

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE PAYSON CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF TULANE UNIVERSITY
(PAYSON CENTER)**

AND

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE
AND TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE
(UTB/TSC)**

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, Dr. William E. Bertrand, and the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE (hereinafter **UTB/TSC**) represented by its Provost and VPAA, Dr. Jose Martín to strengthen and further develop interinstitutional collaboration in the area of disaster preparedness, response, relief and impact evaluation, as well as graduate programs such as Master’s and Ph. D. programs locally and overseas.

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

The **Payson Center** and the **UTB/TSC** have demonstrated internationally recognized expertise to develop effective interinstitutional collaboration and are uniquely qualified to collaborate in the aforementioned areas. To this end, the **Payson Center** and **UTB/TSC** enter into this MOU. This MOU replaces and revokes any and all previous agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, and may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

- Establishment of courses, seminars, workshops and training in the following areas: disasters, technology transfer, sustainable development, risk management and impact assessment. This includes developing of graduate programs such as Master's and Ph. D. programs locally and overseas.
- Project 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 agreements.
- Design and development of joint projects to strengthen regional groups in the Americas such as CDERA, CEPREDENAC, and CAPRADE.
- Receive and offer consultancy services in the specified areas under specific agreements both locally and overseas.
- That the Payson Center and UTB/TSC shall collaborate on submitting grant proposals and other scholarly initiatives from time to time and search for funding support for the MOU's activities.
- Exchange of experiences in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)-based tools for all phases of disaster management, including the use of Technology Assisted Learning Modules (TALM) for the development of just-in-time training modules. These technologies will also be used with a special emphasis on transparent management tools for following and measuring the impact of disaster projects.

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.

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

TERM

This MOU is effective upon date of signing by representatives of **Payson Center** and **UTB/TSC**. 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.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

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

PAYSON Center:

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

UTB/TSC:

Dr. José G. Martín
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University of Texas at Brownsville and
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Witness:

Dr. Farhat Iftekharuddin, UTB/TSC

Dr. María F. Trujillo, Payson Center

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