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Progress of the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 and the Kyoto 2020 Commitment

Dear ICL members,

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) is pleased to report the major achievements of the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 since March 2015, as outlined below.

1. At the occasion of the Fourth World Landslide Forum (WLF4) in Ljubljana, Slovenia in May-June 2017, the ICL published 5 volumes of full color books “Advancing Culture of Living with Landslides”. Vol. 1 (ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025) contains articles from most of the signatory organizations of Sendai Partnerships as well as activities of the ICL and the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) contributing to the Sendai Partnerships (SP). This volume is open access and can be downloaded from the link provided at the end of this letter. The High-Level Panel Discussion at the WLF4 attended by panelists from the SP signatory organizations adopted the 2017 Ljubljana Declaration including the plan of the Fifth World Landslide Forum (WLF5) in Kyoto, 2020 and the concept of the Kyoto 2020 Commitment to be launched in WLF5.

2. “*Landslides*”: Journal of International Consortium on Landslides, which was founded as a quarterly full color journal in April 2004 to promote landslide disaster risk reduction, has progressed continuously and published 161 articles including 2180 printed pages in 2017. Notably it attained an Impact Factor of 3.657 in 2016, maintaining rank 1 under the “Geological Engineering” category based on the Web of Science. *Landslides* will be published monthly from January 2018, which will enable quick information dissemination of “Recent Landslides” and Recent “ICL/IPL activities” contributing to the Sendai Partnerships and the planned Kyoto 2020 Commitment.

3. Contributing further to the implementation of capacity development under the Sendai Partnerships, the ICL group completed editing the “Landslide Dynamics: ISDR-ICL Landslide Interactive Teaching Tools” by 13th October 2017, which was the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR). Vol.1 of the Teaching Tools includes 96 Text Tools (1440 pages), 22 PPT tools and video tools, and 12 PDF tools was published in January 2018 with Vol.2 to be published in February 2018.

Invitation to the planned Kyoto 2020 Commitment

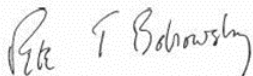
The Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 will be reviewed during the WLF5 in 2020 to plan the activities for the latter half of the SP (2020-2025). The necessity of the global cooperation for understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk will not diminish in 2025, but will continue to increase due to the expansion of human settlements as a result of population growth and the continuous adverse impacts of climate change. To create a long-term, wider and stronger framework for a global landslide risk reduction network, the concept to establish the Kyoto 2020 Commitment for Global Promotion of Understanding

and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk was accepted in the 2017 Ljubljana Declaration as a contribution to ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the 2030 Agenda - Sustainable Development Goals and beyond.

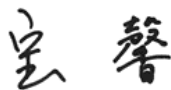
The concept of the Kyoto 2020 Commitment was evaluated and discussed during the ICL-IPL Conference organized in UNESCO from 29 November to 1 December 2017. Then, the Zero-draft of the Kyoto 2020 Commitment was developed and further examined by the end of 2017. The ICL invites you and your organization to review the current Zero-draft and provide suggestions in order to bring it to the agreeable level of the Draft through required modification and enhancement during 2018. The ICL requests you to review the attached Zero-draft of Kyoto 2020 Commitment and provide us with your comments and suggestions. The ICL will organize the ICL-IPL Conference in Kyoto on 1-4 December 2018, which will be another good occasion for you to provide your advice to us in order to create the persuasive revised draft of Kyoto 2020 Commitment.

We thank you very much for your continuous support to the ICL activities.

Yours sincerely,



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Links to the related documents

1. [Zero-draft of Kyoto 2020 Commitment](#)
2. [Organization process of the Fifth World Landslide Forum 2020](#)
3. [2017 Ljubljana Declaration](#)
4. [2015 ISDR-ICL SENDAI Partnerships 2015-2025](#)
5. [Vol.1 ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025](#)