

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESOURCES (IWR)
AND
THE STATE OF OREGON
ACTING BY AND THROUGH
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU) FOR
THE INSTITUTE FOR WATER AND WATERSHEDS (IWW)**

The Institute for Water Resources (IWR), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the State of Oregon, acting by and through **The Institute for Water and Watersheds (IWW)**, Oregon State University, hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties":

Having a common interest in integrated water resources management (IWRM), sustainable development, ecological design, ecosystem restoration and environmental conflict resolution;

Having independent missions with technical activities of mutual interest, and with each institution having established programs that promote research and capacity-development, and enhance the use of effective water resources development and management policies throughout the world;

Recognizing IWW's commitment to sustainable development, integrated water resources management, and conflict resolution through the development of scientific research, education, training and awareness-raising at all levels, the development of appropriate policies and practices, the networking of scientists, and the sharing of water sources-related information and knowledge through establishing regional and global partnerships;

Acknowledging IWR's mission as a national expertise center for IWRM, collaborative planning, environmental conflict resolution, water resources systems management, and hydrologic engineering; including a focus on policy development, applied research, training, and capacity development, and improving the practice of water resources planning and management in collaboration with other institutions and organizations;

Desiring to promote and enhance social well-being, environmental quality, sustainable economic development, public health and community welfare by fostering interdisciplinary scientific research, development and the improvement of IWRM practices, and to promote, encourage and advance systems of safer, more economical, efficient and environmentally sound flood risk management and water resources development and management through research and cooperation in these fields; and

Recognizing the parties' mutual interest in working together to contribute to such partnerships with national and international organizations, including, but not limited to, activities of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and further, recognizing the benefit to each party's water resources management, scientific and capacity-development missions through mutual cooperation and joint activities, when consistent with the policies, goals and laws governing each party;

Do hereby simultaneously declare the following framework for partnership:

Article I

Oregon State University and IWR will use their best efforts to establish a long-term cooperation and partnership in **integrated water resources management, interdisciplinary scientific research, and capacity-building/development for developing and emerging countries; and post-disaster/conflict nations and regions.**

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

1. Integrated water resources management and sustainable development
2. Infrastructure development, adaptive management and adaptation to global warming
3. Flood risk management, hydrologic analysis, risk analysis and systems modeling
4. Environmental restoration, ecological design, eco-hydrologic analysis and water quality
5. Consensus building, conflict resolution and management, public participation and citizen involvement, alternative dispute resolution, and shared vision planning
6. Water policy, governance, and institutional aspects of water and watershed management
7. Capacity building, development and training
8. Educational methods and systems
9. Water security, including within the context of the Millennium Development Goals
10. Effects of climate change on water resources

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

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 projector work except as otherwise authorized by the laws, regulations, and policies governing each party individually.

Article V

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


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