



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESOURCES
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE RECURSOS HIDRÁULICOS**

The Institute for Water Resources (IWR), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), primarily working through the International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM), and **The Instituto Nacional de Recursos Hidráulicos (INDRHI)**, primarily working through The Centre for the Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Caribbean Island States (Centro para la Gestión Sostenible de los Recursos Hídricos en los Estados Insulares del Caribe (CEHICA), hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties":

Having a common interest in integrated water resources management (IWRM); sustainable development; water management in coastal regions; national and international partnerships; and capacity building through technology, information sharing and training;

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 in various regions;

Recognizing INDRHI's commitment to the establishment of a water centre for sustainable development in Central America and the Caribbean (CEHICA), its commitment to networking and cooperation for research in water resources throughout the Caribbean, its missions to organize, direct and regulate hydrologic and hydraulic studies and works in national basins, and evaluation of water resources in international basins;

Acknowledging IWR's mission as a global expertise center for IWRM, in particular through ICIWaRM, as well as collaborative planning, environmental and socio-economic impact assessment, risk analysis, water resources systems management, climate change, 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 practitioners and scientific/academic institutions, and professional organizations;

Desiring to promote and enhance social well-being, environmental quality, sustainable development, public health and community welfare by fostering interdisciplinary scientific

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research, development and the improvement of IWRM practices, and to promote, encourage and advance water resources development and sound management through research and cooperation in these fields; and

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

Do hereby simultaneously declare the following framework for partnership:

Article I

INDRHI and IWR, working primarily through CEHICA and ICIWaRM respectively, will use their best efforts to establish a long-term cooperation and partnership in the advancement of **integrated water resources management, related interdisciplinary scientific research, and capacity-building for developing countries, including Small Island Developing States.**

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

1. Integrated water resources management
2. Interactions among land, water and people
3. Water policy and institutions
4. Effects of climate change and variability on water resources
5. Prevention of overexploitation and saline intrusion of surface- and groundwater
6. Hydrologic data management
7. Hydrologic and hydraulic modeling
8. Capacity building

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

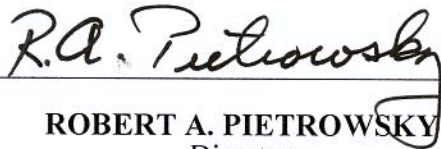
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construed as either authorizing or obligating either party to commit funds or resources to any project or work except as otherwise authorized by the laws, regulations, and policies governing each party individually. Commitments of participation and/or financial contribution for any individual project will be established through a separate agreement.

Article V

This Partnership Document shall become effective when signed by representatives of both IWR and INDRHI.

Signed in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, on the 30th day of June 2011.



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