



## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Between the United Nations University Fisheries Training Programme,  
Skulagata 4, 101 Reykjavik, Iceland  
and

Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Secretariat  
P.O. Box 642, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize

### Preamble

The United Nations University Fisheries Training Programme (hereinafter referred to as "**UNU-FTP**"), and the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as the "**CRFM**");

**Having regard** to the Memorandum of Understanding between the UNU-FTP and the CRFM, and in particular Article III (1) thereof;

**Having regard** to the Letter of Agreement between the UNU-FTP and CRFM, dated 8 March 2008, on the provision of training fellowships to fisheries professionals from the CRFM Member States;

Recalling that the initial agreement was for the provision of up to nine fellowships between 2008 and 2011;

**Noting** with satisfaction that to date nine fisheries professionals from six CRFM Member States and the CRFM have benefitted from the six-month fellowship programme and are actively contributing to the development and sustainable management of fisheries in the Caribbean;

**Also Noting** with satisfaction that to date the UNU-FTP and the CRFM, in collaboration with regional partner institutions, have developed and implemented four short courses in the region within the framework of the UNU-FTP/CRFM Memorandum of Understanding, during which more than sixty fisheries personnel from the CRFM Member States have received specialized training in fisheries and related areas;

**Mindful** of the continued shortage of adequately trained persons in fisheries in the Caribbean region;

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**Recognizing** the critical importance of continuing to build human and institutional capacity to ensure sustainable development and management of the fisheries and aquaculture resources within the Caribbean region;

**Acknowledging** the valuable contribution of the UNU-FTP to building human and institutional capacity in the fisheries sector in the Caribbean;

**Have agreed** as follows:

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Letter of Agreement is to enhance institutional capacity in fisheries in the Caribbean by providing post-graduate fellowships and short training courses to professionals from the CRFM Member States who are actively working in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

**UNU-FTP Fellowships and post graduate scholarships**

2. The UNU-FTP will over the next three years (2012 – 2015) offer full six-month study fellowships to a minimum of nine qualified fisheries professionals from the eligible CRFM Member States to pursue training in fisheries and related disciplines at the UNU-FTP, subject to Clause 5 of this Letter of Agreement.
3. Each fellowship will cover all direct costs of participation by a qualified candidate, including:
  - (a) One economy class return airline ticket and other related travel expenses;
  - (b) Comprehensive travel and accident insurance; and
  - (c) Housing and living allowance in Iceland for the duration of the training.
4. The CRFM will coordinate the annual recruitment of qualified candidates, who will be screened through the standard UNU-FTP matriculation procedures.
5. To be eligible for the six-month UNU-FTP training fellowship, a candidate must:
  - (a) Be a national or resident of a state or territory that is on the Official Development Assistance Committee (DAC) List of Overseas eligible Development Assistance (ODA) Recipients, which shows all countries and territories eligible to receive official development assistance;
  - (b) Have at least a bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent qualification;
  - (c) Have good command of English;
  - (d) Not be older than 40 years;

- (e) Have at least one year of work experience in the chosen field of specialization; and
  - (f) Have the full support of his/her employer as required by the standard procedures of the United Nations University.
6. Professionals from the Caribbean who have successfully completed the six month postgraduate training in Iceland may apply for a further scholarship for postgraduate degree studies in any field of fisheries within any Icelandic university. The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis.

#### **Short course development and delivery**

- 7. The UNU-FTP will provide technical and financial assistance to support the development and implementation of short course in fisheries, which will be consistent with the strategic development priorities agreed upon by the CRFM to promote sustainable fisheries development and management in the Caribbean region.
- 8. The short courses will be developed and implemented by the UNU-FTP and CRFM in cooperation with regional training institutions and experts to build regional capacity for future development and delivery of such training courses in the region.
- 9. The UNU-FTP may dispatch experts from Iceland to visit the Caribbean region to support the development and delivery of the training courses, and assist with post-workshop follow up activities as considered appropriate.
- 10. The CRFM Secretariat will serve as a focal point and assist in planning and coordinating all visits by experts from Iceland and making arrangements in relation to the development and delivery of the training courses.
- 11. The Parties aim to develop and implement no less than four short training courses during in the next three years (2012-2015); and
- 12. The Parties will also jointly or separately, whenever possible, undertake fund-raising activities to bring in addition financial and technical resource to support the implementation of the training courses agreed upon.

#### **Amendments**

- 13. Any amendment to this Letter of Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.



### **Entry into Force**

14. The present Letter of Agreement will enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

### **Signature**

In witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of both Parties hereby subscribe to this Letter of Agreement.

**Signed on behalf of the UNU-FTP:**

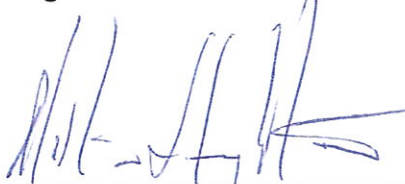


Tumi Tómasson  
Programme Director

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012

Date

**Signed on behalf of the CRFM:**



Milton Haughton  
Executive Director

19<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Date