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KYOTO 2020 COMMITMENT OF THE WORLD LANDSLIDE COMMUNITY

To the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda-Sustainable Development Goals

Landslide disasters are caused by exposure to hazardous motions of soil and rock that threaten vulnerable human settlements in mountains, cities, river banks, coasts, and islands. Climate change will continue intensifying the risk of landslides in some landslide prone areas through an increase in the frequency and/or magnitude of heavy rainfall, and shifts in the location and periodicity of this rainfall.

Developments in mountains and coastal areas, including construction of roads and railways and expansion of urban areas due to population growth and shifts (movements?) increase exposure to hazards of landslides. The landslide disaster risk reduction is a global important task in all countries/regions where people living in mountains and slopes are exposed to landsliding to enhance safety and promote resilient communities able to contribute to sustainable development.

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) proposed the Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 for Global Promotion of Understanding and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk in the Working Session “Underlying Risk Factors” during the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan. The Partnerships was adopted and signed by 17 United Nations, international and national stakeholders. Joint efforts thereafter have been made and resulted in the edition and publication of the open access full color book “ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025”, Vol.1 of the Fourth World Landslide Forum, the edition of “Landslide Dynamics: ISDR-ICL Landslide Interactive Teaching Tools”, as well as the enhanced publication of the bimonthly full-color journal *Landslides: Journal of the International Consortium on Landslides*”.

The landslide risk to human settlements in mountainous and coastal areas due to landslide motion and landslide induced tsunamis in many countries has risen even after the later-half period of the *Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025*. In September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the *2030 Agenda including Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*. As a voluntary commitment to the 2030 Agenda as well as to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the World Landslide Community examined the Kyoto 2020 Commitment as a stable global framework to mobilize in the medium and long term a global alliance which will accelerate and incentivize action for landslide disaster risk reduction. The Commitment had already been highlighted in the 2017 Ljubljana Declaration on Landslide Risk Reduction, which was adopted at the Fourth World Landslide Forum (WLF4) in Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2017.

This Commitment will be signed by all parties who will attend the Fifth World Landslide Forum (WLF5) to

be held in Kyoto in 2020 and who will be ready to voluntarily commit to this initiative as a contribution to the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Parties signing “**The Kyoto 2020 Commitment**” are expected to be the following:

A: ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships signatory organizations

B: ICL members

C: ICL supporters

D: ICL associates and other international, national governmental, and non-governmental organizations, municipalities, local communities and private sectors who are willing to take action for landslide disaster risk reduction and contribute to “**the Kyoto 2020 Commitment**”.

Activities to support and promote actions by all parties of “**The Kyoto 2020 Commitment**” include:

1. Publication of the progress and achievements made by the *parties* of the Commitment in the category of ICL/IPL/Kyoto Commitment in the monthly* full-color Journal “**Landslides**”. (* plan to shift from bimonthly to monthly before 2020)
2. Organization of the Triannual Conference “World Landslide Forum” and the report of progress of Kyoto 2020 Commitment to report the progress of the Commitment.
3. Organization of the Biannual Research, Administrative and Strategic Review Conference of **the Kyoto 2020 Commitment** at UNESCO Headquarters to implement and promote the activities of Commitment.

A Call for joining the Commitment

Competent global, regional, national, local entities participating in the WLF5 which will be ready to voluntarily commit to this initiative as a contribution to the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals are invited to support this initiative by joining and signing this Commitment through participation in clearly defined activities related to the issues and objectives of this Commitment. The potential parties are requested to be in contact with the secretariat of the host organization.

Host Organization and Secretariat

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) hosts the Kyoto 2020 Commitment as a voluntary commitment to the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (ISDR). The ICL Secretariat in Kyoto, Japan, serves as the Secretariat of the Kyoto Commitment.

Signatory

Signature

Name

Affiliation

Office

Date