

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESOURCES  
AND  
THE UNAM'S WATER NETWORK**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) **Institute for Water Resources (IWR)**—including its International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM)—and the **UNAM's Water Network (RAUNAM)**, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".

IWR is a U.S. national center of expertise for integrated water resources management, including analysis of emerging water resources trends and issues; state-of-the-art planning and hydrologic engineering methods, models and training; and collaborative planning and environmental conflict resolution. It hosts ICIWaRM, which is under the auspices of UNESCO and engages in activities to serve UNESCO's member states.

RAUNAM is a knowledge network that generates, stores, distributes and analyzes knowledge on water issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. It has been organized by the community of the National Autonomous University of Mexico in order to facilitate the transfer of knowledge, and the development of joint efforts to deal with the country's water problems through an outstanding capacity to tackle complex national problems.

The purpose of this agreement is to join efforts for promoting research and capacity-building regarding water resources, develop technical activities of mutual interest, and foster networking of scientists, information, knowledge and technology transfer.

WHEREAS, both IWR and RAUNAM have a common interest in integrated water resources management;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the benefit to each party's water resources management, scientific and capacity-building missions through mutual cooperation and joint activities when consistent with the policies, goals and laws governing each party;

NOW, THEREFORE, both IWR and RAUNAM mutually agree and hereby simultaneously declare the framework for partnership as follows:

**Article I**

RAUNAM and IWR will use their best efforts to establish a long-term cooperation and partnership in the field of integrated water resources management, scientific research and capacity-building.

The Parties are especially interested in pursuing cooperative opportunities in the following areas of common interest:

1. Integrated water resources planning and management.
2. Modeling tools for hydrologic analysis, risk analysis and systems analysis.
3. River engineering, marginal protection and erosion control.
4. Environmental restoration, eco-hydrologic analysis and water quality.
5. Capacity building and training.
6. Joint or cooperative water resources programs and projects of mutual benefit, including conferences, visits and exchange of scientists and other experts of technical personnel.
7. Other forms of cooperation as agreed by the Parties, including meetings between the two Parties on a regular basis.

**Article II**

Each Party shall designate a Principal Representative to serve as the primary point of contact between the parties on all matters arising under this Partnership Document.

**Article III**

Any cooperative activity undertaken between the Parties shall only be done under the authority of the laws, regulations, and policies governing each party individually.

**Article IV**

Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Partnership Document will be settled through consultations between IWR and RAUNAM or such other means as they may mutually decide.

**Article V**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, nothing in this Partnership Document shall be construed as binding under International Law. Further, nothing in this document shall be construed as either authorizing or obligating either Party to commit funds or resources to any project or work except as otherwise authorized by the laws, regulations, and policies governing each Party individually.

**Article VI**

This Partnership Document shall become effective when signed by both USACE-IWR and RAUNAM.

**Article VII**

This Partnership will remain in effect as long as it is deemed mutually advantageous for both Parties. Either Party may terminate this Agreement unilaterally by providing written notice.

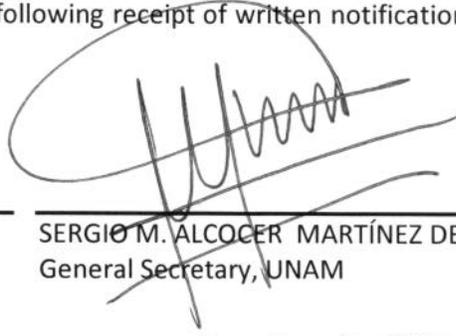
Termination shall take effect within 120 days following receipt of written notification sent by one of the contracting parties to the other.

  
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November 3, 2010

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General Secretary, UNAM

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