



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the Caribbean Regional Youth Council (CRYC)

and

the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

“National Youth Council of Russia” (NYCR)

on Youth Cooperation and Development

January 30, 2017



The Caribbean Regional Youth Council represented by the Chairperson, Mr. Tijani Christian, acting under the Charter, on the one side, and the National Youth Council of Russia, represented by the Chairperson, Mr. Grigory Petushkov, acting under the Charter, on the other side,

considering the strengthening role of youth in socio-political activities and its strong-willed endeavor to participate in life of the society,

realizing the importance of international youth cooperation development between Russia and the Caribbean region countries,

wishing to develop future forms of cooperation between youth organizations of Russia and youth organizations of the Caribbean region countries in the field of youth policy,

recognizing that the development of cooperation between youth organizations is an important tool of enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the countries,

The Parties have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Combining information, organizational and other resources according to the capacities of each organization, the Parties develop their cooperation in the following areas:

1.1. Social inclusion of young people

- a. to ensure capacity building of youth organizations of Russia and youth organizations of the Caribbean region countries;
- b. to promote youth participation in decision-making processes that affects them;
- c. to develop youth volunteer programs between Russia and the Caribbean region countries;



- d. to disseminate information on current youth problems and negotiate conceptual approaches for resolving them;
- e. to encourage the participation of youth leaders, youth workers in international youth seminars, symposia, workshops conferences held in their countries.

1.2. Intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity

- a. to develop intercultural dialogue and inter-ethnic unity among youth of Russia and youth of the Caribbean region countries through organizing multilateral projects;
- b. to stimulate the intercultural exchange through popularizing the culture and traditions of Russia and the Caribbean region countries among youth.

1.3. Multilateral and multi-field cooperation

- a. to encourage the development and implementation of multilateral projects in the field of youth policy between Russia and Caribbean region countries;
- b. to stimulate the development of international youth cooperation among youth associations, students and post-graduate students, members of youth consultative structures, youth entrepreneurs, young journalist, young scientists, etc.;
- c. to expand humanitarian, business and cultural relations among young people, deepen cooperation in the field of scientific and technical creativity of youth;
- d. to promote exchange programs between experts on youth including practically oriented exchange of views and experience of youth workers within the organization of bilateral internships;
- e. to stimulate the exchange of publications and information on the development of youth policy and youth work in Russia and Caribbean region countries;
- f. to strengthen cooperation in the framework of international youth platforms;



- g. to promote the development of youth tourism and other directions of bilateral and multilateral youth cooperation;
- h. to unify and strengthen youth led advocacy on key areas affecting young people in the region including Climate Action, Sustainable Growth and Resilience, Peacebuilding, Entrepreneurship and meaningful engagement of young people in all levels of policy making and implementation across Governments in Russia and Caribbean region countries;
- i. to enhance cooperation and capacity building between the CRYC and NYCR Executive Leadership teams including synergy and partnerships with existing youth targeted and led initiatives in Russia and Caribbean region countries to facilitate collaborations in advancing the youth development agenda in the Caribbean and Russia.

ARTICLE 2

For the organization and operation of joint projects the Parties:

- 2.1. Form the Annual Plan of youth projects in Russia and the Caribbean region countries to be proposed for participation;
- 2.2. Create the necessary working bodies (organizing committee, coordinating advisory councils and working groups), the composition and management of which are formed and approved by the agreement of the Parties;
- 2.3. Share good practices, knowledge and to provide representation, where possible, to the other Parties' fora and meetings including but not limited to:
 - The 19th World Festival of Youth and Students;
 - The Launch of the Commonwealth Youth Council Secretariat;
 - The National Youth Council of Russia Assembly and Conference;
 - The Caribbean Youth Leaders' Summit;
 - The Caribbean Regional Youth Council General Assembly.



2.4. Commit to lobby for educational and employment opportunities towards their respective governments to facilitate the offering of scholarships, internship and job opportunities, in building higher level cooperation between the governments within the Caribbean and that of Russia.

The Memorandum shall not limit the right of the Parties to cooperate with other associations.

ARTICLE 3

3.1. The Memorandum shall expire after a period of two (2) years from the date of signature by the Parties.

3.2. On expiry, the Memorandum will be discussed for possibility of renewal or amendment by the Parties for a further period by written agreement.

3.3. Any dispute arising from performance of this Memorandum between both Parties shall first be settled through friendly negotiation.

3.4. Either Party may terminate the Memorandum at any time without penalty or further obligation upon the giving of one (1) month written notice to the other Party.

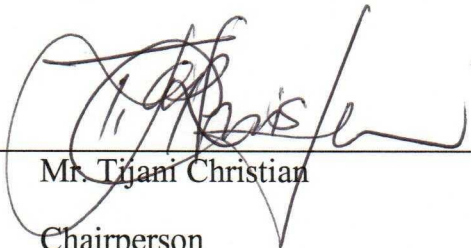
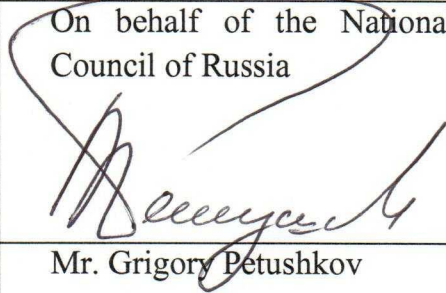
3.5. Termination of the Memorandum shall not relieve either Party of any obligations created by the terms of other contracts signed between the parties as a result of the collaboration stimulated by the Memorandum.

3.6. Termination of the Memorandum shall not restrict future reconsiderations of a new agreement or partnership between the Parties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Parties have affixed their signatures below this Agreement, drawn up in two **(2)** original copies in the English language.

Signed on the occasion of the 6th United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on the 30th of January, 2017.

On behalf of the Caribbean Regional Youth Council	On behalf of the National Youth Council of Russia
	
Mr. Tjani Christian Chairperson	Mr. Grigory Petushkov Chairperson