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Preface

The UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs are committed to the implementation of UNESCO's mandate and medium term strategies through capacity-building, information exchange in their disciplines, results of theoretical and experimental research and advanced training. They are also effectively contributing to south-south, north-south and triangular cooperation among developing countries.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs have the capacity to provide concrete contribution towards not only the realization of Natural Sciences' objectives and priorities stated in the UNESCO's Medium Term Strategy but also the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) within the Post-2015 Development Agenda Framework.

Given the competencies, scope of expertise and the training opportunities they offer, the Category 2 Centres and Chairs' contribution on expanding and strengthening the UNESCO's global and regional outreach, as well as on providing a collective impact, is highly valuable. Their dissemination is also an added value to strengthen North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

This document is aimed at facilitating cooperation among UNESCO and Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs in the Asia-Pacific region and to enhance their network capability, to provide enabling knowledge base for delivering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

We are thus delighted to present this document that summarizes the common strategies for UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs under the Natural Sciences Sector in Asia and the Pacific region.

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Post-2015 Development Agenda and UNESCO Natural Sciences Category 2 Centers and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific

Background

The current year 2015 is a globally critical year for the transition from Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda through a new framework for global sustainability efforts. With the mandate to promote international cooperation in education, sciences, culture, communication and information, UNESCO's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda is essential. UNESCO is mobilizing all its strengths to build the sustainable, inclusive, and knowledge societies needed for the century ahead.

The Sustainable Development Goals "Outcome Document"¹ includes 17 goals and 169 targets, in which networking and global partnership appears as a critical implementation approach for the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Category 2 International and Regional Institutes and Centres as Category 2 under the auspices of UNESCO are associated with UNESCO through individual formal arrangements approved by the UNESCO governing body - the General Conference. These Centres conduct capacity-building, knowledge sharing and research to contribute to the execution of UNESCO's strategic programme objectives, and to increase the participation of national and regional institutions in UNESCO's work.

At its 37th session in November 2013, UNESCO's General Conference updated the integrated comprehensive strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres, as approved in 37 C/Resolution 93. Information of the integrated comprehensive strategy, the guidelines concerning the creation of new and renewals of existing institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (category 2) as well as a model agreement between UNESCO and a Member State concerned, is contained in document 37 C/18 Part I.

In accordance to this global strategy, all UNESCO programme sectors will continue to further implement regularly their own specific sector strategies for the engagement and interaction with other relevant Category 2 Centres and Institutes on specific themes.

The sector strategies shall identify areas for joint programme implementation and areas where greater synergies could be promoted, both at the national and regional levels, so as to increase UNESCO's contribution to common United Nations country programming exercises as well as to linkages and interaction with field offices, National Commissions, Category 1 Centres and UNESCO's manifold programme networks, including UNESCO Clubs and Centres, ASPnet, UNESCO Chairs and national committees or intergovernmental programmes.

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsproposal>

Within this context, the Natural Sciences Sector published a draft strategy for UNESCO's Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Institutes in 2012, seeking to take proactive steps to:

- Provide a strategic vision of how the centres will function in the long term in a synergetic manner to contribute to UNESCO's mission by using science to build peace, to eradicate poverty and to promote sustainable development.
- Determine how category 2 centres as a network will contribute to the implementation of UNESCO's activities and objectives in the Natural Sciences Sector.

In Asia and the Pacific region, a number of Category 2 Centres and Chairs have been established in the field of Natural Sciences. These Centres and Chairs serve in their areas of specialization as international or regional poles of expertise to provide services and technical assistance to Member States, cooperation partners and also internally to the network of UNESCO field offices. They are expected to contribute directly to attain the strategic objectives and programmatic priorities of UNESCO in Natural Sciences, as they expand the capacities and effectiveness of UNESCO to carry out activities, promote its outreach, impact and visibility at all levels, broaden its support base and mobilize resources, and create synergies among all these communities.

Based on the Natural Sciences draft strategy for Category 2 Centres², the present document includes a mapping of the Natural Sciences related Chairs and focuses on the Asia-Pacific region. It aims to provide a common framework for strengthening South-South cooperation among Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs, stating the vision and mission of a strong network in the region, which will link with other regions and support the implementation of the UNESCO's strategic programme objectives and the Post-2015 Development Agenda in the upcoming years.

Networking

1. While recognizing diversity, equity and ownership of each Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chair, the Centres and Chairs will work together to contribute to the strategic programme objectives of UNESCO and its Natural Sciences activities in Asia and the Pacific region, through maximizing the level of cooperation and synergy among them.
2. The Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific are encouraged to address their thematic and geographic priorities within their capabilities, and complement each other in finding viable solutions to regional natural sciences challenges.
3. The contribution of the Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs in a coherent and complementary manner will enable UNESCO's activities in natural sciences to have greater impact and higher visibility both regionally and globally.
4. The following modes of collaboration and networking among UNESCO's Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific are foreseen, in order to ensure these centres function as a network within UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector:

² Draft Strategy for Unesco's Natural Sciences related Category 2 Institutes and Centres (August 2012)
http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/BSF/images/DRAFT_STRATEGY_FOR_UNESCO_S_SC_Cat_2_Centres.pdf

