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## Opening Ceremony of UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo- Hazard Analysis



**Time: 2022/ Feb/23,  
13h 00 at Tehran time**

Location: Persian Gulf Ship deck,  
Bahman Pier, Qeshm Island,  
Hormozgan province, Iran

زمان: ۴ اسفند سال ۱۴۰۰، ساعت ۱۳

محل برگزاری: استان هرمزگان، جزیره قشم،  
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## **OPENING CEREMONY**

### **UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis**

It is a great pleasure to announce the official launch of Iran's first UNESCO Chair in the field of Geosciences, titled "**Coastal Geo-Hazards Analysis**" (CGHA), which is hosted by Research Institute for Earth Sciences (RIES) affiliated to Geological Survey of Iran (GSI). An honor awarded to the RIES after almost 3 years of scientific and executive evaluation process at UNESCO, relying on international support and valuable letters of recommendation from scientists around the world. A position, that its realization of lofty ideals undoubtedly requires national will and effort, as well as strong and relentless international cooperation.

Therefore, I am proud to inform everyone that the official opening ceremony of the UNESCO Chair in Coastal Geo-Hazards Analysis will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 on the deck of the Persian Gulf research Wessel physically as well as under the form of a videoconference with the presence of all members of the Scientific Council at 13h00 (Tehran time).

It is very clear that the opportunity to attend the webinar (<https://www.skyroom.online/ch/inioas/cgha>) of all science and knowledge enthusiasts around the world will be very promising and valuable for us at the UNESCO Chair on the CGHA. Presence of everybody is welcome and doesn't need any registration, just click as guests.

(In any technical unexpected problem during communication, we will be switch to SKYPE: <https://join.skype.com/zbEE0e42AS4E>).

This scientific/cultural event could be mentioned as an opportunity for scientific connections and exchanges, opening a window of hope in the formation of an international network of Research centers and fifth-generation Universities.

Undoubtedly, a correct understanding of this valuable event for obtaining the UNESCO World Chair, given the international and structural capacities of the Chairs and the UNITWIN university network in the reconstruction, development, modernization and upgrading day. it can be a turning point in scientific direction by instilling the spirit of hope in the body of the geological community.

The UNITWIN program is the most important tool for capacity building in higher education and research institutions, and UNESCO achieves this capacity building through the exchange and sharing of knowledge across the world under the shadow of international solidarity and unity.

Thus, UNESCO's strategy for the development of scientific institutes is to promote South-North, South-South and trilateral and multilateral cooperation. Academic/research institutions work in

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partnership with NGOs, foundations and private and public sector organizations play an important role in promoting higher education.

The UNESCO Chair on CGHA in Iran, under the cover of international support with knowledge exchange and sharing, can be a capacity building tool in developing an education and research network on geohazards, especially in coastal areas of one of the world's most seismic regions.

It is very fortunate that this chair has from the beginning the structure and support of the internationally renowned scientific community in a range of Australia, Japan, China, Russia, Armenia, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, France and the United Kingdom as well as Iran.

Therefore, in line with UNESCO's strategy, the main objective of this Chair will be more beneficial and effective in developing a scientific network, promoting international cooperation between countries and parties.

Fortunately, to achieve this objective, despite the short time of activity of the Chair since its official announcement on December 3th, 2021, the UNESCO Chair has developed a roadmap and led constructive exchanges, concluded MOU or updated with research and academic centers, scientific associations and the private sector and knowledge-based enterprises and official media have a significant performance which, coupled with the growing network of education-research cooperation within and around from outside Iran's geopolitical borders, promises the possibility of forming agile structures.

The global educational dynamics and research, within the framework of national laws and governance in accordance with the needs and standards of the UNESCO in the 21st century, a century with rapid and fundamental changes in the framework of human attitudes towards knowledge and technology, thought and intellectuality in the concept of “literacy”.

