



The International Programme on Landslides (IPL)
Global Promotion Committee

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Call for Application for the World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction

The 2006 Tokyo Action Plan proposed the creation of World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction as follows: “The Global Promotion Committee (GPC) of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) will identify and promote World Centres of Excellence (WCoEs) at the World Landslide Forum organized every 3 years within eligible organizations, such as universities, institutes, NGOs, government ministries and local governments, contributing to “Risk Reduction for Landslides and Related Earth System Disasters”. An independent Panel of Experts, set up by the Global Promotion Committee of International Programme on Landslides (IPL-GPC), will endorse the WCoEs. 12 World Centres of Excellence (WCoEs) on Landslide Risk Reduction for 2008-2011 were identified at the First World Landslide Forum held in November 2008 at UNU in Tokyo, Japan. The WCoEs for 2011-2014 will be indentified at the Second World Landslide Forum in October 2011 at FAO, Rome, Italy.

Objectives of WCoE:

To strengthen the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) and IPL Global Promotion Committee;
To create “A Global Network of entities contributing to landslide risk reduction”; and
To improve the global recognition of “Landslide Risk Reduction” and its social-economic relevance,
and entities contributing to this field.

Criteria for WCoE Candidates:

Governmental and non-governmental entities such as universities, agencies, and other institutions, and their subsidiary entities (faculties, departments, centres, divisions or others) which meet the following two conditions:

- Contributing to “Risk Reduction for Landslides and Related Earth System Disasters”; and
- Willing to support IPL intellectually, practically and financially by either joining ICL or contributing to IPL-GPC and promote "landslide research and risk reduction" on a regional and/or global scale in a mutually beneficial manner.

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Guidelines for WCoE:

- 1) Candidates of WCoEs must submit the application form to the Secretariat of the IPL Global Promotion Committee .
- 2) Candidates will be evaluated from their achievements and current activities (scientific, technical and educational capacity, training courses, publications, dissemination of knowledge and information) and planned activities contributing to IPL.
- 3) WCoEs will be identified at every World Landslide Forum (held every 3 years). The status as a WCoE will be given for 3 years until the next Forum.
- 4) Each WCoE must submit an annual activity report each year.
- 5) The status as a WCoE may be extended for another 3 years in the same topics or in a revised topics by the IPL Global Promotion Committee based on the activities carried out as a WCoE.

Application

Those who are willing to contribute to IPL as WCoE are invited to fill the attached application form and to submit it before 30 January 2011 to the Secretariat of the IPL Global Promotion Committee as below.

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On behalf of the many international organizations of the IPL Global Promotion Committee we look forward to hearing from you.



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Attached: Application Form

Application Form for World Centre of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction

1. Name of Organization
2. Name of Leader
Affiliation: position
Contact: postal address, fax, phone, email
Core members of the activities
Names/Affiliations: (4 individuals maximum)
3. Date of Submission of Application
4. Activity scale and targeted region.
1) Global, 2) Intercontinental, 3) Continental, 4) Regional, 5) National
5. Short Title (10 words maximum) characterizing past and planned activities, such as – Scientific research for landslide risk analysis, -Development of advanced technology, -International education for mitigation and preparedness, -Disaster risk assessment of landslides threatening heritage sites, -Building human capacities and expertise in landslide disaster risk management, -Developing model policy frameworks, standards, and guidelines-, -Global or regional hazard mapping, vulnerability and risk assessment, - Integrated disaster risk management, and others.
6. Objectives for the initial 3 years: (5 lines maximum; what you expect to accomplish?)
7. Background Justification: (10 lines maximum)
8. Resources available for WCoE activities
Personnel, Facilities, Budgets, and Affiliation and Contribution to ICL/IPL-GPC.
9. Description of past activities related to risk reduction of landslides and other related earth system disasters (30 lines maximum)
10. Planned future activities /Expected Results: (20 lines maximum; work phases and milestones)
11. Beneficiaries of WCoE: (5 lines maximum; who directly benefits from the work?)
12. References: 10 lines maximum, i.e. relevant publications, international/regional/national recognition supporting items 9-10.