

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This memorandum of understanding is signed between the

**Committee on Data for Science and Technology,**  
5 rue Auguste Vacquerie,  
Paris 75016, France

and

**Integrated Research on Disaster Risk International Programme Office,**  
B713, No. 9 Dengzhuang South Road,  
Haidian District, Beijing 100094, China

The Committee on Data for Science and Technology (“CODATA”), represented for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding (“the MoU”) by President of CODATA, duly entitled to sign,

and

the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk International Programme Office (“IRDR”), represented for the purpose of signing this Memorandum of Understanding by Chair of IRDR Scientific Committee , duly entitled to sign,

Hereinafter referred to individually by their respective abbreviations or collectively as “the Parties”,

**WHEREAS:**

- CODATA is an interdisciplinary scientific committee of the International Council for Science (ICSU) focused on improving the quality, reliability, management, and accessibility of data of importance to all fields of science and technology.
- IRDR is a decade-long, internationally integrated, interdisciplinary, cross-hazards research programme co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and the U.N. International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR).
- CODATA currently addresses issues and challenges related to natural and man-made disasters through its: Task Groups (e.g., the CODATA Task Group on

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Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in Developing Countries, and the Task Group on Data Sources for Sustainable Development in SADC Countries); Working Groups (e.g., on Documentation, Archiving and Open Access to Disaster Information); National, Union and Co-opted members; international conferences and workshops; publications including its open access journal (*CODATA Data Science Journal*); participation in international initiatives (e.g., the Group on Earth Observations); and other activities led by its Executive Committee and Secretariat.

- The IRDR Working Group on Disaster Loss Data as well as other IRDR Working Groups and initiatives share many of these data related goals and concerns and it endeavors to address these issues not only through its working groups but through the scientific community and international meetings.
- Given their overlapping areas of interest, CODATA and IRDR wish to form a collaborative partnership through this MoU.

**THE PARTIES HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The Parties agree to implement the agreements defined in the MoU on mutually acceptable terms, the details of which are to be jointly developed by the Parties within the guidelines of applicable policies, rules, and regulations.
2. In areas where their objectives overlap, the Parties may seek cooperation, if appropriate and relevant in the form of:
  - a. Joint research and data projects;
  - b. Formal or *ex officio* membership within their respective organizational structures and governing boards;
  - c. Memberships in the Parties' relevant task and working groups and *ad hoc* committees;
  - d. Information and visitor exchanges and web site linkages;
  - e. Development of recommended protocols or standards related to disaster data;
  - f. Planning of and participation in meetings and events;
  - g. Collaboration on special journal issues, editorials, reports, and other publications; and

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h. Submission of funding proposals.

3. The Parties retain the right to, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend, delete, review, or revise any term(s) or condition(s) in this agreement. The MoU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its signature and seal, and may be mutually terminated by either side by giving six (6) months' notice to that effect in writing.

Signed in three originals in the English language at [specific location of signing] on [date].

Authorized signatory on behalf of CODATA:

Signature:

Date:

Authorized signatory on behalf of IRDR:

Signature:

Date: