

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION,
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan
AND
KYRGYZ–RUSSIAN SLAVIC UNIVERSITY
(hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”)

The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (the “Center”), represented by its Director, Valery Viktorovich Petrov, and the State Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education Kyrgyz–Russian Slavic University (KRSU), represented by its Rector, Vladimir Ivanovich Nifadyev, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”, 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 capacities of the Parties in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and to practically implement 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, as well as 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 under this Memorandum:

- development and implementation of joint regional and international programs and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- exchange of technical and other information, including samples and standards;
- provision of technical assistance, including the use of equipment and technologies, as required;

- development of software products and provision of products and services;
- training of specialists, exchange of experience, and other jointly developed opportunities;
- engagement of experts for education, training sessions, seminars, meetings, professional development courses, and related activities;
- development of academic cooperation, including internships and practical training for students, postgraduate students, and staff;
- cooperation in scientific research, including participation in fundamental and applied research projects;
- attraction of grants from international and non-governmental organizations for disaster risk reduction and training of emergency management specialists;
- professional development of experts and specialists through specialized exercises, trainings, courses, and other relevant activities;
- establishment and maintenance of working contacts with other international scientific institutions to ensure continuous exchange of information in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- development of dialogue and cooperation between academic circles and practitioners engaged in disaster risk reduction, risk management, and partnership building among stakeholders, including those involved in socio-economic aspects of emergency prevention and response;
- implementation of measures aimed at harmonizing national legislation in the field of civil protection;
- development of standard methodologies for emergency response, operational response activities, utilization of joint reserve capacities, and preparation of reference, analytical, and statistical materials in the field of civil protection;
- creation and regular updating of a database of experts for their involvement in joint projects, as well as volunteer organizations and internship programs in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;

- other forms of cooperation mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

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

ARTICLE 4

Any amendments and/or modifications to this Memorandum shall 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 early at any time, with or without cause, by providing written notice to the other Party at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of termination.

5.2. If, at the time of termination, work is being carried out under any program within the framework of a separately concluded memorandum forming part of this Memorandum, all such work shall be completed regardless of the termination date. The Parties shall make every effort to ensure completion of the program.

ARTICLE 6

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

6.2. Termination of this Memorandum with respect to a Party that has notified its withdrawal shall not affect the completion of scientific cooperation activities initiated under this Memorandum and not completed at the time of termination.

6.3. This Memorandum does not entail any legal or financial obligations related to the implementation of joint activities. No actions undertaken under this Memorandum shall infringe upon the rights or authority of either Party.

6.4. This Memorandum is executed in two copies in the Russian language, one copy for each Party.

6.5. This Memorandum is signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 04.06.2017.

Signatures of the Parties:

Center for Emergency Situations and
Disaster Risk Reduction
Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

State Educational Institution of Higher
Professional Education
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