either Party's claims to any such territory. Each Party expressly reserves its rights with respect to its claims of sovereignty over any territory (land, insular or maritime).
4. The Parties agree that neither Party will use against the other, in any forum in which their territorial differendum may be addressed in the future, the fact that either of the Parties has accepted, agreed to, complied with or implemented any of the confidence building measures included herein.
5. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through diplomatic channels.
6. This Agreement will enter into force on the date when both sides have received notification via diplomatic note that their respective legal requirements have been met.
7. The present Agreement will have a duration of ten (10) years and will be automatically extended for equal periods, unless any of the Parties, through written communication via diplomatic channels, revokes it, and the termination will be effective one (1) year after the respective notification.
8. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or benefits already acquired by the individuals by virtue of this Agreement.
9. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties through written communications via diplomatic channels. Its entry into force will be in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Article.

Done in Placencia, Belize, on December 17, 2014 in two original copies, in the Spanish and English language, both texts being equally authentic.

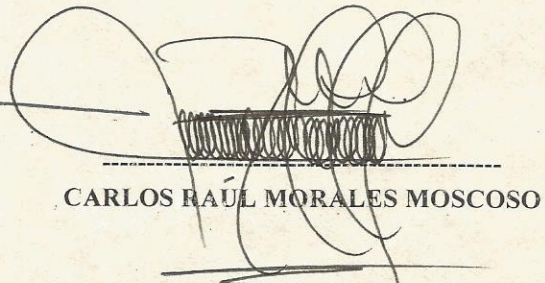
FOR BELIZE

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA




WILFRED ELRINGTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



CARLOS RAÚL MORALES MOSCOSO

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



JOSÉ MIGUEL INSULZA

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(WITNESS OF HONOUR)