

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
BELIZE ON COOPERATION FOR THE FLOOD WARNING  
CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FOR THE BELIZE RIVER BASIN  
PROJECT**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”);

Desiring to further strengthen the friendly and cooperative relations existing between the two countries, and to jointly respond to disasters induced by climate change and implement the Flood Warning Capacity Improvement for the Belize River Basin Project (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”);

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1: Project objectives**

1. Strengthen overall flood preparedness and prevention, and update basic maps.
2. Improve disaster preparation capabilities.
3. Apply advanced monitoring techniques for disaster prevention.
4. Strengthen disaster response capabilities in flood-prone areas in the Belize River basin.

**Article 2: Implementation basis**

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The Parties shall implement the Project according to the Project work plan and budget.

**Article 3: Project budget**

The total budget for the Project shall be US\$1,640,688, of which the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall provide US\$1,620,688 and of which the Government of Belize shall provide US\$20,000 (in-kind counterpart contribution). The budget shall be adjusted depending on actual progress and the disbursement of funds. Belize shall be responsible for continuing operation and maintenance costs after the Project is completed and handed over.

**Article 4: Project steering committee**

1. The Parties agree to establish a Project steering committee, which shall be composed of a Project Coordinator assigned by the Ministry of Sustainable Development Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management of Belize and a Project Manager from the Taiwan Technical Mission assigned by the Republic of China (Taiwan).
2. The Project Coordinator shall convene meetings of the project steering committee once per month for the purpose of monitoring and appraising the implementation of the Project.
3. The Project Coordinator, a local work team, the Project Manager, and technicians from the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall jointly implement the Project based on the decisions of the project steering committee.



**Article 5: Obligations of the Government of the Republic of China  
(Taiwan)**

1. In accordance with the Project work plan agreed on by the Parties, the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall allocate a budget of US\$1,620,688 for the Project.
2. The abovementioned budget shall include the salaries, medical care costs, insurance, benefits, airfare, and travel expenses of the Project Manager and technicians and short-term experts from the Republic of China (Taiwan) (hereinafter referred to as “Taiwan Personnel”).
3. Taiwan shall appoint a Project Manager of the Technical Mission as a liaison to collaborate with the Project Coordinator and cooperate on and coordinate the implementation of the Project. It shall also dispatch technicians and short-term experts to provide consultancy services and technical assistance as required for the Project in accordance with actual needs during the various stages.
4. The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize shall be responsible for overseeing the Project’s progress for the duration of Project implementation in conjunction with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management of Belize.

**Article 6: Obligations of the Government of Belize**

1. In accordance with the Project proposal agreed on by the Parties, Belize shall allocate the equivalent of US\$20,000 of in-kind counterpart contributions for the Project.
2. Belize shall appoint a Project Coordinator as a main liaison to collaborate with the Project Manager and other cooperating units and relevant



stakeholders so as to ensure the promotion and implementation of the Project.

3. Belize shall establish an administrative working group and a technical working group to serve as the project task force.
4. Belize shall provide Taiwan Personnel with a furnished office and accommodations in Belize.
5. Belize shall provide utilities for the aforementioned office and accommodations, including water, electricity, and telecommunication, and assume responsibility for administrative expenses (water, electricity, telephone/internet access, and other charges related to communication and facility maintenance).

#### **Article 7: Exemptions and courtesies**

The Government of Belize agrees to exempt Project-related vehicles, materials, equipment, and supplies from customs duties and other taxes, and agrees to grant Taiwan Personnel the following benefits where possible:

1. Exemption from all residential and local taxes and income tax on salaries.
2. Exemption of personal and household effects from all import, customs, and other duties and taxes upon initial entry into Belize.
3. The granting of conveniences to Taiwan personnel, as well as their dependents, to enter, depart from, and reside in Belize during their period of service.
4. Other special privileges and conveniences, as well as exemptions on taxes incurred from the transfer of property, in line with those granted to United Nations organizations' personnel posted to Belize.
5. Exempt vehicles belonging to Taiwan Personnel from duties, taxes, and



other fees, and issue diplomatic license plates. If Taiwan Personnel transfer a vehicle to other Taiwan Personnel, such transfers shall also be exempt from all taxes.

#### **Article 8: Overseas training and scholarships**

1. The Parties agree that the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management of Belize may recommend the appointment of personnel to carry out certain Project operations.
2. As needed, such personnel may, following the approval of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize or another authorized agency acting for the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), apply to participate in short- or long-term training, workshops, or higher education scholarship programs related to natural disaster management offered by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), such that these personnel may continue to operate the Project for the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management of Belize when the Project is transferred upon its completion.

#### **Article 9: Dispute resolution**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved via consultations between the Parties.

#### **Article 10: Entry into force, amendment, and termination**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until December 31, 2025.

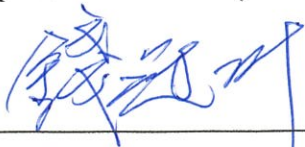


2. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. This Agreement may be extended by the mutual written consent of the Parties.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party providing written notice of termination 60 days in advance to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Belmopan City, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, two thousand and twenty-two, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For The Government of the  
Republic of China (Taiwan)



H.E. David Kuan-Chou Chien

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(Taiwan)

For the Government of Belize



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