



**SCIENCE &  
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**AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN  
INSTITUTE OF HYDROMETEOROLOGY, GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (GEORGIA) AND  
SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA)**

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INSTITUTE OF HYDROMETEOROLOGY, GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (GEORGIA)

And

SCIENCE & EDUCATION FOUNDATION (REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA), on the other part,

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

AIMING to develop mutually useful cooperation in the fields of education, science and culture;

CONVINCED that such cooperation will conduce to strengthening the friendly relations between the Parties;

RECOGNIZING that the Parties are pursuing research and educational activities in a number of areas of common interest, and that participation in each other's research and educational activities on a basis of reciprocity will provide mutual benefits;

DESIRING to establish a formal basis for cooperation in scientific and educational research which will extend and strengthen the conduct of cooperative activities in areas of common interest and encourage the application of the results of such cooperation to their benefit;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:



## **ARTICLE 1**

### Purpose

The Parties shall encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative activities in fields of common interest where they are pursuing research and development activities in science and education.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### Principles

Cooperative activities shall be conducted on the basis of the following principles:

- (a) Mutual benefit based on an overall balance of advantages;
- (b) Reciprocal opportunities to engage in cooperative activities;
- (c) Equitable and fair treatment for the participants; and
- (d) Timely exchange of information which may affect cooperative activities.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### Areas of Cooperative Activities

- (a) Priority will be given to collaboration that can advance common goals in science and educational research.
- (b) The Parties may jointly pursue cooperative activities with third parties.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### Forms of Cooperative Activities

Cooperative activities may take the following forms:

- (a) Joint organization of scientific conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops, as well as participation of experts to those activities.
- (b) Publication of scientific literature, including articles, journals, books, reports and other.
- (c) Exchange of university professors, teachers for higher, general and technical education, experts, technical scientific research workers and students.
- (d) Promotion of direct contacts between universities, cultural, scientific, technical and administrative institutions.
- (e) Joint studies and training of scientists and technical experts.
- (f) Coordinated research projects.
- (g) Any other form agreed upon by the Parties.



## ARTICLE 5

### Funding and Legal Considerations

- (a) Cooperative activities shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds, resources, and personnel and to the applicable laws and regulations, policies and programs of the Parties.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided for in an implementing arrangement, each Party, its agency or scientific organization or participant shall bear the costs of its participation and that of its personnel engaged in cooperative activities under this Agreement.
- (c) Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as establishing a legal partnership (such as, by way of clarification, partnership liability), joint venture, agency, exclusive arrangement, or other similar relationship between the Parties.

## ARTICLE 6

### Entry into Force, Termination and Dispute Settlement

- (a) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties have notified each other in writing that their respective internal procedures necessary for its entry into force have been completed.
- (b) This Agreement shall be concluded for an initial period of five years and may be renewed by common agreement between the Parties (tacit renewal) after evaluation during the penultimate year of each successive period.
- (c) This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.
- (d) This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party upon thirty days' written notice to the other Party. The expiration or termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or duration of any arrangements made under it.
- (e) All questions or disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by mutual agreement of the Parties.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

For INSTITUTE OF HYDROMETEOROLOGY  
OF GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY:



Mikheil Pipia, Director

For SCIENCE & EDUCATION FOUNDATION:



Ivan Genov, Chairman

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