- a. Encourage appointment of chairperson or directors of the Category 2 Centres on the governing board of other centres that share common interests;
 - b. Share work plans with all Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs, in accordance with the UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector work plans;
 - c. Coordinate closely with other Centres working on the same or on complementary issues/topics;
 - d. Exchange information on activities such as training/educational materials, and funding opportunities;
 - e. Exchange staff, most notably professionals and students;
 - f. Initiate joint activities, such as workshops, conferences, training programmes, joint projects, field visits, software and data sharing, as well as common publications;
 - g. Hold regular meetings to plan, evaluate and review collaboration.
 - h. Promote networking and collaborations with other regions such as Africa.
5. The Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific, both separately and collectively as a network, are recommended to work in collaboration with other members of UNESCO's natural sciences family to address regional science problems. This collaboration would be strengthened through the following:
- a. Design of a consultative structure according to the the communication strategy of each centre, which would encourage networking among all Centres and Chairs;
 - b. Identification of a contact person in each centre and chair as a focal point;
 - c. Appointment of representative(s) of UNESCO's intergovernmental and international bodies such as IHP, IGBP, IOC and MAB –e.g. a member of the National Committee of the host country– as member(s) of the governing board or advisory committee of each centre;
 - d. Appointment of chairperson or director(s) of Centre(s) as member(s) of the scientific board of UNESCO Field Office(s) (where it exists), and/or member(s) of the Intergovernmental National Committee of the host country, and/or other institute(s) of UNESCO's Natural Sciences related Centres in the region;
 - e. Active participation of Centres and Chairs in the activities of the UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector in the region;
 - f. Engagement with relevant technical and scientific non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;
 - g. Link with other relevant UN agencies and funding institutions at the country and regional levels.
 - h. Link with other UNESCO Natural Sciences Category 2 Centers and Chairs in other regions or their regional networks.
6. Other initiatives to strengthen the networking and collaborative activities, such as those included in the sections on “Resourcing and future cooperation” and “Common corporate image of UNESCO's Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific”, are also encouraged.

Resourcing and Future Cooperation

1. Fulfill the mandate of the UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector and contributing to UNESCO's Strategic Programme Objectives require great agility in terms of partnering and fundraising. These cooperative activities strengthen not only Category 2 Centres and Chairs, individually, but also their network as a whole. UNESCO will, to the best of its capacity, facilitate the Centres and Chairs' access to funding mechanisms, but cannot in any way contribute to the operational costs of the Centres and Chairs.
2. Activities that are part and parcel of the UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector work plans can be implemented by the Centres and Chairs under normal contractual agreements, linked with Fund-in-Trust modalities.
3. The Centres and Chairs shall develop their work plans in a coordinated manner with UNESCO's Medium Term Strategies and Programmes.
4. Concrete cooperative activities recommended to be implemented, among others, include the following:
 - a. Identify common sources of regional support and undertake joint fund raising, not only to implement joint activities, but also to create and maintain the network of Centres and Chairs;
 - b. Share data, information and knowledge, through a system accessible to all Centres and Chairs as well as to UNESCO;
 - c. Undertake joint collaboration on education, capacity building, and training activities;
 - d. Exchange professionals;
 - e. Create sub-networks based on thematic and/or national clusters if available.

Communication and Corporate Image

Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific could:

1. Share their e-mail distribution lists with UNESCO and vice versa, to exchange newsletters and other information.
2. Work in close collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and submit annual activity reports to the UNESCO Natural Sciences Secretariat.
3. Unified communication strategy, including a joint website, common brochures, publications, logos and potentially, a joint intranet platform for collaborative activities and information exchange.

Mapping of UNESCO's Natural Sciences related category 2 Centres and Chairs and their Activities

A regular mapping of the basic information of the Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific will be carried out by the Regional Bureau for Science, in order to understand each centre's responsibility and to identify areas of cooperation.

