



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
ACTION FOR AFRICA
and
ZERO WASTE FOUNDATION

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS **Action for Africa** (hereinafter referred to as “A.F.A”), based in Côte d’Ivoire, is an organization committed to advancing sustainable development and socio-economic empowerment across African communities. Its mission is to foster inclusive growth through initiatives in education, entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability, and community development. A.F.A works to create impactful partnerships, drive innovation, and support local capacity building in order to enhance resilience and long-term prosperity throughout the region;

WHEREAS the **Zero Waste Foundation** (hereinafter referred to as “ZWF”), based in Istanbul, is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a sustainable future by promoting the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle. Its mission is to promote a zero waste mindset through advocacy, awareness creation, sensitization, education, community engagement, and innovative resource management solutions. The initiative is championed by Her Excellency Mrs. Emine Erdoğan, First Lady of the Republic of Türkiye, who serves as the Patron of the Zero Waste Foundation;

WHEREAS ZWF is the organizing institution of the **Zero Waste Forum 2026**, a global multi-stakeholder platform convened, this time as part of the Road to COP31, aiming to accelerate inclusive, people-centered and action-oriented zero waste solutions;

WHEREAS **Action for Africa** and ZWF recognize the mutual benefits that may be derived from enhanced collaboration and express their shared intention to cooperate on a voluntary and non-exclusive basis, guided by the principles of equality, reciprocity, and mutual respect;

NOW THEREFORE, in a spirit of partnership and shared purpose, **Action for Africa** and ZWF (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”) hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a non-binding framework for cooperation between **Action for Africa** and ZWF, with the purpose of fostering collaboration aligned with the objectives of the Zero Waste Forum 2026 and the broader zero waste and circularity agenda.

Article II

Nature of Cooperation

The Parties may collaborate, as appropriate and subject to mutual interest and resource availability, on initiatives, dialogues, knowledge exchange, and activities that support the objectives referenced in Article I.

Specific activities, if any, may be identified through separate written arrangements, work plans, or project-specific agreements, which shall not require amendment of this MoU.

Article III

Modalities of Collaboration

1. **Focal Points:** Each Party shall designate a focal point for coordination and communication under this MoU.
2. **Separate Arrangements:** Any jointly agreed activities shall be implemented through separate written arrangements, as appropriate.
3. **Use of Names and Emblems:** The name, logo, or emblem of either Party shall not be used without prior written consent of the respective Party.

Article IV

Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, intellectual property rights related to materials developed independently by a Party shall remain with that Party. Where materials are jointly developed, the Parties may agree separately on applicable intellectual property arrangements. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as transferring ownership of intellectual property rights.

Article V

Confidentiality

The Parties shall use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of any non-public information exchanged under this MoU, except where disclosure is required by applicable law or regulation.

Article VI

Funding

This MoU does not entail any financial commitment by either Party. Each Party shall bear its own costs related to the activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU, unless otherwise agreed in writing through separate agreements.

Article VII

Public Communications

Any public communication, announcement, or media reference related to activities under this MoU shall be subject to prior mutual agreement between the Parties.

Article VIII

Focal Points

The designated focal points may periodically exchange information regarding activities undertaken pursuant to this MoU, as appropriate.

Article IX

Legal Status, Entry into Force, and Termination

1. This MoU is not intended to create legally binding or enforceable obligations between the Parties.
2. This MoU shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year, automatically renewable for successive one-year periods unless either Party provides written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days in advance of the termination.
3. Termination of this MoU shall not affect activities already agreed upon under separate arrangements, unless otherwise specified therein.

Article X

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultations between the Parties.

Article XI

Notices

All communications under this MoU shall be addressed to the following designated focal points:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies in English.

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