

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF
CITIES OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL IN THE FIELDS OF
SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD) and the Ministry of Cities of the Federative Republic of Brazil (MCID), (hereinafter the Participants);

CONSIDERING that Brazil and the United States have a long history of technical cooperation established by the Agreement on Technical Cooperation signed on December 19, 1950;

DECLARE their intent to uphold the following principles:

DESIRE to contribute, establish and develop a diverse relationship in the fields of sustainable housing and urban development, with the goals of mutually beneficial development initiatives and the strengthening of international relations and cooperation;

AWARENESS of the importance of promoting discussion and strategies at the state, regional and national level on integrated policies and principles for sustainable urban development in the two countries, as well as the importance of fostering fair, equitable and sustainable housing and communities in the two countries under the ideals of a democratic society with equal opportunity for all;

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the mutual advantages that may result from this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the joint intention of the Participants to promote international cooperation in the fields of sustainable housing and urban development through the exploration of solutions to problems of mutual concern, as well as the exchange of information on policies, research, and programs in this field.

The Participants' intent to fulfill such cooperation should be guided by the following:

SECTION I – SCOPE

HUD and MCID intend to work to promote and increase cooperation between the two countries in the field of sustainable housing and urban development based on the capacities as mutually decided by the Participants.

SECTION II – OPERATION

To achieve the benefits of this MOU, HUD and MCID intend to organize international exchanges, knowledge and information exchanges including: policy research, program evaluation reports, the organization of bilateral conferences, seminars, forums, workshops, and the preparation of joint research projects on related topics; as well as other means of cooperation as decided upon by the Participants. This MOU may be operationalized provided that a plan of action is mutually arranged by the Participants after the signing of this MOU.

SECTION III – REGULATION

Cooperative activities conducted under this MOU are to be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Brazil and to the concurrence of both Participants before the initiation of any activities.

SECTION IV – COORDINATION

The nature and extent of activities conducted under this MOU are to be subject to the availability of personnel and appropriated funds from each Participant, whose coordination rests within the Office of Policy Development and Research at HUD and the Executive Secretary at MCID. It is understood that each Participant bears the cost for its participation in such activities.

This MOU does not obligate funds, personnel, services, or other resources of either Participant, nor does it create any binding obligations under international or domestic law. The MOU does not guarantee any third party any benefits, legal or equitable rights, remedies, or claims under the MOU.

SECTION V – COMMENCEMENT

This MOU may commence upon signature for a period of three years from the date of its signing, and may be extended for an additional three year period, following the revision and formalization of a new document.

SECTION VI – DISCONTINUATION

The Participants may discontinue this MOU at any time. The Participant wishing to discontinue its participation should endeavor to provide at least 90 days written notice before the end of the fiscal year. This action does not imply the interruption of ongoing activities, unless the Participants jointly decide to the contrary.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on this ____ of April, 2012, in duplicate, in the English and Portuguese languages.