

Partnership Understanding on Healthcare, Education, and Tourism between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Whereas, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas along with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”;

Whereas, the Parties desire to encourage, strengthen and expand economic cooperation between themselves, primarily within healthcare, education, and tourism;

Whereas, the Parties recognize the challenges of inspiring opportunity and economic growth are of mutual concern;

Whereas, the Parties encourage community involvement to enhance the socio-economic well-being of Caribbean Americans throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by strengthening community ties and supporting access to services;

Whereas, the Parties desire to enhance their economic competitiveness through collaboration to strengthen economic and commercial cooperation between themselves;

Therefore, the Parties resolve to undertake a sustained effort to promote, facilitate and foster collaboration between private and public research institutions, businesses, non-profit organizations or other relevant entities (hereinafter referred to as “Entities”) and have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I - Scope

1. The Parties determine that the objectives and priorities of this understanding are:
 - (a) To promote economic development for the two Parties in healthcare, education, and tourism;
 - (b) To facilitate the identification of specific projects, partnerships or collaborations between entities from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and entities from the Commonwealth of the Bahamas that could lead to new or enhanced cooperation; and
 - (c) To coordinate and focus relevant government resources and programs to support cooperation and commercial progress.
2. The implementation of this Partnership Understanding and any activity hereunder shall be in accordance with the respective applicable laws, regulations, rules, procedures and mechanisms of each Party.
3. The Parties intend, in good faith, to cooperate under this Partnership Understanding in pursuit of the objectives set forth above.

ARTICLE II – Implementation

1. The Parties agree that implementation of this Partnership Understanding shall be carried out through entities designated by each Party.
2. The Commonwealth of the Bahamas shall designate, in writing, the national entity or entities responsible for the implementation, coordination, and oversight of activities undertaken pursuant to this Understanding. Such entities may include Ministries, Departments, statutory bodies, or other duly authorized national institutions.
3. The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, through the Embassy of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United States, may, where appropriate, engage with the Authentic Caribbean Foundation in facilitation of outreach, networking, and coordination activities to this Partnership Understanding.
4. From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment will serve as the primary coordinating entity together with other relevant Massachusetts institutions, depending on priority areas.
5. The Parties and their designated entities may jointly identify projects, funding opportunities, and areas of cooperation, in accordance with the laws, regulations, and policies applicable to each Party.
6. Nothing in this Understanding shall be interpreted as granting authority to any non-governmental entity to act on behalf of either Party unless expressly authorized in writing by the respective Party.
7. This Partnership Understanding does not create any financial obligation on either Party. Each Party shall be solely responsible for identifying and securing any resources necessary to support activities undertaken pursuant to this Understanding.
8. Nothing in this Understanding shall obligate either Party to appropriate funds, enter into procurement arrangements, grant exclusivity, or assume liability of any kind.

ARTICLE III – Cooperation and Administrative Facilitation

Subject to their applicable respective laws, regulation, rules, procedures and mechanisms, the Parties shall endeavour to facilitate cooperation among participating institutions and entities engaged in activities under this Partnership Understanding.

ARTICLE IV – Disclosures

1. The Parties agree that no confidential information shall be transferred under this Partnership Understanding.
2. The Parties agree that there will be no exchange of proprietary data.
3. The Parties acknowledge that this Partnership Understanding is only intended to promote cooperation between the Parties and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations under domestic or international law. To the extent that any other provision of this Partnership Understanding is inconsistent with this paragraph, this paragraph shall control.

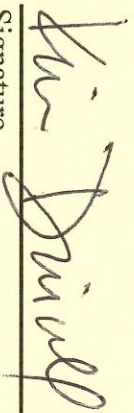
ARTICLE V – Final Provisions

1. This Partnership Understanding shall enter into effect on the date of its signature by both Parties, and cooperation thereunder shall commence from that date.
2. This Partnership Understanding shall remain in force until the term of office of the current Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts expires, or on January 1, 2029, whichever occurs first. Either Party may terminate this Partnership Agreement by written notification to the other Party. The Partnership Understanding shall cease to be in force six (3) months after the date of such notification.

3. This Partnership Understanding may be amended, in writing, by mutual agreement of the Parties, specifying the effective date of the amendment.
4. The amendment or termination of this Partnership Understanding shall not affect separate written arrangements or contracts validly entered into pursuant to applicable law, which shall continue to be governed by their own terms.
5. The application and interpretation of this Partnership Understanding shall be addressed jointly by the Parties.
6. Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation of the provisions of this Partnership Understanding shall be resolved amicably, through consultations between the Parties via diplomatic channels.
7. This Partnership Understanding shall not affect the present and future rights or obligations of the Parties arising from other international agreements and treaties.

Signed in duplicate on June 4, 2026, in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America by:

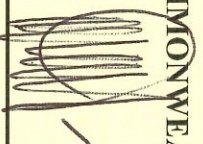
**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS:**



Signature

Kimberly Driscoll
Lieutenant Governor

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
BAHAMAS:**



Signature

Leroy F. Major
Consulate General of the Commonwealth of The
Bahamas in New York