

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND DISASTER

RISK REDUCTION

and

THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE FOR CENTRAL ASIA

The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (the “Center”), represented by its Director Serik Gabdullovich Aubakirov, and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), represented by its Executive Director Zafar Hakimovich Mahmudov (hereinafter jointly 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 Parties’ capacity in the field of disaster risk reduction, and to ensure the practical implementation of 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 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 fields of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and climate change mitigation;
- cooperation in addressing climate change, depletion of water resources, desertification, dust storms, land degradation, and drought;
- exchange of technical and other information, including samples and standards;
- provision of technical assistance, including the use of equipment and technologies, where required;
- development of software products, and provision of goods and services;
- training of specialists, exchange of experience, and other opportunities that may be jointly developed;
- engagement of specialists for education, training sessions, seminars, meetings, professional development courses, and similar activities;
- cooperation in scientific research, including participation in fundamental and applied research and development;
- attraction of grants from international and non-profit organizations for disaster risk reduction activities;
- enhancement of the qualifications 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 to ensure continuous mutual exchange of information in the fields of disaster risk reduction, prevention and response to emergencies, and climate change adaptation;
- implementation of measures to harmonize national legislation in the field of civil protection;
- assistance to Central Asian countries in addressing national and regional challenges in disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention and response, and environmental sustainability;
- facilitation of intersectoral dialogue among central and local authorities, non-governmental organizations, local communities, the private sector, and donor organizations on issues of environmental sustainability in the Central Asian region and disaster risk reduction;
- creation and regular updating of a database of experts for the purpose of engaging them in the implementation of joint projects in the field of disaster risk reduction;

other forms of cooperation that may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

By mutual consent of the Parties, third-party organizations and individuals may be engaged in joint activities carried out within the framework of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 4

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 the other Party with written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination.

5.2. If, at the time of termination of this Memorandum, work under any program is ongoing within the framework of an additional memorandum concluded as part of this Memorandum, all such work shall be completed regardless of the termination date of this Memorandum.

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 an additional 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 its withdrawal shall not affect the completion of joint scientific cooperation activities initiated under this Memorandum and not completed by the expiration date.

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

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

6.5. This Memorandum was signed by both Parties in the city of Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 27.05.2024

Signatures of the Parties:

**Regional Environmental Centre for
Central Asia**

Executive Director

Makhmudov Z.H. _____

Date: 27.05.2024

**Center for Emergency Situations and
Disaster Risk Reduction**

Director

Aubakirov S.G. _____

Date: 27.05.2024