

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

CLUJ IT CLUSTER AND THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (as  
represented by the Department of Information and Communications Technology)

This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded between:

I. **THE PARTICIPANTS**

1. Asociația "Cluj IT" ( Cluj IT Cluster), based in Cluj-Napoca, Str. Memorandumului No. 28, Romania, represented by Mr. Daniel Homorodean, as VicePresident.

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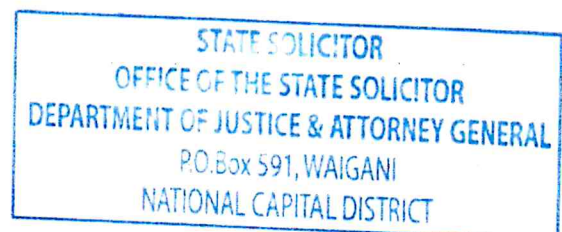
2. INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA as represented by the Department of Information and Communications Technology), based in Tisa Ruma, Levels 1, 2 and 3, Section 427 Allotment 03, Hohola (Islander Drive), Port Moresby City, P O Box 85 VISION CITY – WAIGANI 131, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea, represented by Mr. Steven Matainaho, as Secretary.

II. **PURPOSE OF CONCLUDING THE PARTNERSHIP**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the framework which will make possible common activities such as exchange of information and good practices, knowledge transfer, and fostering the development of cooperation actions and projects between the two organizations and their affiliates, for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Participants as set out under III of this Memorandum of Understanding.

III. **PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES**

1. Support the development of the PNG ICT Incubation Center, of the PNG ICT Cluster, and of the PNG IT industry and innovation ecosystem, by transferring the experience and know-how related to the development of clusters, collaboration ecosystems, innovation management, internationalization, and other relevant topics



2. Support the digital transformation programs of the PNG government in areas related to the development of public policies, strategies, standards, capacity building and knowledge acquisition.
3. Cooperation in research and technology transfer and attraction of specific funding for joint projects

#### IV. ACTIVITIES

Typical activities will include, but will not be necessarily limited to:

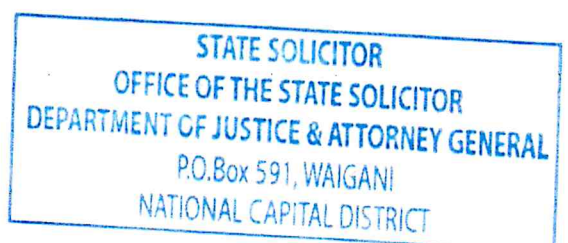
1. Organizing webinars on various technical and business topics, with the participation of the members and affiliates of the **Participants**, and other external partners;
2. Monitoring and evaluation of the opportunities of joint projects funded by the European Union, World Bank, and other donors;
3. Mutual assistance in the strategic development of the human capital by sharing successful models of practices;
4. Organizing round tables on specific technical and business topics;

#### V. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

Both **Participants** will carry out this MoU in good faith and with respect to the interests of both **Participants** through:

1. Active promotion of the partnership and support for the identification of practical solutions for collaboration at the organizational level or involving their members and affiliates, based on an analysis of their needs;
2. Carrying out activities for the exchange of information and good practices between the **Participants**, in pursuit of the objectives as set out under III of this Memorandum of Understanding;
3. One **Participant** sending invitations to the other **Participant** on the occasion of organizing events of interest to either or both them;
4. Promoting common interests, established by this partnership, in relations with third parties;
5. Mutual support within any initiatives, approaches, projects, which aim to achieve objectives specific to the purpose for which the two organizations were established;
6. Mention in positive terms the partnership between the two organizations, in relations with other third parties;
7. Conducting regular meetings, mutual support, exchange of information and experience, designing, supporting, and carrying out joint projects.

#### VI. FINAL PROVISIONS



1. This MoU shall be concluded for an indefinite period upon signature by each **Participant**.
2. Termination of MoU will become effective upon written request from any of the two **Participants**.
3. Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Protocol shall be settled by mutual consultation.

This Memorandum of Understanding was concluded today, 9 January 2022, in two original copies, one for each of the **Participants**.

For **ASOCIATIA CLUJ IT**

Representative

**Daniel Homorodean**

**Vice President**



For **THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA** (represented by the **Department of information and Communications Technology**)

Representative

**Steven Matainaho**

**Secretary**

