

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

**Between:**

**Unity of Nations Action For Climate Change Council (UNAccc)  
and  
V.A.T.E.L. (in collaboration with Doninu (Malta) International)**

**Date of Signature:** 31st July 2025

### PREAMBLE

Recognizing the global urgency of climate change as affirmed by the **Paris Agreement (2015)**, and the **United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into between:

- 1. Unity of Nations Action For Climate Change Council (UNAccc)**  
A global non-governmental entity committed to implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a specific focus on SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 2 (Zero Hunger), 4 (Quality Education), 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 11 (Sustainable Cities), 13 (Climate Action), 15 (Life on Land), 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

2. **V.A.T.E.L.**, in collaboration with **Doninu (Malta) International**

A Malta-based voluntary humanitarian organization which, in accordance with international legal standards (including **UN Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/RES/22/6**), is lawfully operating in unregistered form, not under Chapter 492 of Maltese law, and is thus protected under international freedom of association laws.

## LEGAL BASIS

This MoU is grounded in the following legal instruments:

- **United Nations Charter (1945)**, particularly Articles 1 and 55, promoting international cooperation.
- **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)**, Article 20: “Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.”
- **UN Human Rights Council Resolution 22/6 (2013)** on the protection of civil society space and unregistered voluntary initiatives.
- **UN SDG Framework**, General Assembly Resolution 70/1, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

This MoU is not intended to create any binding legal obligations under domestic or international law but reflects the mutual intention and commitment of the parties to collaborate.

## OBJECTIVES

This MoU sets out to:

1. Establish a formal partnership between UNAccc and V.A.T.E.L. (in collaboration with Doninu (Malta) International) to collaborate on climate action and sustainable development projects;
2. Promote active cooperation and knowledge exchange to further the global SDG agenda;

3. Support community-based, voluntary, and civil society initiatives that address systemic poverty, energy needs, housing, and environmental resilience.

## **AREAS OF COLLABORATION**

1. **Sustainable Housing (SDG 7 & 11):**

UNAccc's Sustainable Housing Program shall be implemented locally with the support of V.A.T.E.L. and Doninu (Malta) International, focusing on low-income and climate-vulnerable populations.

2. **Capacity Building (SDG 4 & 16):**

The Parties shall organize educational programs, community awareness sessions, and professional training workshops to strengthen institutional and grassroots climate response capacity.

3. **Research & Innovation (SDG 9 & 13):**

Joint initiatives shall include research on renewable energy, smart agriculture, waste reduction, water conservation, and biodiversity preservation.

4. **Advocacy and Rights-Based Programming (SDGs 1, 15, 17):**

The collaboration shall include international advocacy for vulnerable communities, protecting their rights under **Article 2 and 25 of the UDHR**, and promoting public participation in climate governance.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **UNAccc:**

- Provide strategic direction and technical guidance;
- Facilitate access to international networks and knowledge platforms;
- Monitor implementation in alignment with international best practices.

### **V.A.T.E.L. (in collaboration with Doninu (Malta) International):**

- Deliver local engagement, cultural insights, and community access;
- Mobilize volunteers and resources;
- Ensure transparency and ethical compliance in all grassroots-level implementation.

## **GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL STATUS**

This MoU shall not be construed as a legally binding agreement. However, it reflects the moral, operational, and political commitment of the signatories in accordance with:

- **UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (2011);**
- **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);**
- **Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 on the legal status of NGOs in Europe.**

No provisions of this MoU shall override the national legal framework of Malta or other relevant jurisdictions; however, both parties reaffirm their right to operate under **international legal protection for civil society actors**, including those unregistered.

## **DURATION, REVIEW & TERMINATION**

- This MoU shall remain in force for **two (2) years** from the date of signature unless extended by mutual agreement in writing.
- Either Party may terminate this MoU with a **three-month written notice**, provided due respect is given to ongoing initiatives and safeguarding vulnerable stakeholders involved.

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION


All disputes, if any, shall be addressed through amicable consultations. If unresolved, disputes may be submitted to **non-binding mediation** based on the principles of the **UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts** or referred to the **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)** for advisory opinion, provided both parties consent.

## SIGNATURES


**For Unity of Nations Action For Climate Change Council (UNAccc)**

Signature:   
Name: Dr Rajat Sharma  
Title: Founder President

**For V.A.T.E.L.**

  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: H.E. Amb. Dr. Pierre Vatel  
Title: Leader

**For Doninu (Malta) International**

  
Name: Chev. (Jean) Pierre Calleja  
Title: Founder / Leader

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