

Memorandum of Understanding
For
Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

At a meeting held on the 19th November in Brussels, Belgium,

The Architects' Council of Europe and

Caribbean Architects represented by:

Association of Caribbean Societies of Architects (ACSAC)
The Federation of Caribbean Associations of Architects (FCAA)
From the Dominican Republic CEDARQ-FUNGLODE

Agreed as follows:

Whereas the Architects' Council of Europe (hereinafter called ACE) representing the architectural profession in EU Member States¹ and the ACSAC, FCAA and CEDARQ-FUNGLODE representing the architectural profession in CARIFORUM² have initiated formal contacts³ with a view to negotiating a Mutual Recognition Agreement on the recognition of professional qualifications in the context of the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement, hereby express their intention to:

- i. Establish the essential bases and criteria for mutual recognition;
- ii. Work towards determining the conditions to be met for recognition in the jurisdictions of each Party and the level of equivalence to be agreed between the Parties;
- iii. Exchange information on issues related to architectural education, training and practice to include the conditions of practice, codes of ethics and conduct ... in each jurisdiction;
- iv. Facilitate mobility of professionals, academics and students between the jurisdictions of the Parties;
- v. Provide mutual assistance and support in understanding, developing and sustaining appropriate regulatory frameworks as they affect the practice of architecture;
- vi. Ensure that the Parties have, in the work that they undertake together, due regard for the cultural, climatic, environmental and technical diversity present in each others regions;
- vii. Coordinate their respective efforts with the relevant competent authorities in their pursuit of establishing a Mutual Recognition Agreement;
- viii. Collaborate in any actions that may be undertaken in applying for donor funding to assist either Party in their respective efforts to achieve the intent of this Memorandum;
- ix. Endeavour to develop and implement the terms of this Memorandum in a timely manner;

Signed for the ACE:

Signed for the Caribbean Architects:

ACSAC

FCAA

From the Dominican Republic CEDARQ-FUNGLODE:

¹ The ACE also represents most EU Accession States as well as Norway and Switzerland.

² CARIFORUM = CARICOM + Dominican Republic (DR). CARICOM = Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

³ This process is seen as the first step towards wider participation to include other Caribbean architectural bodies to possibly include Cuba, Puerto Rico and others.

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