



*He waka eke noa  
We are all in the waka together*



## **New Zealand – Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**

### **Development Cooperation Arrangement 2023-2027**

The Caribbean Community (**CARICOM**) and the Government of New Zealand, acting through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, (collectively herein referred to as the **Participants**):

Acknowledging the similar historical experiences and common bonds between New Zealand and Caribbean states;

Noting the Government of New Zealand's ongoing commitment to the Caribbean.

Recognising the unique challenges of small island states and the Government of New Zealand's experience in providing assistance to address these challenges; and

Noting the shared interest between the Government of New Zealand and CARICOM in strengthening bonds of friendship through cooperation in the areas of renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture and disaster risk management, and, supported by the sharing of knowledge and skills;

Have reached the following understandings in this Arrangement.

### **1. Objective of the Arrangement**

The Arrangement aims to encourage partnership and cooperation between the Government of New Zealand and CARICOM, in the following target areas:

- i. renewable energy;
- ii. climate-smart agriculture;
- iii. disaster risk management; and
- iv. knowledge and skills, through the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme.

### **2. Activities**

The Participants will seek to cooperate on activities in the above target areas, which will:

- i. support CARICOM Member State Governments' development goals and the CARICOM Secretariat's development priorities, offer value for money and have tangible results;
- ii. promote sharing of expertise through strengthened links between New Zealand and CARICOM, CARICOM institutions and Member States; and

- iii. promote New Zealand training and development opportunities for CARICOM Member States' nationals.

### **3. Coherence**

In keeping with the Participants' respective commitments to aid effectiveness and to facilitate coherence of the Arrangement within the overall framework for New Zealand's International Development Cooperation, the cooperation outlined above will give due consideration to political, economic, trade and people-to-people relations between CARICOM Member States and New Zealand.

### **4. Operational aspects**

The Participants will facilitate the implementation of this Arrangement through:

- i. annual, high level consultations between representatives of the Participants;
- ii. the use of and alignment with existing regional and national mechanisms in so far as is reasonably practicable;
- iii. other regular communication at the technical level to enable transparent and predictable cooperation in the common priority areas;
- iv. identification and development of opportunities for New Zealand to assist CARICOM Member State Governments to deliver on their development goals in renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture, disaster risk management, and through skills development and technical advisory

programmes, including a formal dedicated consultation between the Parties on Technical Cooperation once per annum; and

- v. due consideration of the internal organisational processes of each Participant to enable effective delivery of the objectives of this Arrangement.

## **5. Management of the Arrangement**

- i. This Arrangement will come into effect on the date of the latest signature and will continue in operation for a period of four (4) years, at which time it may be reviewed and renewed.
- ii. This Arrangement may be modified at any time by joint written decision of the Participants. This Arrangement may be terminated at any time by either Participant giving three (3) months' written notice to the other.
- iii. Activities under this Arrangement may be documented separately. Subject to the conditions of such a document, the termination of this Arrangement will not affect existing activities.
- iv. The Participants will jointly decide to share information openly, as it pertains to the scope of activities subject to their respective policies on information sharing, and will support the other in their endeavours under this Arrangement where appropriate.
- v. Any sensitive information will not be disclosed to any third party without prior approval.

- vi. No public announcements will be made without express written approval of both Participants.
- vii. Sub-paragraphs iv., v. and vi. above do not apply where a disclosure is made: under a legal requirement; upon the request of a public service agency of a Member State of CARICOM or in New Zealand; to a relevant Minister in the Government of New Zealand or of a Member State of CARICOM; or to Parliament or a Parliamentary Office or body in New Zealand.

## 6. Differences

Any difference regarding interpretation and application of the provisions of this Arrangement will be settled amicably by the Participants.

Signed at Georgetown, Guyana

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**For the Government of  
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