

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

**RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR EARTH SCIENCES, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF IRAN**

AND

UNESCO CHAIR ON COSTAL GEO- HAZARD ANALYSIS

AND

QESHM ISLAND UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

AND

NATIONAL IRANIAN GEOPARKS NETWORK

AND

**UFA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Research Institute for Earth Sciences, Geological Survey of Iran (hereinafter referred to as RIES), UNESCO Chair on Coastal Geo- Hazard Analysis (hereinafter referred to as UCCGHA), Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark (hereinafter referred to as QIUGGp), National Iranian Geoparks Network (hereinafter referred to as NIGN) and the UFA University of Science and Technology, Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as UUST)

RIES, UCCGHA, QIUGGp, NIGN and UUST (hereinafter referred to as Parties), for mutually beneficial and meaningful academic research, development, and cooperation in Sustainable development of natural territories, Geosciences and Mineral resources, Climate change, Sustainable tourism (from now on referred to as Academic Cooperation), have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1: Areas of Academic Cooperation

Specific areas of Academic Cooperation may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

1. Geosciences research and development on natural resources, hazards, and environmental protection;

2. Effective management of natural resources (land, water, minerals, geo-heritage, geoparks and...);
3. Responding to climate change, including adapting to and reducing greenhouse gas and methane emissions in the extraction and use of natural resources;
4. Geographic information system, geospatial analysis, and investigation;
5. Paleontology and stratigraphy, sample analysis;
6. Preservation of cultural heritage;
7. Education and training in the field of geosciences and mineral resources;
8. Other areas of cooperation that may be of interest the Parties, if the all Parties agree.

Paragraph 2: Forms of Academic Cooperation

The Academic Cooperation may be conducted in the following forms:

1. Exchange of professors, scientists, technical staff;
2. Joint research activities;
3. Joint projects of training;
4. Joint on the organization of conferences, seminars, symposiums;
5. Search for fellowships to support the exchange of scientists and students of the Parties;
6. Exchange of publications and training materials;
7. Other cooperative research consistent with the Parties' programs in the areas of academic cooperation enumerated in the Paragraph 1 of this MOU.

Paragraph 3: Procedure for Individual Project

The activities to be carry out by each Party will be based upon individual project or program agreements as Annex Agreements between the Parties. The specific Annex Agreement implemented under this MOU, including, if necessary, details of financial arrangements, the allocation and protection of intellectual property rights, and general terms and conditions, will be concluded in writing and implemented between the Parties before the commencement of the project or program. These Annex Agreements will include the specific work plans involving staffing requirements, cost estimates, funding sources, and other undertakings, obligations, or conditions that are not included in this MOU. If any inconsistency between this MOU and Annex Agreements hereto, the provisions of this MOU will prevail.

Paragraph 4: Rights of Information, Data, and Innovations

All scientific, technical, and development information and data used or derived from work performed under this MOU or any Agreement hereto will be freely exchanged between the Parties, except for such information and data that the Parties identify as requiring protection under national laws and regulations of the Parties. Either Party by agreement with the other Party, subject to its national law, publish the information and data exchanged. Each Party is to respect and acknowledge the other Party's copyright for information and data.

Paragraph 5: Review of Activities

Except for specific projects or programs excluded by mutual agreement, each Party reserves the right to review activities carried out under this MOU or any Project Agreement to the MOU. Each Party will inform the other of the outcome of any review of the activities.

Paragraph 6: Coordinators for this MOU

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Paragraph 7: Settlement of Disputes

1. Nothing in this MOU will be construed or applied contrary to the international obligations and national laws of the Parties.
2. Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled amicably, through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between Parties.

Article 8: Coming into Force, Amendment and Termination

This MOU will come into effect upon signature, remain in effect for five (5) years from the day of its signature, and automatically will be renewed for further five (5) year periods, unless the Parties decide otherwise.

This MOU may be amended by written agreement of the Parties and will be in effect by signature by the Parties. This MOU will be terminated at any time by either Party upon six (6) months' advance notice to the other Party. The termination of this MOU will not affect the completion of specific activities initiated and uncompleted.

This MOU was signed at ... on... corresponding to in five originals in Persian and English languages, all texts being equally valid.

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