MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT DIGITAL SERVICE
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC CREDIT,
THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION SYSTEM OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
IN THE AREA OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

The Administrative Office of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, the Ministry of Public Administration and the Executive Secretariat of the National Anti-corruption System of the United Mexican States and the Government Digital Service (GDS) of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "The Participants").

The Participants have reached the following understanding:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) recognises that:
   a. The Government of Mexico is committed to realising the opportunity of digital innovation to support more widespread adoption of digital tools, to better serve the people of Mexico. The Mexican Government has a strong commitment to adopt new methods of service provision, utilising advances in digital and open government.
   b. The UK Government is building a digital government based on user needs. It is building on openness and transparency to strengthen people’s trust in government and deliver digital public services. In doing so it is changing the
way the UK Government provides services, thereby saving money, supporting
growth and building the UK digital economy.

2. The objective of this MoU is to establish an official cooperation mechanism for the
development of digital government services and reforming traditional approaches to
technology. The Participants will mutually support each other’s goals to:

a. provide better digital public services that are fully accessible and so
   straightforward and convenient that the public at large prefers to use them;

b. build digital skills and capability in government (e.g. an executive education
   programme for senior officials, skills exchange);

c. ensure that people who are offline, or are online but have limited digital
   capability, have appropriate support in place to help them use digital public
   services and are encouraged and supported to go online; and

d. commit to open standards for government information, data and software,
   promoting interoperability and the development of open source solutions that
   can be shared.

3. The Participants will exchange information and experiences. Specifically they decide
to:

a. work on the delivery of a joint Programme as part of the Global Digital
   Marketplace to tackle corruption in Global Public Procurement; starting with
   the sharing of the United Kingdom’s Digital Marketplace architecture;

b. share appropriately anonymised (where necessary) discovery, alpha, beta
   and live work plus all associated outputs;

c. work together with industry to increase collaborative opportunities;

d. support skills exchange on specific programmes/projects where possible,
   including the National Digital Platform;
e. provide independent governance roles on boards where appropriate;

f. exchange information and experiences on the development of digital government services to deliver high quality products; and

g. coordinate workshops to improve the development and implementation of digital procurement and information platforms.

4. The Participants will jointly decide on a case-by-case basis, how initiatives will be funded and resourced. The Participants may elaborate specific commitments for the achievement of specific collaborations under this MoU.

5. The Participants commit, where possible, to working towards conducting their activities on the following principles of digital development, acknowledging they will not be able to meet all upon signing:

a. User needs - design public services for the citizen – put the users at the centre of any planning, development, implementation, and assessment;

b. Open standards - create a credible open standards policy for technology and digital delivery in government;

c. Open source - create future government systems, tradecraft, manuals and standards as open source and shareable between parties where possible;

d. Open government (transparency) - be a member of the Open Government Partnership and use open licences to produce and consume open data;

e. Open markets – promote real competitive markets for companies regardless of size via better government procurement;

f. Connectivity - enable an online population through comprehensive and high quality digital infrastructure;

g. Standards and policies - develop shared standards, policies and approaches to enable delivery of online services;
h. Assurance and Controls - develop transparent governance and frameworks to prevent unnecessary expenditure and deliver value for money;

i. Accessibility - commit to supporting accessible digital services for all;

j. Share tools, platforms and services - including the UK Government’s toolkit for service delivery and the rationale/business case behind it;

k. Learning and Development - access expertise from the Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) profession in the UK public sector, including support from the GDS Academy;

l. DDaT profession development - access job descriptions, skills and expectations for roles defined within the UK’s Professions Framework, which define the specialist roles across the DDaT function in the UK Government;

m. Communities of Practice - help to create communities of expertise across government to capitalise on the benefits of shared knowledge;

n. Shaping industry - access lessons from the UK experience in shaping the supplier/vendor community, to ensure best value and practice during and after the procurement process; and

o. Security and Data Privacy – each Participant will safeguard any information exchanged under the provisions of this MoU in full compliance with applicable law on data privacy and personal data protection in their respective countries.

6. The Participants designate the following offices as being responsible for the development and follow-up of actions and forms of collaboration under this MoU:

   a. On behalf of the Mexican United States:

      i. The Administrative Office of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit.
ii. The Directorate General of Information Technologies and the Liaison Unit with the National Anti-corruption System at the Ministry for Public Administration.

iii. The Technology Services and National Digital Platform Unit at the Executive Secretariat of the National Anti-corruption System.

b. On behalf of the United Kingdom of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Government Digital Services (GDS) and the British Embassy in Mexico.

c. The Participants, under common agreement, can designate other institutions or organisations to lead on agreed activities in accordance with this MoU and its Annexes appropriate.

7. This MoU will come into effect on the date of the signature of the Participants and will remain valid, at the discretion of the participants, for three years. The Participants may renew this MOU for a period of three years at a time upon their mutual written consent.

8. The Participants may amend this MOU upon their mutual written consent through an exchange of notes.

9. A Participant may withdraw from this MOU by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participants.

10. The Participants aim to monitor and review progress of activities carried out under this MOU at least annually via meeting or written correspondence.

11. The Participants expressly will not disclose any “confidential information” or “reserved information” shared under the provisions of this MoU.

12. This MoU is a non-legally binding, good faith coordination mechanism between the Participants.
Signed at Mexico City on this 08 of August 2019, in four original copies (2) in the English and (2) in Spanish languages, each version being equally valid.

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