



Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration between the International Geographical Union and the International Association of Geomorphologists

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between the International Geographical Union (IGU) and the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG).

Background

The IAG recognises the International Council for Science (ICSU) as being the co-ordinating and representative body for the international organisation of science and is affiliated to it through the International Geographical Union (IGU) and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

Purpose

This MoU will set the terms and understanding for establishing a mutual beneficial framework of cooperation between IGU and IAG for the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and the augmentation of scientific and technical capabilities between the members of both scientific bodies, with respect to the geosciences as applied to the investigation of topics of particular relevance to society.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, where appropriate, the development of direct contacts and cooperation between the members of the scientific bodies and other agencies, including universities, research centers, and institutions of education.

Forms of cooperation under this Memorandum may consist of exchanges of technical information; visits; participation in training courses, conferences and symposia; the exchange of professional geoscientists in areas of mutual interest; and any other collaboration research consistent with programs of the Parties. Specific areas of cooperation may include, but are not limited to, such areas of mutual interest as:

- 1) Both scientific bodies shall maintain a link, including the logo, to the other organization in their respective websites .
- 2) When organizing joint scientific events, both organizations will have their respective logos in relevant documentation
- 3) Members of each organization will have access to the materials produced by the other organization (for example abstracts, online material, etc.).
- 4) Both organizations will support each other in international fora for the development of their respective activities and recognizing their roles on geosciences and their impact on solving societal problems.

- 5) Topics of interest may include hazards, vulnerability, disaster risk, risk assessment, natural resources, environment, geographical, geomorphological and geospatial analysis and investigations among others, and involve joint workshops and scientific fieldtrips, especially during conferences.
- 6) Other similar activities as might be deemed necessary and agreed upon by both scientific organizations in the future.

Funding

This MoU is not a commitment of funds by either party. Third-party funding will be sought by both the IGU and IAG to help with the funding of the collaboration activities.

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum shall be subject to the availability of personnel, resources, and funds. This Memorandum shall not be construed to obligate any particular expenditure or commitment of resources or personnel.

Duration

This MoU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the IGU and IAG. This MoU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the IYGU and IAG and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. This MoU is signed for an initial period of four years and will be automatically renewed, for the same period, except as indicated otherwise by either Party.

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