

CHAPTER 12 ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Section A: General Provisions

ARTICLE 12.1: OBJECTIVES

1. The Parties agree to strengthen economic cooperation with the aim of enhancing the mutual benefits of this Agreement in accordance with their national strategies and policy objectives.
2. The cooperation under this Chapter shall pursue the following objectives:
 - (a) promoting economic and social development of the Parties;
 - (b) strengthening the capacities of the Parties to maximize opportunities and benefits derived from this Agreement;
 - (c) stimulating productive synergies and promoting competitiveness and innovation;
 - (d) reinforcing collaboration and exchanges in areas of mutual interest; and
 - (e) examining the opportunities of international cooperation through the Belt and Road Initiative in full respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3. Collaboration will be in line with the measures agreed at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), focusing on areas including industrialisation, agricultural modernization, infrastructure development, green development, trade and investment facilitation, public health, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

ARTICLE 12.2: METHODS AND MEANS

1. The Parties shall cooperate with the objective of identifying and employing effective methods and means for the implementation of this Chapter.
2. Cooperation between the Parties may be effected through separate exchange of diplomatic notes, memoranda of understanding, agreements or protocols or agreed frameworks to be concluded between authorised institutions or bodies in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in each Party.

ARTICLE 12.3: SCOPE

1. Cooperation between the Parties under this Chapter will supplement the cooperation and cooperative activities between the Parties set out in other Chapters of this Agreement.
2. The Parties affirm the importance of all forms of cooperation in contributing towards implementation of the objectives and principles of this Agreement.
3. The areas of cooperation include, but are not limited to, those listed in Section B, and shall be subject to revision and update as may be decided after mutual consultation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 12.4: NON-APPLICATION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Neither Party shall recourse to any dispute settlement procedure under this Agreement in respect of the provisions of this Chapter. For this purpose, Chapter 15 (Dispute Settlement) shall not apply to this Chapter.

Section B: Areas of Cooperation

ARTICLE 12.5: AGRO INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

1. The Parties recognize that agriculture constitutes a core activity for both Parties, and that enhancing this sector can improve quality of life and economic development.
2. The Parties agree to cooperate as follows:
 - (a) promotion of sustainable agriculture and organic farming through enhanced food safety and security, environment friendly production techniques and efficient management of natural resources which include use of renewable energy and water savings system to reduce production cost and increase resilience to climate change; and
 - (b) facilitating exchanges of skilled labour and experts in relevant fields of agriculture, food crop and livestock, including tea plant propagation and processing, mushroom cultivation and processing, enhanced use of organic fertilizers as well as, promotion of low cost sheltered farming system and treatment of pig waste.

ARTICLE 12.6: INNOVATION AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

1. The Parties acknowledge the driving force of innovation and R&D in promoting economic transformation, creating new engines of development and strengthening new dynamics for development.
2. The Parties agree to cooperate as follows:
 - (a) promoting public and private sector partnerships to support the development of innovative products and services;
 - (b) increasing competitiveness of the industry sector including SMEs by promoting the use of science, technology and innovation;
 - (c) promoting exchanges of specialists, researchers and professors with the aim of disseminating scientific know-how and providing support in the field of technology and innovation;
 - (d) cooperating on the modernisation of the transport system using technology that can better estimate bus arrival times, use of mobile apps, GPS technology, cashless transaction systems as well as developing appropriate road safety environments and facilities established to minimize accidents; and
 - (e) exploring the possibility to cooperate on the modernization of airport infrastructure.

ARTICLE 12.7: BUSINESS COOPERATION

1. Recognizing that there are vast opportunities for business on the African continent, the Parties agree to enhance collaboration in the following manner:
 - (a) encouraging Chinese and Mauritian enterprises to expand their business towards the market in Africa, while examining the possibility of exploiting the existing protocols and government to government agreements; and
 - (b) Encouraging entrepreneurship activities as an instrument to strengthen export capabilities and promote investment;

ARTICLE 12.8: FINANCIAL SERVICES

1. The Parties recognize the need to modernize and diversify the financial services industry in their respective economies.
2. The Parties agree to enhance collaboration in the following manner:

- (a) sharing of expertise in Fintech to promote innovation in financial services;
- (b) strengthening capacity building, including facilitating exchanges of professionals and experts;
- (c) reinforcing regulatory cooperation with the signature of Memoranda of Understanding between the regulators of China and Mauritius;
- (d) exploring further the possibility of cooperation in the implementation of best international standards in Anti-Money Laundering practices; and
- (e) promoting the development of a Renminbi clearing and settlement facility in the territory of Mauritius.