**So, it's not unreasonable to say that now we should believe in change, instead of just thinking about changing!**

Hamid Nazari

Chair holder



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<b>روز اول سه شنبه 3 اسفند 1400 (22 فوریه 2022)</b>	
<b>First day: Tuesday Feb. 22th 2022</b>	
شرح برنامه Plan of the trip	ساعت Time
پرواز از تهران به سمت قشم - هواپیمایی آتا ترمینال ۲ Flight Tehran to Qeshm- ATA airline, Terminal 2, Mehrabad airport	11:00
تور گروهی، نهار در اقامتگاه بوم گردی روستای سهیلی Group tour, lunch at Soheili village eco-tourism residence	13:00
بازدید از پارک موزه شناورهای چوبی سنتی و دریانوردی گوران Visit the park of Goran Museum of Traditional Wooden Boats & Maritime	14:30
بازدید از ژئوسایت تنگه چاهکوه Visit Chahkooh Strait geosite	15:00
گشت دریایی در جنگل حرای سهیلی و بازدید از موزه تماشاگه حرا ژئوپارک Sea tour in Soheili Hara forest & visit Geopark Hara Museum	16:30
حرکت به قشم، ورود به هتل و مهمانسراها Return to hotel & guest houses, check in	17:30
پایان برنامه روز اول - امکان استفاده از مراکز خرید برای مهمانان End of the plan in first day, Rest & shopping	
<b>روز دوم چهارشنبه ۴ اسفند ۱۴۰۰ (۲۳ فوریه ۲۰۲۲)</b>	
<b>Second day: Wednesday Feb. 23th 2022</b>	
Breakfast	صبحانه 7:45-8:30
حرکت از هتل به سمت موزه ژئوپارک جهانی قشم Qeshm Geopark museum visiting	8:30
ژئوسایت دره ستاره ها Star Valley Geosite	09:15
حرکت به سمت اسکله بهمن قشم Move to Qeshm, Bahman pier	11:00
حضور مهمانان بر روی کشتی کاوشگر خلیج فارس The presence of guests on the deck of the Persian Gulf research Wessel	12:15

The official start of the opening program	آغاز رسمی برنامه افتتاحیه	12:50
برقراری ارتباط آنلاین با مهمانان و شورای راهبری علمی کرسی یونسکو ( استرالیا، ژاپن، چین، روسیه، ایران، ترکیه، آلمان، ایتالیا، فرانسه، انگلیس)	Online connection with the guests and scientific council (Australia, Japan, China, Russia, Iran, Turkey, Germany, Italia, France and UK)	13:00
نهار بر عرشه و گشت کوتاه دریایی در تنگه هرمز	Lunch on the deck and short cruise in Hormoz strict	14:30- 17:00
ترک هتل و اعزام به فرودگاه - برگشت به تهران	leaving hotel and guest houses, check out, departure flight to Tehran at 19:45	18:15
پایان برنامه End of programme		

## Opening Ceremony 23 Feb. 2022

Time	Name	Title	Subject	Duration
12:30-13:00	Checking and test of communication			
12:45-14:00	<b>International Session</b>			75'
12:45-13:00	Movie, Qeshm GeoPark Creator: A. Amri kazemi			15'
13:00	Jafar Omrani	GSI Deputy	Welcome	3'
13:03	Morteza Tavakoli	RCOWA Director	Welcome	3'
13:06	Hamid Nazari	Chair holder	Welcome & UNESCO Chair Introducing	09'
13:15	Justin Ahanhanzo	IOC Regional Liaison Officer	Statement on IOC activity	5'
13:20	Hojatollah Ayoubi	Secretary General of the Iranian National Commission for UNESCO	Report on Commission activity	5'
13:25	Mehrasa Mehrdadi behalf Golda El-Khoury -	Director of UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office	Report on Cluster Office	5'
13:30-14:00	Scientific Board (3'/person)			30'

14:00-16:20	<b>Persian Session</b>			140'
14:00	Mahdi Doosti	Governor of Hormozgan Province	Welcome	5'
14:07	Afshar Fathollahi	Director of Qeshm free zone	Welcome	4'
14:11	Alireza Amrikazemi	Director, Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark	Introduce to Qeshm Geopark	4'
14:15	Razyeh Lak	Director of RIES	Coastal Geo-Hazard of Hormozgan	4'
14:20-16:20	<b>Lunch &amp; short cruise</b>			





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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to send to you an electronic copy of the Agreement between UNESCO and The Research Institute for Earth Sciences Geological Survey of Iran, signed by our Director-General, to formally establish the UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo-Hazard Analysis, at The Research Institute for Earth Sciences Geological Survey of Iran.

I would be grateful if you could co-sign the Agreement and return it by e-mail to [unitwin@unesco.org](mailto:unitwin@unesco.org) by **15 December 2021**.

In order to illustrate the partnership established between your University and UNESCO within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, your institution hereby now has approval to use the attached new generic logo for the use of this Chair in all its activities and communication materials, within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme.

Please note that the period of use of the UNESCO Chair logo is limited to the period of the Agreement and to any possible extension thereafter.

I am also pleased to inform you that UNESCO has approved the appointment Professor Hamid Nazari as the Chairholder of this UNESCO Chair.

This UNESCO Chair is established for a period of four years. The first progress report is due two years after the signature of the Agreement by both parties, followed by a final report at the end of the four-year term. Reports should follow the UNESCO template available at <https://en.unesco.org/unitwin-unesco-chairs-programme>.

Finally, I invite you and the Chair team to contact, Richard Bailey, Head of Secretariat, IOC-UNESCO Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System ([r.bailey@unesco.org](mailto:r.bailey@unesco.org)), who has been identified as this Chair's focal point, to explore possible cooperation between the Chair and UNESCO.

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For all other issues, please contact the UNITWIN team at [unitwin@unesco.org](mailto:unitwin@unesco.org).

I wish this Chair full success in achieving its objectives.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sobhi Tawil', with a horizontal line underneath.

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