

LETTER OF INTENT

Between

**THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "MOES")**

and

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "UNESCO")**

in cooperation with

**THE EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCES ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH
SCIENCES, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "ESSO")**

Concerning

**COOPERATION FOR REDUCING DISASTER RISKS AND CAPACITY-BUILDING IN THE
EARTH SCIENCES**



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**Ministry of
Earth Sciences**



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

New Delhi Office

Cluster Office for Bangladesh,
Bhutan, India, Maldives,
Nepal and Sri Lanka

Whereas, MOES, ESSO and UNESCO (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Parties”) are prepared to collaborate on disaster risk reduction and on building capacity in the Earth Sciences.

Whereas, the Parties are mindful of the importance of international cooperation to contributing efforts to reduce the impact of natural disasters by expertise exchanges, as well as by building capacity in the Earth Sciences.

Recognizing the importance of the principles of equality and mutual benefits.

The Parties have the intention to cooperate on the following:

- a) effective exchange of data and information on natural hazards;
- b) generate scientific methods for capacity development programmes in GIS and remote sensing applications in the coastal and oceanic region for scientists from related institutions;
- c) develop courses for early warning systems for disaster risk reduction;
- d) initiate training courses in Extended Continental Shelf matters, in order to assist African countries in making a submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;
- e) participate effectively in the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition;
- f) provide the enabling factors for the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) to be developed into a UNESCO Category 2 Centre; and,
- g) collaborate in areas of common interest.

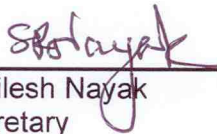
The implementation of such cooperation shall be concluded in separate arrangement between the Parties.

The present Letter of Intent remains in force until 30 November 2019. It may be amended or extended by mutual agreement. Each Party may terminate this Letter of Intent upon 2 (two) months' written notice to the other Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have signed this Letter of Intent on 25 November 2014.

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