

## **New Zealand– New Caledonia**

# **Joint Co-operation Plan**

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This Joint Cooperation Plan between the Governments of New Zealand and New Caledonia sets out the mutually decided objectives and priority areas to strengthen bilateral co-operation and, in particular, enhance political, economic, trade and cultural links.

### **Priority Areas for Engagement**

#### *Trade and Economic Engagement*

To increase two-way trade between New Caledonia and New Zealand by reducing and eliminating trade barriers and increasing opportunities for work and investment, including through the promotion of joint ventures.

Key priority areas are:

- *Construction* – to explore opportunities for New Caledonian companies and workers to be involved in the construction industry in New Zealand.
- *Standards and Qualifications* – to increase co-operation at the technical level to achieve greater commonality and harmonisation where possible.
- *Biosecurity* – to explore ways to enhance co-operation and help to ensure our economies benefit from two-way trade and business and continue to be protected from biosecurity threats.
- *Tourism* – to promote increased tourist numbers and the development of our respective tourist industries, including through increased flights between New Caledonia and New Zealand as agreed in the Memorandum of Arrangement on air services arrangements between New Caledonia and New Zealand (Auckland, 2 May 2016).

#### *Education*

To promote opportunities to develop English and French language and teaching exchanges, and initiatives that support more students to study in our respective institutions.

#### *Sport*

To explore opportunities for increasing sporting contact between New Caledonia and New Zealand and, in particular, for athletes and sports teams to train at each other's facilities.

#### *Health*

To encourage greater interaction between our respective health services and to explore opportunities for enhancing co-operation including through information sharing on the management of vector borne diseases and non-communicable diseases.

*Environment and Sustainable Development*

To promote greater cooperation, collaboration and information sharing in areas of mutual interest, including in the use and development of renewable energy and natural resources.

*Research and Innovation*

To promote increased co-operation and collaboration between our respective institutions including in the areas of environment and water resource management, agriculture, aquaculture, apiculture and biotechnology.

**Operationalisation**

The Joint Cooperation Plan is a "living document" that can be modified and updated by mutual decision.

An annual report will be prepared by officials to enable our governments to monitor and consider progress in pursuing the objectives outlined in this plan.

This Joint Cooperation Plan takes effect on signature.

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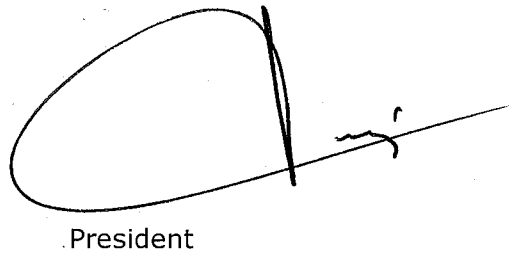
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