

Memorandum of Cooperation

between
the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction,
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan (CESDRR)
and
the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC)
(hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”)

The Parties,

Taking into account that natural disasters, accidents, and catastrophes are becoming increasingly frequent and intense and significantly hinder progress toward sustainable development, and that the territory of Central Asia, including Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, is exposed to virtually all types of natural and man-made hazards—such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, mudflows, avalanches, climate anomalies, droughts, epidemics, dam failures, and releases of hazardous substances—which may trigger large-scale, transboundary disasters;

Recognizing the importance of coordination, interaction, and cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, civil protection, emergency preparedness and response, and the minimization of human and economic losses, as well as the implementation of effective scientific and practical activities aimed at alleviating human suffering and protecting the environment in the event of natural disasters and emergencies;

Guided by universally recognized norms and principles of international law, mutual respect, and equal partnership;

Have expressed their intention to cooperate and interact in the field of disaster risk reduction, civil protection, strengthening preparedness, and ensuring effective emergency response in the following areas:

- promotion of enhanced disaster preparedness capacity and emergency response capabilities.

Provision of technical and advisory assistance, including the development of training programs for civil protection services;

facilitation of the exchange of scientific and research information;
support for the implementation of scientific and technical programs aimed at the prevention and study of the causes and consequences of large-scale and transboundary emergencies, with a view to identifying gaps and extracting lessons learned for future actions;
joint implementation of projects in the field of seismological safety;
and other areas of mutual interest as agreed upon by both Parties.

The Parties consider this Memorandum as a declaration of voluntary intentions that does not entail any legal or financial obligations related to the implementation of joint activities, and proceed from the understanding that no actions undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum shall infringe upon the rights or authorities of either Party.

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing by both Parties and shall remain in effect until its termination by mutual consent of the Parties or at the initiative of either Party by providing written notice. This Memorandum is executed in two originals, in the Russian and English languages, one copy for each Party, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed by both Parties in Astana, Kazakhstan

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and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR)

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