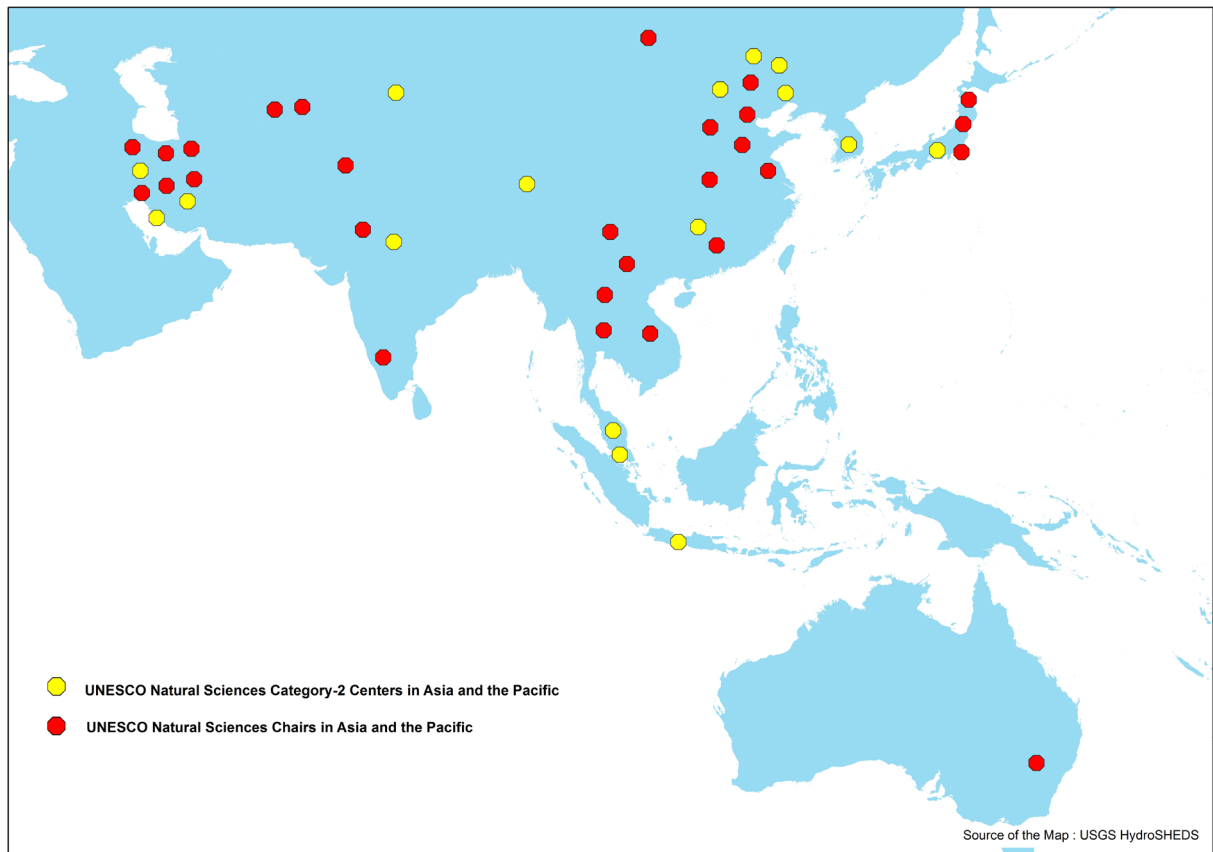


Table I: UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres in Asia and the Pacific (update May 2015)

Name of the Centre	Location	Geographic Focus	Contact
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International Research and Training Centre on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES)	Beijing, People's Republic of China	Global	Liu Cheng Tel : +86-10-68413372 Fax : +86-10-68411174 E-mail: irtces@public.bta.net.cn; chliu@iwhr.com; cliu.beijing@gmail.com Website: http://www.irtces.org/
Regional Centre for Biotechnology Training and Education,	Faridabad, India	Regional	B Chandrasekar, Registrar Tel: 91 129 2848800 Email: registrar@rcb.res.in Website: www.rcb.ac.in

International Centre on Space Technologies for Cultural and Natural Heritage	Beijing, People's Republic of China	International	Hong Tianhua Tel: 010- 58887301 Fax: 010-58887302 E-Mail: office@ceode.ac.cn; hongth@radi.ac.cn Website: www.ceode.cas.cn
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Table II: UNESCO Natural Sciences related Chairs in Asia and the Pacific

Chair Title	Country	University/ Institution	Keyword	Contact
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	Lao People's Democratic Republic	L'Université Nationale du Laos	Biodiversity	Phetsamone Khounsavath, Président
UNESCO-Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair in Environmental Education	Viet Nam	Vietnam National University	Ecotechnics	Tri Nguyen Hoang, Chairholder Tel: 84 4 733 5625 Fax: 84 4 733 5625 Email: nguyenhoangtri@hn.vnn.vn Website:http://mabvn.net
UNESCO/ EOLSS Chair in Science and Technology Policies	China	Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University	Technology	Qiu Haixiong, Chairholder Tel: 86-20-84111663; Mob: 13808890263 Fax: 86-20-84111663 Email: qhx1212@163.com Website:http://www.zsu.edu.cn/english/
UNESCO/COUSTEAU Ecotechnie Chair	China	Yunnan University	Ecotechnics	Ou Xiaokun, Chairholder Tel: (+86-871) 5165581;13888953186 Fax: (+86-871) 503 27 53 Email: xkou@ynu.edu.cn
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UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Groundwater Management	Mongolia	Institute of Geoecology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences	Water resources	Erdenechimeg Badamgarav, Corresponding person Tel: 976-11-325-993 Fax: 976-11-321-862 Email: geoeco@magicnet.mn; janchivdorj_mn@yahoo.com Website:http://www.mas.ac.mn/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=32&Itemid=45
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UNESCO Chair on Landslide Risk Mitigation for Society and the Environment	Japan	The International Consortium on Landslides	Geosciences	Kyoji Sassa, President of ICL and Coordinator of UNESCO/KU/ ICL Tel: +81-774-384.110 Fax: +81-774-325.597 Email: sassa@SCL.kyoto-u. ac.jp Website: http://icl.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp/unitwin/programme/main.htm
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