



Statement of Intent Between

The Department of Energy of the United States of America And

The Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining of Jamaica Concerning Development and Deployment of Energy-Related Technologies

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining of Jamaica, herein referred to as "the Participants,"

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to consider an appropriate mix of environmentally sustainable, safe, and secure sources of energy to meet the needs of their respective countries' populations;

RECOGNIZING that the United States and Jamaica share a strong common interest in meeting the challenges of growing energy needs facing both Participants' countries, as well as the broader international community, in a manner that contributes to reducing the harmful effects of greenhouse gases on the global climate;

DESIRING to work together to contribute to energy security and sustainability in their respective countries and Caribbean region;

NOTING the Participants' efforts under the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas to exchange information, foster innovation, and develop solutions to a variety of energy and environmental challenges;

DESIRING to support the goals of the the Caribbean Energy Security Initiative to transform the energy matrices of Caribbean states, and to share lessons learned through regional information networks; and

AFFIRMING the Participants' objective to promote greater intergovernmental cooperation and communication.

The Participants state their intention as follows:

Section 1 Planned Objectives and Areas of Cooperation

1. The Participants intend to cooperate on the development and deployment of energy-related technologies. Cooperation is intended to encourage increased trade between the Participants' countries, accelerate the deployment of emerging technologies and industries, and pave the way for future technological innovation in energy-related fields.

- 2. The Participants intend to cooperate to advance mutually beneficial objectives including but not limited to: a) strengthened governance, including the development of policies and regulations; b) energy conservation and efficiency in the public and private sectors; c) energy infrastructure with a focus on resilience, reliability, smart grid technologies, microgrids and energy storage; and d) fuel diversification, including renewable energy and natural gas.
- 3. The Participants intend to seek opportunities to cooperate on regional activities important to the Western Hemisphere and in particular the Caribbean region.
- 4. The Participants plan to identify further areas of cooperation under this Statement of Intent.

Section 2 Implementation

- 1. The Participants intend to review periodically the activities undertaken pursuant to this Statement of Intent, evaluate the achieved results, and if necessary, make adjustments.
- 2. The Participants intend to exchange publicly available information and hold periodic workshops regarding existing and proposed clean energy objectives, activities and results of U.S.-Jamaica energy cooperation.
- 3. If the Participants decide that a particular activity may lead to the exchange of confidential information, prior to sharing such information they should consult with each other and make written arrangements for the appropriate handling of such confidential information.

Section 3 General Considerations

- 1. Unless otherwise determined in writing, each Participant is responsible for the costs it incurs in conducting the activities contemplated by this Statement of Intent.
- 2. Cooperation under this Statement of Intent may commence from the date of signing. The Participants may modify this Statement of Intent at any time by mutual consent in writing.
- 3. The Participants may discontinue this Statement of Intent by mutual consent in writing. Alternatively, a Participant that wishes to discontinue its participation in this Statement of Intent should endeavor to provide at least 90 days advance notice to the other Participant.
- 4. This Statement of Intent does not create any legally binding obligations between the Participants.

Signed in Kingston in duplicate, on the Ninth Day of April, 2015.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA:

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