



MANITOBA



DNIPROPETROVSK

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA

AND:

**THE DNIPROPETROVSK REGIONAL
STATE ADMINISTRATION, UKRAINE**

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba (“Manitoba”) and the Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Participants”) recognize the importance of bilateral co-operation to create mutually beneficial economic, educational and cultural relations;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration wish to form a strategic alliance to facilitate the development of opportunities for mutual benefit and to initiate and expand co-operative efforts to seek and identify areas of collaboration in all spheres of mutual interest and to work for the benefit and well-being of their respective citizens;

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has been a partner in ongoing agriculture development projects which have worked in Agriculture extension and production development with over 40 Manitobans involved in travel to Ukraine and delivery of technology and training. And Dnipropetrovsk region and Manitoba have many similarities as both Participants have a strong agriculture production foundation; and

WHEREAS there is recognition of strong cultural links between the Participants and much history with many people emigrating from Ukraine to Manitoba,

THEREFORE in the spirit of promoting closer relationships and building on the deep cultural ties and existing strong relationship between the Participants:

The Participants intend to work co-operatively to the fullest possible extent consistent with their respective laws and existing treaties between their respective nations to:

- Reinforce and expand the ties of economic co-operation and friendship between Manitoba and Dnipropetrovsk region;
- Exchange information, research and “best practices” in areas such as agriculture production, extension and education, culture, trade and technology;
- Foster development of mutually beneficial opportunities in the agrifood sector in both Manitoba and Dnipropetrovsk.
- Foster interactions among entrepreneurs and business enterprises that will promote investment and expand commerce and mutually beneficial trade between the two jurisdictions;
- Encourage and foster exchanges of information and the development of co-operative relationships between academic, business, cultural and research institutions within the two jurisdictions; and
- Foster interactions and exchanges that will encourage the development of youth leadership and entrepreneurship.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The Participants will, initially, focus their co-operative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding by:



- Building on previous and ongoing partnerships and projects such as the Canada – Ukraine Facility for Agriculture Reform and Modernization (FARM) project to continue co-operative development between participants;
- Encouraging and fostering the sharing of agriculture and rural development extension science to foster development of rural communities in both Participants' jurisdictions;
- Carrying out bilateral trade missions between Dnipropetrovsk and Manitoba and by exploring business opportunities in both Dnipropetrovsk and Manitoba;
- Exploring and encouraging business to business joint ventures and encouraging reciprocal investments in Dnipropetrovsk and Manitoba ventures;
- Exploring the feasibility of a tourism strategy with a focus on cultural and agri- tourism that develops and enhances tourism activity and benefits in both Participants' jurisdictions;
- Exploring opportunities for enhanced relationships between academic institutions and agribusiness within the Participants' respective jurisdictions;
- Exploring opportunities for sharing best practices and for the development of partnerships in financial institutions and co-operative enterprises through exchanges and projects involving Manitoba Credit Unions and Co-operative organizations;
- Exploring opportunities for joint research and development or manufacturing collaboration based on the comparative and competitive advantages of Manitoba and Dnipropetrovsk Region;
- Exploring and encouraging youth leadership development through exchanges and joint programs in 4-H clubs and others such as Junior Achievement to build youth leadership and business skills;
- Exploring and enhancing the sharing of agricultural production technology and genetic materials to enhance environmental sustainability in both Dnipropetrovsk and Manitoba;
- Encouraging the development of farmer associations and co-operatives in Dnipropetrovsk to connect with Manitoba associations and co-operatives for sharing and joint development; and
- Exploring the sharing of insights and strategic information through joint discussions and workshops to address issues resulting from developments in world trade agreements affecting Participants.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Participants recognize the benefits of ongoing, regular contacts between their respective governments to promote trade and economic development, leadership and strategic development and to identify areas in which there are opportunities for joint, formal or informal co-operation.

Therefore an Implementation Committee will be created to:

- Jointly review and establish specific implementation priorities and strategies and develop annual and long-term work plans for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;
- Monitor progress on the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and report to the representatives of the Participants who will meet annually when possible and appropriate;

- Designate Regional State Administration and Manitoba Provincial government representatives to serve as principal points of policy contact and liaison to promote co-operation in areas of mutual interest; and
- Explore other co-operative initiatives on matters of common interest that will be considered complementary to this Memorandum of Understanding.

It is envisaged that the Implementation Committee will have participation from government agencies, agriculture producer organizations, agri-business firms, academic institutions and those with cultural ties to Dnipropetrovsk and Manitoba. The committee will meet at least annually.

LIMITATIONS

Neither Participant intends to be responsible for the actions of third Participants or associates who may be involved in the activities in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any contractual, financial or other legal obligations for the Participants.

DURATION AND ENTRY INTO EFFECT

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from that date. The Memorandum of Understanding can be renewed for an additional three (3) years through mutual written consent of the Participants.

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Participants. Any such amendments will come into effect on the date determined by the Participants.

Each Participant may notify the other in writing of its intent to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least thirty (30) days in advance of such termination.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in English and Ukrainian, both versions being equally valid.

Signed in Winnipeg, this 27th day of May, 2008.

For the Government of the Province
of Manitoba (Canada)

For the Dnipropetrovsk Regional
State Administration (Ukraine)

Original signed by

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The Honourable Gary Doer
Premier of Manitoba

Mr. Victor Bondar
Governor of Dnipropetrovsk Region