

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR
GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH
AND
KOREA ENVIRONMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (hereinafter referred to as "IAI"), having its headquarters at Av. Italia 6201, Ed. Los Tilos, Office 103, Montevideo, Uruguay is an intergovernmental treaty organization in the Americas, established in 1994 to develop the capacity of understanding the integrated impact of past, present and future global change on regional and continental environments in the Americas and to promote collaborative, well informed actions at all levels. The IAI pursues the principles of scientific excellence, international cooperation and full and open exchange of scientific information relevant to global environmental change, so that scientists and decision makers throughout the Americas might jointly address the critical issues associated with global change;

WHEREAS Korea Environment Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "K-eco"), whose headquarters are located in Incheon, Republic of Korea, as represented by CEO, Mr. Jang, Joon Yeong, is an affiliated organization under Korea's Ministry of Environment that contributes to eco-friendly national development through the improvement of environment. K-eco is acting as a global environmental service provider and trying to make a healthy and clean environment at home and abroad in all environmental areas. K-eco's main goals are to response to air pollution and climate change, create healthy water environment, build a sustainable resource circulation society, create safe living environment, and implement capacity development;

WHEREAS the IAI and K-eco share common objectives with regard to the pursuit of international cooperation, and the full and open exchange of scientific information relevant to global change;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE IAI AND KOREA ENVIRONMENT CORPORATION (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "Parties") HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE UNDER THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to promote cooperation between the IAI and K-eco, building on the complementarity between relevant parts of IAI's mandate, which are to produce knowledge and data regarding global change and to build capacity on these issues, and to establish a program of training for interns from the Republic of Korea focusing on their specialized areas of knowledge and where contributions can be made to the work of the IAI through practical work assignments.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

1. Areas of Cooperation are agreed jointly through the cooperation mechanism in the MOU. Policies and priorities under this MOU may also be jointly reviewed on an annual basis by the Parties to allow the Parties to respond to newly emerging issues in the realm of global change research and cooperation.
2. The Parties have agreed to the following preliminary and overarching areas of cooperation for this MOU, which form part of the work programme of K-eco, and are also priorities or ongoing activities of IAI, in accordance with its mandate. All could be strengthened through the cooperation of the Parties. The Parties have agreed to the following:
3. Cooperation activities under this MOU may include:
 - a. Internship Opportunities: the IAI will provide internship opportunities to students or early career researchers who have completed the training program with the International Environment Expert Training Program (IEETP) organized by K-eco.
 - b. Outreach: K-eco and the IAI will disseminate information on this program to relevant decision makers from IAI Parties and from the Republic of Korea.
 - c. Continued discussion on enhancement of cooperation: K-eco and the IAI will continue discussions on cooperation and possible joint projects, as appropriate, on scientific issues related to sustainable development.
4. The above list is not exhaustive and should not be taken to exclude or replace other forms of cooperation between the Parties on other issues of common interest.

Article 3

Responsibilities

1. The aim of the present MOU to establish an internship program for students or early career researchers from the Republic of Korea in the IAI located in Montevideo, Uruguay.
2. K-eco shall recommend students/recent graduates for the internship program. The recommended candidates shall provide IAI with requisite documentation for its consideration

to assist in the selection of candidates. The final selection of candidates for the internship program shall be made by the IAI in accordance with IAI rules and regulations.

3. The period of the internship can be from a minimum 3 months extended up to a maximum of 6 months.

4. Prior to the beginning of the internship, K-eco shall ensure that the interns provide the IAI with necessary documentation such as curriculum vitae, certificate of good health from a qualified medical practitioner and a valid visa to enter Uruguay.

5. The intern shall perform the functions specified in the Terms of Reference established for the internship on a full-time basis, in accordance with the IAI's rules and regulations.

Article 4

Obligations of the Parties

1. The IAI and K-eco shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure satisfactory implementation of this MOU.

2. K-eco will provide the interns with medical insurance during the entire period of their internship under the present MOU.

3. The IAI will provide travel support to interns to participate in the IAI Conference of the Parties, if possible, and to other relevant meetings, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

4. The IAI reserves the right to apply its internships policies to the interns sponsored by the K-eco. The IAI shall seek to provide on-the-job training to the interns in accordance with their terms of reference and their academic backgrounds and qualifications.

5. The IAI shall provide necessary documentation to facilitate the issuance of visas to Uruguay. Interns shall be responsible for their visa application and any other formality required by the laws and regulations or visa requirements of Uruguay.

6. The IAI shall issue a certificate of participation to interns who have successfully completed their internship assignment.

Article 5

Financial Responsibilities

1. Interns are not financially remunerated by the IAI. Costs and arrangements for travel, visas, accommodation, vaccines and living expenses are the responsibility of interns of K-eco. K-eco shall provide a stipend to the interns for the period of internship.

2. The interns shall be covered under the IAI non-staff insurance plan for accident, illness or death directly attributable to the performance of official duties during travel and in locations away from Montevideo, Uruguay, less any amount receivable from their own medical insurance. The total premium for this will be paid by the IAI.

Article 6

Confidentiality

1. The handling of information shall be subject to each Party's corporate confidentiality policies.
2. Before disclosing internal documents, or documents that by virtue of their content or the circumstances of their creation or communication must be deemed confidential, of the other Party to third parties, each Party shall obtain the express, written consent of the other Party. However, a Party's disclosure of another Party's internal and/or confidential documents to an entity the disclosing Party controls or with which it is under common control, or to an entity with which it has a confidentiality agreement, shall not be considered a disclosure to a third party, and shall not require prior authorization.

Article 7

Responsibility

Each Party will be responsible for dealing with any claims or demands arising out of its actions or omissions, and those of its respective personnel, in relation to this MOU.

Article 8

Dispute Settlement, Conciliation and Arbitration

1. Any dispute between the Parties relating to the interpretation and the execution of the MOU, or any document arrangement relating thereto, shall be settled by amicable negotiation between the Parties.
2. Nothing in the MOU or in any document or arrangement relating thereto, shall be construed as constituting a waiver of privileges or immunities of the Parties, nor as conferring any privileges or immunities of each Party to the other Party.

Article 9

Notification and Amendments

1. Each Party shall promptly notify the other in writing of any anticipated or actual material changes that will affect the execution of this MOU.
2. The Parties may amend this MOU by mutual written agreement, which shall be appended to this MOU and become an integral part of it.

Article 10

Termination

1. The MOU shall enter into force on the date of its last signature and be valid for a period of three years and can be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Parties. It shall subsequently be renewed tacitly for successive periods of three years, unless either Party gives a written notice to the other Party of its intention not to renew this MOU at least three months prior to the date of expiration.
2. Upon termination of this MOU, the rights and obligations of the Parties defined under any other legal instrument executed pursuant to this MOU shall cease to be effective, except as otherwise provided in this MOU.
3. Any termination of the MOU shall be without prejudice to (a) the orderly completion of any ongoing collaborative activity and (b) any other rights and obligations of the Parties accrued prior to the date of termination under this MOU or legal instrument executed pursuant to this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

For the IAI

For Korea Environment Corporation

[signed]

[signed]

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Management & Planning Division

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