

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

**between**  
**Kazakh-German University in Almaty**  
**and**  
**the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, Almaty**

The Kazakh-German University in Almaty, represented by its President Markus Keiser, and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (the Center), represented by its Director Valery Viktorovich Petrov (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”), have agreed as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

1.1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish interaction and cooperation between the Parties based on equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen the Parties’ capacities in disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and to implement practical activities of mutual interest.

1.2. The main objectives of interaction and cooperation are to create favorable conditions for the exchange of experience, ideas, information, and methodological materials, and to organize joint research and development within agreed priority areas, programs, and projects.

### ARTICLE 2

2.1. Subject to and depending on the availability of funds and resources of the Parties, the following forms of cooperation may be implemented within the framework of this Memorandum:

- development and implementation of joint regional and international programs and projects in disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- exchange of technical and other information, including samples and standards;
- technical assistance, including the use of equipment and technologies, if required; development of software products, provision of products and services;
- training of individual specialists, exchange of experience, and other mutually developed opportunities;

- engagement of specialists in training, workshops, seminars, meetings, professional development courses, summer schools, etc.;
- development of academic cooperation (student and staff internships/practical training);
- cooperation in scientific research (participation in fundamental and applied research projects);
- attracting grants from international and non-profit organizations for disaster risk reduction, development and implementation of joint international programs and projects;
- professional development of experts and specialists through exercises, training, courses, and other relevant activities;
- establishing and maintaining contacts with other international research institutions for continuous exchange of information in disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- promoting dialogue and cooperation between scientific communities and practitioners engaged in disaster risk reduction, risk management, and fostering partnerships among stakeholders, including those involved in socio-economic aspects of disaster risk reduction;
- implementing measures to harmonize national legislation on emergencies and civil defense (protection);
- developing standard methodologies for emergency response, operations, use of joint reserves, and preparation of reference, analytical, and statistical materials in emergencies and civil defense (protection);
- creating and regularly updating a database of experts to involve them in joint projects, volunteer organizations, and internships in disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- other forms of cooperation mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

### ARTICLE 3

With mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be involved in joint activities under this Memorandum.

#### ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or modifications to this Memorandum require the written consent of the Parties and shall be attached to this document.

#### ARTICLE 5

5.1. Either Party reserves the right to terminate this Memorandum prematurely at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other Party ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.

5.2. If, at the time of termination, activities under any program within the framework of an additional memorandum forming part of this Memorandum are ongoing, all such activities shall be completed regardless of the termination date. Both Parties shall make every effort to ensure this.

#### ARTICLE 6

6.1. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signing and shall remain valid for five (5) years. Upon expiration, it shall be automatically extended for a subsequent five-year period unless the Parties decide otherwise. The Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

6.2. Termination of this Memorandum by a Party shall not affect ongoing research or cooperative work under this Memorandum that has not been completed by the expiration date.

6.3. This Memorandum is executed in two copies in Russian, one for each Party.

6.4. This Memorandum was signed by both Parties in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, November 2017.

Kazakh-German University in Almaty  
President  
M. Keiser

Director  
V. Petrov

Center for Emergency Situations and  
Disaster Risk Reduction, Almaty