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Report of the ICL-IPL Round Table Discussion -Towards a dynamic and global development of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL)- held at CCV-B Room on 9 May 2011

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The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) has served as the thematic platform on landslide risk reduction under the *Hyogo Framework for Action: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters*. The International Programme on Landslides (IPL) has been successfully implemented by many of related organizations all over the world since the 2006 Tokyo Action Plan.

The IPL Global Promotion Committee consisting of ICL, UNESCO, WMO, FAO, UNISDR, UNU, ICSU, WFEO and IUGS organized a session “***Round Table Discussion -Towards a dynamic and global development of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL)***”- as a Side Event of the Global Platform at CCV-B Room on 9 May 2011.

The session was initiated from welcome addresses of John Harding (UNISDR) and Maryam Golnaraghi (WMO) and Takeo Murakami (Cabinet Office of Japan). The 2011 Tohoku earthquake disasters was reported from Kaoru Takara (Vice President of ICL, Professor of Kyoto University) and Hideaki Marui (Assistant to the President of ICL, Professor of Niigata University). Contribution and cooperation to IPL were also presented from UNISDR, UNESCO, WMO, FAO, UNU, ICSU, WFEO, IUGS, IUGG, GRF and other organizations in the morning session.

The main objective of this Round Table Discussion is to discuss together with wider participants in the Global Platform and to formulate an action plan for building the resilience of nations and communities by strengthening regional activities and capacity in landslide disaster risk reduction. The results of discussion were reported in the IGNITE presentation at 11:45-12:00 on 10 May and also orally presented as the updated official statement in the Plenary session at 11:00-12:45 on 11 May 2011.

The main outcomes of the Round Table Discussion are:

(1) To strengthen regional network of ICL and IPL through regional Consortium on Landslides

Three regional Consortia have been proposed:

- Adriatic-Balkan Consortium on Landslides (ABC)
- Latin American Consortium on Landslides (LAC)
- ASEAN Consortium on Landslides (ASC)

through a new initiative Landslide School Network (LSN), which is capacity development activities by ICL members and non-ICL members which are willing to contribute to landslide risk reduction in the region within the ICL-IPL cooperation network.

(2) To strengthen social-economical impact by putting science into practice for “Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Landslide Disasters”

- Stronger link to government and communities through application and implementation science and technology for landslide risk reduction.
- Intensifying landslide risk assessment due to climate change and great tectonic activities like Tohoku earthquake-tsunami disaster in Japan in March 2011.
- Development of cooperation of IPL with many of other Programmes directly and indirectly related to landslides.

(3) Way forward

The following forthcoming events are proposed:

- **An event celebrating the 10th Anniversary of ICL** will be organized in Kyoto on 18-21 January 2012 including symposia on IPL projects, the planning of Third World Landslide Forum (WLF-3) in Beijing 2014, and another Round Table Discussion to make a strategy for the next decade: 2012-2022.
- Group of ICL and IPL will gather to further develop the discussion of this IPL-ICL session at the 10th anniversary of ICL in Kyoto in January 2012.

Note: The ICL was established in January 2002 in Kyoto with participation from UNESCO, WMO, UNISDR, and the Government of Japan. The ICL founded a new full-colored scientific journal *Landslides: Journal of International Consortium on Landslides* in 2004, and established the IPL Global Promotion Committee together with related global stakeholders in 2006. The first World Landslide Forum (WLF-1) was organized at UNU in Tokyo in 2008 with 430 participants from 48 countries. The IPL Global Promotion Committee will organize the second World Landslide Forum (WLF-2) at FAO in Rome on 3-9 October 2011. For this, pre-registered participants are already 800 persons as of April 2011.