

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION  
AND THE SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME**



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION (WMO)  
*Weather • Climate • Water*



SOUTH ASIA CO-OPERATIVE  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (SACEP)

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*The World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter referred to as 'WMO') and the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (hereinafter referred to as 'SACEP') hereinafter referred to as 'Parties';*

*CONSIDERING the provisions of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, whereby WMO was created to facilitate cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for making meteorological, hydrological and other related geophysical observations; to promote the rapid exchange of meteorological information, standardization of meteorological observations and the uniform publication of observations and statistics; to further the application of meteorology to water problems, agriculture, drought monitoring, natural disaster reduction and mitigation, ozone and pollution monitoring, monitoring of climate change and weather- and climate-sensitive socio-economic activities; to promote operational hydrology; and to encourage research and training in relevant fields;*

*NOTING that the main objective of SACEP is to promote and support the conservation and management of the environment, both natural and human, in the member states of the South Asian Region in a co-operative manner to achieve sustainable development;*

*BEING AWARE of the need to develop close cooperation between WMO and SACEP in areas of joint interest, and wishing to promote and strengthen such cooperation;*

*AGREE to cooperate with a view to achieving their shared objectives, in particular with regard to the promotion of the sciences of meteorology, climatology and hydrology for the safety of human life and property, disaster reduction and mitigation, including tsunami early warning, environment monitoring and management, sustainable economic and social development, and education and training in the disaster reduction field as follows:*

*Article I Exchange of information, representation and consultation*

- 1. The Parties shall, as needed, exchange information and documents concerning matters of joint interest.*
- 2. Each Party may invite the other to attend as an observer, in accordance with its own current procedures and practices, any conferences and meetings which it may hold on matters of joint interest.*
- 3. Wherever desirable and useful, the Parties shall hold consultations on matters of joint interest and on topics relating to their collaboration; to this end, they may decide, if necessary, to establish a joint commission or ad hoc committees or commissions, pursuant to provisions and conditions to be established by joint agreement.*

*Article II Cooperation arrangement*

- 1. Within the framework of their respective activities, both Parties may agree to design and implement joint cooperation projects, which may take the form of technical meetings, public seminars, thematic projects and products and support actions aimed at particular regions or countries.*

2. Such projects shall be designed and implemented in accordance with specific arrangements, to be determined jointly by the relevant organs of both Parties, setting the practical, technical and financial conditions for the participation of the Parties, whose availability shall be duly ensured.
3. The Secretary-General of WMO and the Director-General of SACEP shall adopt appropriate administrative measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariats of both Parties.

### Article III Publications

Both Parties recognize the desirability of cooperation with regard to the exchange of relevant publications with a view to promoting optimum use thereof in the context of the work of the other Party.

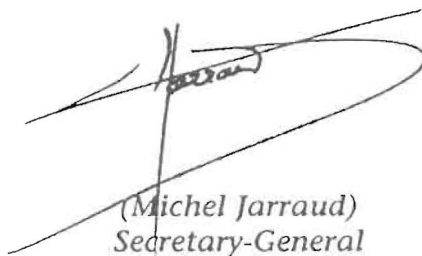
### Article IV Entry into force, amendments and duration of this Memorandum of Understanding

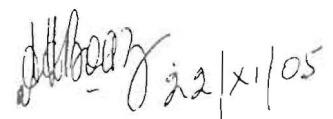
1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon the signature by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by joint agreement of the Parties.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party provided that six months' notice is given to the other Party. Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding by either Party shall in no way affect previous obligations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed of this Memorandum of Understanding in two original, authentic copies in English.

For  
the World Meteorological Organization  
(WMO)

For  
the South Asia Co-operative Environment  
Programme (SACEP)

  
(Michel Jarraud)  
Secretary-General  
22 November 2005

  
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22 November 2005