ARTICLE 12.9: PHARMACEUTICALS, MEDICAL SERVICES AND COSMETICS

1. The Parties recognize the need to cooperate for mutual growth and development in the sector of pharmaceuticals, medical services and cosmetics and to promote Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and TCM-related industries.
2. The Parties agree to enhance collaboration in the following manner:
 - (a) encouraging cooperation between private sectors of the Parties by means of:
 - (i) exchange of researchers, students and those involved in relevant industries;
 - (ii) joint research programs and projects and their commercialization;
 - (iii) product quality upgrade, supply-chain networking and technology trade; and
 - (iv) promotion and facilitation of mutual investment opportunities;
 - (b) encouraging training and capacity building in areas such as manufacturing of pharmaceutical products, pharmaco-vigilance practices, and clinical pharmacy practices, and enhancing quality control systems and testing of pharmaceutical products;
 - (c) signing of a cooperative agreement between State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of P.R.C. and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Mauritius in TCM, aiming to promote communication and

cooperation, including information and personnel exchanges, and building TCM centres in Mauritius to provide high-quality TCM service etc.;

(d) strengthening future exchanges and collaboration to facilitate trade in TCM in accordance with the domestic law of the Parties, including the gradual reduction in import barriers; and

(e) encouraging universities and research institutions to conduct joint research in the field of TCM.

ARTICLE 12.10: EDUCATION

1. The Parties acknowledge the potential for bilateral cooperation in education.
2. The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:
 - (a) further promoting exchanges between and among their respective education related agencies, institutions, and organizations in tertiary education and technical education;
 - (b) exchange of information, teaching aids, and demonstration materials;
 - (c) exchange of teaching staff, administrators, researchers and students in relation to programs that will be of mutual benefit, such as ocean economy, bio-technology, disaster prevention and reduction and artificial intelligence; and
 - (d) development of innovative quality assurance resources to support learning and assessment, and the professional development of teachers and trainers.

ARTICLE 12.11: FILM

1. With a view to strengthening exchanges and cooperation in the area of film, the Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:
 - (a) developing film co-production agreement between the Government of China and the Government of Mauritius;
 - (b) encouraging film production companies of the Parties to do the post-production work in each other's territory;
 - (c) encouraging films shooting in each other's territory;

(d) encouraging the Parties to organize film festivals and screenings in each other's country, and encouraging films and filmmakers to participate in the festivals of each other's territory; and

(e) encouraging cinematographic exchanges between the film industries of the Parties through seminars, visits and forums.

ARTICLE 12.12: OCEAN ECONOMY

1. The Parties recognize that the Ocean Economy including the fisheries sector holds enormous potential for sustainable economic diversification, job creation, and wealth generation, and investment opportunities exist in various areas in the Ocean Economy Sector.

2. The Parties agree to enhance cooperation through:

(a) exploring to establish ocean economic demonstration zone and conducting research and cooperation on its planning with synergies in the field of ocean economy, including infrastructure, investment and financing, R&D, sea water desalination, ocean energy development, know-how and technology transfer;

(b) enhanced trade and investment in seafood industry, including aquaculture, warehousing, processing and value addition;

(c) capacity building for fisheries and aquaculture development, fish stock assessment, fisheries management, and policy planning; and

(d) facilitating conservation and sustainable management of marine living resources.

ARTICLE 12.13: TOURISM

1. The Parties recognize the importance of tourism and people-to-people flows to the development of their respective economies and the need to expand and deepen cooperation in tourism promotion and exchanges.

2. The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

(a) exploring the possibility of undertaking joint research on tourism development and promotion to increase inbound visitors to each Party;

(b) cooperating in joint campaigns to promote tourism in the territories of the Parties;

- (c) exchanging information on relevant statistics, promotional materials, and policies in tourism and related sectors;
- (d) encouraging tourism and civil aviation authorities and agencies to improve the aviation connectivity between the Parties;
- (e) developing infrastructure relevant to the tourism industry;
- (f) promoting cruise tourism and stop overs in China and Mauritius;
- (g) cooperating in the branding and image building, event creation and promotion, restoration of historical and cultural monuments, eco-tourism and nature conservation; and
- (h) undertaking training and skills development programs.

ARTICLE 12.14: ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORTS

1. The Parties acknowledge the importance to promote cultural exchanges between China and Mauritius, considering that China and Mauritius share unique bonds based on their shared cultural heritage and traditions, as well as recognizing the significance of sports as a way of consolidating and promoting friendship and enhancing mutual understanding.
2. The Parties agree to:
 - (a) encourage exchanges of expertise and best practices regarding the protection of cultural heritage sites and historic monuments, including environmental surroundings and cultural landscapes;
 - (b) further promote cooperation in broadcasting and audio-video services sectors, for the purpose of deepening mutual understanding between the Parties;
 - (c) promote exchanges of artists in the restoration of documents in National Archives, National Library and restoration of paintings;
 - (d) collaborate in promoting Chinese culture in the context of organizing cultural events and presenting different forms of Chinese culture such as traditional operas, music, martial art, and cuisine.
 - (e) enhance the infrastructural and logistical development of the Multi-Sport Complex through sports equipment and facilities;

(f) maintain and continuously upgrade major sports infrastructure; and

(g) strengthen capacity and standards of local sports persons, especially those who will participate at regional and international levels.