

Common Plan for U.S.-Greenland Cooperation in Support of our Understanding for Pituffik (Thule Air Base)

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greenland seek to collaborate and expand the existing cooperation to unlock the great potential for partnerships and future initiatives to deepen and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Greenland in the areas described below. This Common Plan for U.S.-Greenland Cooperation (“Common Plan”) is intended to contribute to strengthening the partnership and the prosperous relationship between the United States of America and Greenland by building on the close relationship reflected in the exchange of diplomatic notes dated October 27, 2020, regarding the Pituffik (Thule Air Base) base contract and related matters. The United States is committed to working with the Government of Greenland to realize this Common Plan through mutual efforts, exchange of good practices, and close coordination. The Common Plan’s objectives are intended to be met through diplomatic engagement and agency and ministry cooperation.

United States and Greenland. Trade, Investment, and Economic relations:

- The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Greenland are working to enhance bilateral trade and investment cooperation. We are discussing formally launching an Economic Policy Dialogue to promote greater trade and investment and facilitate a more competitive business and investment environment.
- The United States and Greenland continue to work together to resolve any existing regulatory and tariff barriers and to increase market access for Greenlandic goods and businesses.
- The United States plans to leverage U.S. Export-Import Bank and U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, to increase commercial cooperation between U.S. and Greenlandic companies.
- The United States and Greenland are encouraging commercial partnerships between U.S. and Greenlandic businesses, including at the national and local level, across all sectors, with a specific focus on tourism, seafood and fisheries, and natural resource extraction, including by facilitating business contacts and raising awareness of business and investment opportunities among U.S. and Greenlandic companies.
- The United States has assigned a Senior Development Advisor to Greenland, to assess economic growth and community development potential to target future assistance and capacity building support.

Energy and mining sector cooperation:

- The United States and Greenland are promoting investments, advancing the deployment of new technologies, exchanging good practices, and ensuring the continued incorporation of leading international practices in the mining sector.
- The United States and Greenland are, in line with the educational policies of the Government of Greenland, cooperating on capacity building and training to strengthen Greenland’s technical and vocational training in mining operations, safety, and search and rescue in this regard.
- The United States and Greenland continue to collaborate to enhance energy security and resiliency.

Building Educational Ties:

- The U.S. Government and the Government of Greenland (Ministry of Education) are, in line with the educational policies of the Government of Greenland, working to leverage a U.S. university to work with counterparts in Greenland to build capacity in academic programs and vocational studies in land and fisheries management, hospitality, and sustainable tourism.
- The United States also is promoting Greenlandic participation in professional exchange programs.
- The United States, through the U.S. Peace Corps, is assessing the feasibility of volunteer placements focused on English language teaching in secondary schools in medium-sized communities across Greenland.
- The United States expects to award small grants to science and health projects. The purpose is to work with Greenland on community-based resilience, exchange of good practices, science education, and sustainable fisheries.

Tourism Sector Cooperation:

- The U.S. Government and the Government of Greenland (Ministry of Industry) are working together to build capacity within the tourism sector, including to develop an overarching strategy for growth within the tourism sector, through (but not limited to) seminars/webinars on sustainable tourism, parks management, and cruise ship management.
- The United States aims to provide U.S.-based training to Greenlandic delegations, to share experience on engaging local communities in the tourism planning process as well as creating eco-tourism products, marketing strategies, and training programs for hospitality professionals.

Nature management cooperation:

- The U.S. Government and the Government of Greenland (Ministry of Research and Environment) seek to inspire and exchange experiences between nature managers in Greenland and the United States on nature management issues where both countries can benefit from closer collaboration. To this end, the Ministry of Research and Environment has initiated cooperation with the U.S. National Park Service on nature management.