

MEMORANDUM
OF
UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

between

**THE INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND WATER SECURITY
OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

and

**THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

The Institute of Geography and Water Security of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, represented by its Director, Mr. Medeu Akhmetkal Rakhmetullayevich, and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, represented by the Deputy Director of the Center, Mr. Serik Gabdullovich Aubakirov, (*hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” or 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 capacities of the Parties in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency management, and to ensure the practical implementation of activities of mutual interest.

1.2. The main objectives of interaction and cooperation include creating favorable conditions for the exchange of experience, ideas, information, and methodological materials, as well as organizing joint research and development activities within agreed priority areas, programs, and projects.

ARTICLE 2

2.1. Subject to and depending on the availability of the Parties’ funds and resources, the following forms of cooperation may be carried out 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;

- development of software products, provision of products and services;
- conduct of joint scientific research and activities using scientific and laboratory facilities and modern innovative information and communication systems;
- organization and conduct of joint scientific seminars, conferences, training sessions, and other events within the framework of cooperation;
- attraction of grants from international and non-profit organizations for disaster risk reduction, as well as development and implementation of joint projects;
- professional development of experts and specialists through special exercises, training sessions, educational courses, and other relevant activities;
- establishment and maintenance of working contacts with other international scientific institutions for continuous mutual exchange of information in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- training of individual specialists, exchange of experience, or other jointly developed opportunities;
- development of dialogue and cooperation between academic circles and practitioners engaged in disaster risk reduction, risk management, and promotion of partnerships among stakeholders, including those involved in socio-economic aspects of disaster risk reduction;
- other forms of cooperation mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

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

ARTICLE 4

4.1. Any amendments and/or changes 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 termination date.

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

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 of this period, it shall be automatically extended for a subsequent five-year period unless the Parties decide otherwise. This Memorandum may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

6.2. Termination of this Memorandum with respect to the Party that has notified of its withdrawal shall not affect the implementation of scientific cooperation activities carried out under this Memorandum that have not been completed by the date of termination.

6.3. This Memorandum is executed in two originals in the Russian language, one for each Party.

6.4. This Memorandum was signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, on January 5, 2022.

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Ministry of Education and Science of the
Republic Kazakhstan**

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