

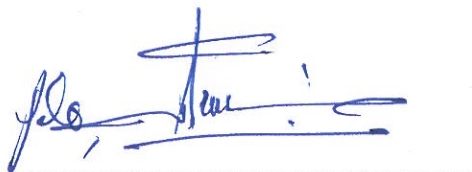
MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Formalising the desire to develop and strengthen cooperation between Timorese Districts and Victorian Municipalities and their populations, it is agreed to:

1. Consider economic, cultural, social, educational and/or other interchange between local community representative organisations.
2. The Victorian Municipality of Yarra will cooperate with the Timorese District Management of Bacau according to their respective resources and through the following support:
 - Contributing to strengthen professional knowledge and skills of Bacau's district officers according to their needs and mainly through sharing advice, professional experience and mentoring;
 - Organising study and working visits by municipal delegations from Timor-Leste to Victoria and from Victoria to Timor-Leste by the public and the private sectors.
 - Providing support with technical advice to assist with implementation of district programs and projects under the direction of the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralisation.
 - Regular networking, collaboration and interchange of information between District Management and Municipal officers and interested parties;
3. The Municipality of Yarra and the District Management of Bacau will be able to effectively communicate and cooperate in all aspects of their activities, which are aimed to provide better services to their local population.
4. The Municipality of Yarra will cooperate with the District Management of Bacau in projects where the objectives are the development of trading skills, creation of business opportunities and economic independence of Bacau's population.
5. The Municipality of Yarra and the District Management of Bacau will undertake procedures to obtain support to assist with implementing this municipal agreement.
6. This protocol may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Victorian Municipality and the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralization, Timor-Leste.



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