MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION (SIECA) AND THE CENTRE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CSEND)

Central America, 3 February 2016
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The Secretariat of Central American Economic Integration (hereafter “SIECA”), represented by Carmen Gisela Vergara, Secretary General and legal representative, , and the Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (hereinafter “CSEND”) represented by Dr. Lichia Saner-Yiu, both acting on behalf of the above-mentioned organizations and hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”,

WHEREAS, SIECA is the technical and administrative organ of the Central American economic integration process; and among its functions it is to provide support services to the work of bodies to direct and manage the process of Central American economic integration and trade between the countries of the Central American Common Market, in the perspective of global integration Central America;

WHEREAS, SIECA is in charge of the progress of the Central American economic integration process, and therefore supports the development of activities, programs and projects that promote productivity, competitiveness and inclusion, as engines of economic and social development of the region;

WHEREAS, CSEND is a non-governmental research and development organization (NGRDO), promotes inclusive, equitable, sustainable and integrated development through dialogue and institutional learning. CSEND provides policy research, capacity development and consulting services on institutional development and change processes especially in the area of institutional strengthening, human and social capital development, trade and development, quality education, aid effectiveness, international negotiations and new diplomacies;

RECOGNIZING the enormous potential for development in Central America and strengthening the process of Central American economic integration through knowledge management, innovation and creativity;

Have agreed as follows:

FIRST: To subscribe this Memorandum of Understanding to reflect our desire to establish a mutual relation agency of cooperation and reach agreements that promote Central American intraregional trade facilitation, development of new productive activities and the coordination of regional complementarities; through technical assistance on a reciprocal basis.
SECOND: The cooperation of CSEND to the process of Central American economic integration through SIECA shall aim at concretizing specific technical assistance and studies agreements in the following areas:

a) Developing mutually supportive activities to promote Central American economic integration and development of productive and competitive capacities;

b) Developing joint regional projects to be implemented by the Parties, through SIECA, to the organs and institutions of the Central American economic integration;

c) Advising on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) on issues such as assessment of viability of PPP projects, long-term financial sustainability of PPPs, sound regulatory system to embed PPPs, adequate knowledge and know-how of civil servants implementing PPP policy and laws, technology transfers guarantees, and capacity-building of local counterparts, among others.

d) Researching and training on international economic negotiation (in English and Spanish), particularly in the areas of: economic diplomacy, commercial diplomacy, inter-ministerial policy coordination and government to private sector/civil society policy consultation (http://www.csend.org/programmes-a-services/item-trade-policy-governance; http://www.diplomacydialogue.org/publications.html)

e) Developing a training system based on CSEND’s quality management system AdeQuaTE 10015+ (http://www.aquate.org/iso-10015)

f) Supporting for the Center for the Study of Economic Integration on issues such as economic analysis and benchmarking: development of indicators, maps and interactive tools, and situation reports.

THIRD: For the implementation of this Memorandum, the Parties shall develop annual operational plans which shall include the specific activities carried out in each period, the degree of participation of each entity and the corresponding sources of financing.

FOURTH: CSEND and SIECA shall promote the exchange of information that enables the proper implementation and monitoring of joint actions agreed under this Memorandum of Understanding.

FIFTH: For the implementation of this MOU, the Parties appointed as coordinators and contact persons, Mr. Javier Gutierrez by SIECA, and Mr. Mario Filadore by CSEND, who on behalf of the Parties shall hold consultation, coordination and monitoring
meetings to discuss issues of common interest. The coordinators shall agree on mechanisms for exchanging information and shall ensure compliance with the work plans of each activity to be executed based on this Memorandum of Understanding.

**SIXTH:** The use of the name and / or symbols of one of the other institutions require their prior knowledge and approval in accordance with corporate identity manuals of each Party.

**SEVENTH:** This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of its signature. It will remain in force for four years and may be extended through written agreement of the Parties. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified by mutual agreement between the Parties.

**EIGHTH:** Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving a written notice to the other Party with three months in advance. In case of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall cooperate during the period of notice to ensure orderly completion of all pending Agreed Activities.

**NINTH:** The Parties undertake to comply with this Memorandum of Understanding in good faith. Any matter not expected to arise in connection with the execution shall be settled by mutual agreement between the Parties. The amicable solutions reached, must be establish in writing.

**TENTH:** This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date when the last party signs.

Done in two originals of the same tone and equally authentic, in the English language.

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**SIECA**

Carmen Gisela Vergara  
Secretary General of SIECA  
Date: 11/3/16

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**CSEND**

Dr. Lichia Saner Yiu  
President of CSEND  
Date: 11/3/16