



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding is signed between

Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI)

Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University, Uji Campus, Gokasho,
Uji-shi, Kyoto 611-0011, Japan

and

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk International Programme Office (IRDR-IPO)

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The Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI) is represented for the purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding (“the MoU”) by Prof. Hirokazu Tatano, Secretary-General of GADRI.

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (“IRDR”) International Programme Office (“IPO”) is represented for the purpose of signing this MoU by Prof. Saini Yang, Executive Director of IRDR IPO.

Hereinafter referred to individually by their respective abbreviations or collectively as “the Parties”,

WHEREAS:

- GADRI is an international alliance of disaster research institutes, a forum for sharing knowledge and promoting collaboration on topics related to disaster risk reduction and resilience to disasters and is a network of networks guided by organizational values for disaster risk reduction. As stipulated in the Charter of GADRI, GADRI strives to deepen the understanding of disasters and find implementable solutions to achieve disaster resilience by integrating knowledge and technologies from around the world. GADRI seeks to contribute to enhancing disaster risk reduction and disaster resilience in close collaboration with organizations around the world through sharing of information, knowledge, experiences and ideas on disaster research.

- IRDR is an internationally integrated, interdisciplinary, cross-hazards research programme co-sponsored by the International Science Council (ISC) and United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). IRDR is devoted to developing trans-disciplinary, multi-sectorial alliances for: in-depth, practical disaster risk reduction research studies, and the implementation of effective evidence-based disaster risk policies and practices. IRDR-IPO is the secretariat IRDR responsible for the execution of IRDR programme.
- Given their shared areas of interest, GADRI and IRDR wish to form a collaborative partnership through this MoU.

THE PARTIES HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

The parties will seek cooperation towards the goal of reducing disaster risk.

1. The Parties agree to implement the agreements defined in the MoU on mutually acceptable terms, the details of which are to be jointly developed by the Parties within the guidelines of applicable policies, rules and regulations.
2. In areas where their objectives overlap, the Parties may seek cooperation through common actions, in particular in DRR Education, in the form of:
 - a. Joint academic projects;
 - b. Jointly facilitate development of materials and technical trainings to enhance institutional capacity building;
 - c. Facilitation of exchange and networking (of students and researchers); cooperation between the universities and institutions;
 - d. Promotion of best research studies and practices;
 - e. Advocacy for disaster risk reduction; and
 - f. Both parties will hold observer status at the respective Scientific Committee meetings or Board of Directors meetings.
3. The Parties may, by mutual consent, modify the above list as they see fit, and may draw agreements outside the MoU on specific aspects of the collaboration. The Parties retain the right to, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend, delete, review, or revise any term(s) or condition(s) in this agreement.
4. The MoU does not require the Parties to obligate or transfer any funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between the Parties will require execution of separate agreements and be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Such activities must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. The MoU does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each such agreement must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

5. The MoU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its signature and seal. The MoU may be mutually extended or terminated by giving six (6) months' notice to that effect in writing.
6. However, notwithstanding the notice of the intent to terminate the memorandum, all rights, obligations, and corresponding duties therein shall be respected and mandated until the finalization and accomplishment thereof.
7. The intent and implementation of this memorandum is subject to the laws and policies of the respective states in which the Parties are based. The MoU is not, however, a legally binding contract but rather a show of commitment by the Parties to pursuing the mutual interests outlined in this agreement.

On behalf of GADRI:

Secretary-General
Hirokazu Tatano

Signature:

On behalf of IRDR IPO:

Executive Director
Saini Yang

Signature:

Date: 2025.12.20

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