

**Memorandum of Arrangement (MoA) on a Strategic Food Security
Partnership**

Between

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand

And

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab
Emirates

This MOA is signed on 11th of March 2022 between:

First Participant:

The Ministry of Climate change and Environment of the UAE
Address at P.O. Box: 1509, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Second Participant:

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Address at P.O. Box: 195 Lambton Quay, Private Bag 18 901, Wellington
6160, New Zealand

Foreword

New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (hereafter referred to as the Participants collectively or a Participant individually) enjoy a strong bond of friendship and a growing bilateral relationship comprising a broad range of political relations, defence and security linkages and trade, investment and economic ties.

Reflecting this strong and growing relationship, the Participants have in place a number of cooperation forums, including the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), and Foreign Ministry Consultations.

Since its establishment, Participants have held 7 sessions of the UAE – New Zealand JEC. The last meeting of the JEC, held in Dubai on 17 February 2020, reaffirmed the strong strategic partnership and relations between the Participants. The Participants also committed to expanding and strengthening the commercial ties between the UAE and New Zealand through innovation and new partnerships between government entities and private sectors in both countries. The next JEC is scheduled for March 2022.

Welcoming the growth in trade between the UAE and New Zealand on an annual average of 11 percent over the past 10 years, the Participants confirm that this sustained growth is supported by a shared interest in ensuring long-term prosperity through equitable and sustainable trade.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Participants, being aware of the benefits that this further cooperation will bring, undertake as follows:

Paragraph 1

Purpose of this MoA

The purpose of this Arrangement is to strengthen the partnership on food security between the UAE and New Zealand through expanded cooperation.

Paragraph 2

Areas of Cooperation

The Participants would like to cooperate in the following areas:

A – Knowledge sharing: The Participants reaffirm their commitment, including through working under the Government to Government (G2G) Partnership Arrangement signed in May 2018, to strengthening cooperation between respective government agencies to support the UAE's self-sufficiency goals, building on the successful projects already undertaken, with a new focus on the uses of modern technologies and artificial intelligence in agricultural, animal and food sector.

B – Supply: New Zealand has strong systems in place to ensure food is produced safely and sustainably. The Participants acknowledge, as natural, long-term trading partners, that there is significant scope to boost the supply of food from New Zealand to the UAE and promoting the trade in food products from UAE to New Zealand

C – Policy: The Participants will share their policies, knowledge and best practices in the food production and agricultural sectors. The Participants will expand, strengthen and improve the commercial bilateral partnership between the UAE and New Zealand in food security and agricultural products.

Paragraph 3

Consultation and Exchange of Information

A - The Participants will consult and exchange information on matters of common interest, which are likely to lead to mutual collaboration, convene meetings periodically to review the progress of activities being carried out under this MoA and to plan future activities. The Participants may invite each other to meetings or conferences convened by them or under their auspices in which the other participant may have an interest. Invitations will be subject to the procedures applicable to such meetings or conferences. Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this MoA will be without prejudice to arrangements, which may be required to safeguard the confidential and restricted character of certain information and documents. Such arrangements will survive the termination of this MoA and of any arrangements signed by the Participants within the scope of this collaboration.

B - Except for information available for a reason not attributable to a breach of confidentiality obligation by a Participant, each Participant will keep in confidence all the information related to the other Participant. Either Participant may not at any time disclose or publish such information to any third party or publicly, without the prior written permission of the other Participant.

Paragraph 4

Nature of Cooperation

Neither Participant is entitled to enter into commitments or make legally binding declarations on behalf of the other Participant. Nothing in this MoA is deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, interest grouping or any other kind of formal business grouping or entity between the Participants.

Paragraph 5

Implementation

The Participants will work out a plan envisaged under this MoA including specific activities, projects and programmes, which definition and implementation may be subject to detailed separate arrangements, in accordance with Paragraph 1. Each Participant will be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this MoA and its implementation unless either Participant gets the approval of the other Participant upon a separate arrangement.

The Participants have acknowledged that the monitoring and implementation of this Arrangement will be undertaken through continued coordination and meetings between officials, to be decided through official channels.

Paragraph 6

Acknowledgement of the Partnership

A- In the event of any cooperative activities the announcement will be joint and each Participant may use the other Participant's name and logo on all the relevant document related to the event. The Participants hereby acknowledge that each of them is the sole owner of its trademarks or logos and that nothing in this MoA gives the other Participants title or interest in or to such trademarks or logos.

B- The Participants will recognize and acknowledge this partnership, as appropriate. To this end, the Participants will consult with each other concerning the manner and form of such recognition and acknowledgement, including the use of their name and logos.

Paragraph 7

Miscellaneous

Failure by either Participant to request the implementation of a provision of this MoA to the other Participant will not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision of this MoA.

Paragraph 8

Term, Termination, Amendment

This MoU is valid for a period of (3) three years from the date of its signature by both Participants and will be automatically renewed for a similar period, unless one of the Participant notifies the other Participant of its desire to terminate this MoA 6 months before the specified date for termination

The provisions of this MoA may be amended by a written consent of both Participants, and the amendment will be issued by the same procedures as the MoA.

Paragraph 9

Copies

This MoA was concluded in two original copies in both Arabic and English languages, and each participant received an original copy of its own to work accordingly and implement what was stated therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Participants affix their signatures below.

For: First Participant

Name:

Honourable Damien O'Connor

Signature



Designation

Minister for Trade and Export Growth
Minister for Agriculture

For: Second Participant

Name:

Her Excellency Mariam Almheiri

Signature



Designation

Minister of Climate Change and
Environment