

## Proposal of ICL Network

1. Name of the Network: **Thematic Network on Landslides Risk Management Network**

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3. ICL Member Organizations (Representatives) involved in the Network:

Write those organizations (representatives) if further ICL members are expected to join the planned network (one of the WCoEs at least is better to be involved in the planned network)

- Dr. Cees van Westen, ITC, Netherlands (WCoE)
- Prof. Dwikorita Karnawati, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia (WCoE)
- Dr. Peter Bobrowsky, Geological Survey of Canada
- Dr. Alexander Strom, Russia (WCoE)
- Dr, Baris Trak, CEB, France
- Dr. Zbigniew Bednarczyl, Institute of Opencast Mining, Poland
- Dr. Filippo Catani, University of Firenze, Italy
- Prof. Jean F. Schneider, Boku University, Vienna
- Ms. Paola Reichenbach, IRPI, CNR, Italy
- David N. Petley, Durham University, UK
- Dr. Ranjan Dahal, Ehime University, Japan
- Dr. Oldrich Hungr, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- Mr. Habibah Lateh, USM, Malaysia
- Dr. Shengwen Qi, Institute of Geology and Geophysics, China
- Dr. Cheki Dorjee, College of Science & Technology, Phuntshilling, Bhutan
- Dr. Champati Ray, IIRS, India
- Dr. Suresh Francis, KSREC, India
- Dr. Guruvittal, CRRI, India
- Er. Mahendra Lodhi, GBPIHED, India
- Dr. Devanjan Bhattacharya, IITR, India
- Prof. Manoj Arora, IITR, India
- Dr. D.S. Raju, NIRM, India (presently at McGill University, Montreal, Canada)
- Dr. G.M. Dar, Srinagar, India

4. Objectives for the initial 3 years (5 lines maximum, what you expect to accomplish?)

- To invite participation and contribution on landslide risk management from different stakeholders in various sectors / entities throughout the world
- To create a thematic network of people, organizations, institutes, governments, societies etc. with a view to coordinate and integrate their efforts towards landslide risk reduction
- To collect, compile and disseminate information, knowledge, ideas, innovations and experiences related to landslides risk management for socio-economic and environmental safety as well as development
- To facilitate sharing, exchange and transfer of socio-cultural, scientific, technological, administrative, legal practices for promoting good practices and discouraging the bad practices
- To document all the activities done by the network

5. Background Justification (10 lines maximum):

ICL has been working for the last 10 years to bring together the different stakeholders on landslides to a global platform and has made several attempts like initiation of the International Programme on Landslides jointly with ISDR, World Landslide Forum for every 3years, establishment of World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction, establishment of regional and thematic networks on landslides etc.

NIDM has been mandated by Parliament of India to enhance capacity for disaster risk reduction through training, dissemination, networking, linkage and coordination involving all kinds of stakeholders in different sectors at various levels of the society. As part of these activities, NIDM organizes training programmes on disaster management, holds workshops/conference for disseminating expertise/experiences and established knowledge networks as well as resource networks to facilitate sharing, exchange and transfer of knowledge, experiences, resources, information and innovative ideas.

Both the organizations have a common goal to work towards landslide (disaster) risk reduction through integrated and synergized efforts by different stakeholders. The proposed network will try to support initiatives and good practices in the field of landslide risk reduction with participation and contributions from the landslide community at global level.

6. Resources available for Network Activities (Personnel, Facilities, Budgets & Contribution to ICL/IPL):

Resources required for the network activities include launching of web based network platform and coordination / facilitation by a group of experts or interested stakeholders to encourage participation and contributions from different sectors in the various fields of landslide risk management. The network would require some facilities like a computer system, internet connections, a network portal on a webserver (it can be hosted at ICL server or NIDM server) and some amount of money for documentation/publication of its activities. ICL will receive the activity reports and copy of the documents prepared through this network. The financial budget of about 2000USD may be allocated by ICL for undertaking various tasks like communication, network charges, preparation of documents/reports, publication etc.

7. Description of past activities related to proposed network (30 lines maximum):

Regarding past activities related to the proposed network, it would be worthwhile to mention here that it is a new proposal made to ICL and hence, no specifically related were attempted earlier. However, NIDM has been working for networking different entities and resources in the field of disaster

management. NIDM has already launched a network portal called India Disaster Resource Network ([www.idrn.gov.in](http://www.idrn.gov.in)) and India Disaster Knowledge Network ([www.idkn.gov.in](http://www.idkn.gov.in)) as well as involved as a partner in South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network ([www.saarc-sadkn.org](http://www.saarc-sadkn.org)). An attempt has also been initiated to create a national network on Landslide Risk Management in India where about 150 stakeholders have indicated their interest.

8. Planned future activities / expected results (20 lines maximum):

It is planned to carry out the following activities after the approval for launching this network from ICL.

- Launch of the network (closed group) – Network operations begin
- To invite active participants and contributors to the network and request them to join – strengthening the network
- To coordinate, facilitate and promote meaningful and useful contributions from the network partners on significant issues of landslides risk management – Capacity Enhancement
- To collect, collate and compile the information / data from the network in a systematic way for sharing this document with all partners and ICL – Information Dissemination
- To organize workshop/conferences, webinars involving network partners – Sharing and exchange of information, knowledge and experiences
- To document all activities of the network and prepare an annual report for ICL – Annual Report
- To publish important outcomes from the network in Journal on Landslides– Publication of papers