

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE PAYSON CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF TULANE UNIVERSITY,
BASED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(PAYSON)**

AND

**LA DIRECCION GENERAL
PARA LA PREVENCION Y ATENCION
DE DESASTRES DEL MINISTERIO DEL INTERIOR
DE LA REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
(DGPAD)**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO on to the date of its signing by and between the PAYSON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF TULANE UNIVERSITY BASED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (hereinafter **Payson Center**) represented by its Executive Director William E. Bertrand, and LA DIRECCION GENERAL PARA LA PREVENCION Y ATENCION DE DESASTRES DEL MINISTERIO DEL INTERIOR DE LA REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA (hereinafter **DGPAD**) represented by its General Director Eduardo José Gonzalez Angulo to strengthen and further develop interinstitutional collaboration in the area of information technologies and other initiatives related to human sustainable development.

PURPOSE

This MOU delineates the areas in which **Payson Center** and **DGPAD** will collaborate and the terms and conditions by which they will operate.

SCOPE

The **Payson Center** and the **DGPAD** are uniquely qualified to collaborate in the areas described below.

The Payson Center and DGPAD have demonstrated internationally recognized expertise to develop effective interinstitutional collaboration in the aforementioned areas. Cooperation between the Payson Center and DGPAD can further the extent and impact information technologies for human sustainable development. To this end, the Payson Center and DGPAD enter into this MOU.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Through formal agreements, the Payson Center and DGPAD will collaborate in supporting on-going projects and/or initiatives in the following areas for inter-institutional cooperation include, but are not limited to:

- Collaboration in the areas of prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and management of disasters as sustainable human development strategies, as well as risk management and impact assessment. This collaboration will be formalized by the signing of specific MOUs and agreements.
- Establishment of courses, seminars, workshops and training in the following areas: disasters, technology transfer, sustainable development, risk management and impact assessment. This includes development of graduate programs such as Masters and PhD programs.
- Receive and offer consultancy services in the specified areas under specific agreements.
- Design and develop joint projects of shared interest in the specified areas and others that may be determined.
- Search for funding support for the MOUs activities.
- Exchange of experiences in the use of information and communication technologies in the areas mentioned.

WORK PLAN/PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

It is further understood that this MOU is made subject to the Terms and Conditions mentioned above and will be in compliance with all statutory requirements for each party and their policies.

TERM

This MOU, which is effective upon date of signing by representatives of **Payson Center** and **DGPAD**. This agreement can be terminated by either party with a written notice. It is understood that termination of this MOU will not jeopardize projects which are on-going at the time of termination.

Administration of any on-going projects will follow the terms and conditions set forth within each project agreement.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

Review/Approved:

PAYSON Center:

Dr. William E. Bertrand
Executive Director
Payson Center for
International Development
and Technology Transfer
Tulane University

DGPAD :

Dr. Eduardo José González Angulo
Director General
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