

Memorandum of Understanding between islands and regions on developing sustainable energy self-sufficiency strategies and adapting to climatic changes

We, representatives of islands and regions, eager to share our views on the future of energy in our territories and to pursue the cooperation towards energy self-sufficiency and adaptation to Climate Change

Are aware of

- The urgent need to **reduce the effects of global warming and limit greenhouse effect gas emissions**,
- The **indirect impact of global warming on islands**: the risks for communities and island ecosystems,
- **Island resources**: 4,000 territories, 500 million inhabitants, much of the world's biodiversity,
- The **economic vulnerability** of many islands as regard the sustainability of their **energy supplies** and energy prices despite plentiful local resources (e.g. solar energy),
- The **gap** which separates our developed islands and our developing islands in terms of their **access to energy**, partially due to the **unequal availability of technologies and training programmes**,
- The **demographic and energy growth** of many islands, as well as **strong growth of tourism** on almost all islands,
- The **modesty of each island territory and population**, which requires alternative energy strategies but also makes islands laboratories to experiment on global and long-term energy strategies.

Base our future cooperation on our attachment to the principles set out in the Rio Declaration on the environment and on sustainable development, to its implementation as stated during the Johannesburg conference and to the Kyoto protocol,

Assert willingness to work towards self-sufficiency in clean forms of energy and energy management and our involvement in reducing global climate change without undermining our island and local development strategies,

Associate our efforts under the **inter-island partnership** initiated following the Reunion seminar on energy self-sufficiency strategies for islands (26 October – 4 November 2005) which has rallied many islands around the world,

Decide to share our know-how and data on renewable forms of energy, energy management and more generally on all prerequisites for defining and conducting our energy self-sufficiency strategies for our islands,

Decide to help each other to achieve our strategies of energy self-sufficiency, adaptation to climate change through mutual support and exchange of advices concerning development of renewable energy sources and energy management

Island / Region:

Date:

Representative:

Signature:

Function:

