



International Consortium on Landslides

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Call for Application for the World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction 2017-2020

The 2006 Tokyo Action Plan proposed the creation of World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction as follows: “The Global Promotion Committee (GPC) of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) will identify and promote World Centres of Excellence (WCoEs) at the World Landslide Forum organized every 3 years within eligible organizations, such as universities, institutes, NGOs, government ministries and local governments, contributing to “Risk Reduction for Landslides and Related Earth System Disasters”. An independent Panel of Experts, set up by the Global Promotion Committee of International Programme on Landslides (IPL-GPC), will endorse the WCoEs.

Twelve World Centres of Excellence (WCoEs) 2008-2011 were identified at the First World Landslide Forum in November 2008 at UNU in Tokyo, Japan. Fifteen WCoEs for 2011-2014 were identified at the Second World Landslide Forum in October 2011 at FAO, Rome, Italy. Fifteen WCoEs for 2014-2017 were identified at the Third World Landslide Forum in June 2014 at Beijing, China. IPL Global Promotion Committee will call for application of WCoEs 2017-2020.

Objectives of WCoE:

To strengthen the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) and IPL Global Promotion Committee;

To create “A Global Network of entities contributing to landslide risk reduction”;

To implement the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 for global promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk; and

To improve the global recognition of “Landslide Risk Reduction” and its social-economic relevance, and entities contributing to this field.

Criteria for WCoE Candidates:

Governmental and non-governmental entities such as universities, agencies, and other institutions, and their subsidiary entities (faculties, departments, centres, divisions or others) which meet the following two conditions:

- Contributing to “Landslide Disaster Risk Reduction”; and
- Willing to support IPL intellectually, practically and financially by either joining ICL or/and contributing to IPL-GPC and promote "landslide research and disaster risk reduction" on a regional and/or global scale in a mutually beneficial manner.

Guidelines for WCoE:

- 1) Candidates of WCoEs must submit the application form to the Secretariat of the IPL Global Promotion Committee.
- 2) Candidates will be evaluated from their achievements and current activities (scientific, technical and educational capacity, training courses, publications, dissemination of knowledge and information) and planned activities contributing to IPL.
- 3) WCoEs will be identified at every World Landslide Forum (held every 3 years). The status as a WCoE will be given for 3 years until the next Forum.
- 4) Each WCoE must submit an annual activity report each year and also report its activities in *Landslides: Journal of International Consortium on Landslides* or/and World Landslide Forum.
- 5) The status as a WCoE may be extended for another 3 years in the same topics or in a revised topics by the IPL Global Promotion Committee based on the activities carried out as a WCoE.

Application

Those who are willing to contribute to IPL as WCoE are invited to fill the attached application form and to submit it **by 1 August 2016** to the Secretariat of the IPL Global Promotion Committee. Applicants of WCOE 2017-2020 passing to the in-depth evaluation will be invited to orally present their proposals in the 12th IPL Global Promotion Committee held on 15-18 November 2016 at Room XIII, Bonvin Building, UNESCO Headquarters, 1 rue Miollis 75732 Paris, France.

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On behalf of the many international organizations of the IPL Global Promotion Committee we look forward to hearing from you.



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Nomination Procedures of WCoE:

- 1) The application form from an eligible entity will be submitted to the Secretariat of the IPL-GPC (IPL World Centre) by 1 August 2016.
- 2) Preliminary screening of received applications will be conducted according to the Criteria by the secretariat of IPL World Centre. Feasible application will be passed to the in-depth evaluation.
- 3) Candidates of WCoEs passing to the in-depth evaluation will be invited to orally present their proposals on 16-18 November 2016 in the 12th IPL Global Promotion Committee at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France. Revision of application may be advised by the committee to avoid duplication of activities with other proposals or to improve the proposals when necessary.
- 4) Final application forms will be evaluated by the technical evaluation committee of the IPL World Centre.
- 5) Summarizing all evaluation values, appropriate candidates will be selected, and a list of recommendations will be submitted to the Independent Panel of Experts.
- 6) The Independent Panel of Experts will review the recommendation, and endorse appropriate WCoEs.
- 7) The Endorsement of WCoEs by the Independent Panel of Experts will be reported to the IPL Global Promotion Committee. WCoEs endorsed by the Panel must be approved by voting of more than half participating members of the IPL Global Promotion Committee.
- 8) WCoE 2017-2020 will be announced on 30 May 2017 at the World Landslide Forum 4 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Certificates will be awarded from Dr. Robert Glasser*, Special Representatives of Secretary-General for Disaster Reduction, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) to each leader of WCoE. (* To be confirmed)

Application Form for World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction
2017-2020

1. Name of Organization
2. Name of Leader
Affiliation: position
Contact: postal address, fax, phone, email
Core members of the activities
Names/Affiliations: (4 individuals maximum)
3. Date of Submission of Application
4. Activity scale and targeted region.
1) Global, 2) Intercontinental, 3) Continental, 4) Regional, 5) National
5. Short Title (10 words maximum) characterizing past and planned activities
6. Objectives for the initial 3 years: (5 lines maximum; what you expect to accomplish?)
7. Background Justification: (10 lines maximum)
8. Resources available for WCoE activities
Personnel, Facilities, Budgets, and Affiliation and Contribution to ICL/IPL-GPC.
9. Description of past activities related to risk reduction of landslides and other related earth system disasters (30 lines maximum)
10. Planned future activities /Expected Results: (20 lines maximum; work phases and milestones)
11. Beneficiaries of WCoE: (5 lines maximum; who directly benefits from the work?)
12. References: 10 lines maximum, i.e. relevant publications, international/regional/national recognition supporting items 9-10.
13. If your organization is an ongoing WCoE 2014-2017, please attach the articles reporting activities of WCoE, IPL project and ICL network published/contributed to either in *Landslides: Journal of International Consortium on Landslides* or/and the Fourth World Landslide Forum 2017.