

AGREEMENT

between the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and
the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
concerning the establishment and operation of
the Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-Arid Zones
(RCTWS-Egypt)

Whereas the General Conference, at its 31st session, decided that the Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones (RCTWS-Egypt), hereinafter called "the Centre", would be established in the Arab Republic of Egypt under UNESCO auspices,

Whereas the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has contributed and stands ready to contribute further to the establishment and operation of the Centre in its territory,

Bearing in mind that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has already taken a number of effective measures and steps to ensure the necessary infrastructure and facilities for the Centre,

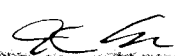
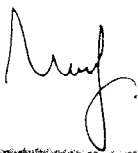
Desirous of concluding an agreement with a view to ensuring the establishment and operation of the said Centre and to defining the terms and conditions governing the support that it shall be granted,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter called "the Organization", and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter called "the Government",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I Establishment

The Government agrees to take any measures that may be required for the setting up of the Regional Centre for Training and Water Studies of Arid and Semi-arid Zones (RCTWS-Egypt), hereinafter called "the Centre", in Egypt as provided for under this Agreement.

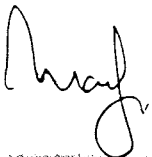


Article II Participation

1. The Centre shall be an autonomous institution at the service of Member States of the Organization, that by their geographical proximity to the Centre and nature of their arid and semi-arid water problems desire to cooperate with the Centre through their National Committees for the International Hydrological Programme.
2. Member States of the Organization wishing to participate in the Centre's activities, as provided for under this Agreement, shall send the Director-General of the Organization notification to this effect as well as a designation of the national water-related body which shall be competent to represent the Member State. The Director-General shall inform the Centre and the Members States mentioned in Article II, paragraph 1 above, of the receipt of such notifications.

Article III Objectives and Functions

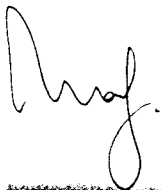
1. The objectives of the Centre are:
 - (a) to generate and provide scientific and technical information on training and water studies of arid and semi-arid issues in the region that will allow the formulation of sound policies leading to sustainable and integrated water resources management at the local, national and regional level;
 - (b) to promote studies on water management issues of arid and semi-arid zones through regional cooperative arrangements using and strengthening local capabilities and involving international institutions and networks, in particular those under UNESCO IHP auspices;
 - (c) to undertake within the region effective training and capacity building activities at institutional and professional levels, and awareness raising activities targeted at various audiences, including the general public;
 - (d) to enhance cooperation with international institutions in order to advance knowledge in the field of water management of arid and semi-arid zones.
2. The functions of the Centre shall be:
 - (a) to promote scientific studies of the arid and semi-arid issues and problems related to water management of the region;
 - (b) to create and reinforce networks for the exchange of scientific, technical and policy information on arid and semi-arid water issues among the institutions and individuals in the region and in other countries;



- (c) to develop and coordinate cooperative research and study activities on water management issues of arid and semi-arid zones, taking advantage particularly of the installed scientific and professional capacity of the region and of the relevant IHP networks and non-governmental organizations;
 - (d) to organize knowledge and information transfer activities on the subject, including international training courses, symposia or workshops, and to engage in appropriate awareness raising activities;
 - (e) to develop a strong programme of information and communication technology to further the Centre's objectives;
 - (f) to provide technical consulting and advisory services in the region and beyond as required;
 - (g) to produce technical publications and other media items related to the activities of the Centre.
3. The Centre shall pursue the above objectives and functions in close coordination with the water-related programmes of the Organization.
 4. The Centre's capability to carry out the above functions will depend upon the extent to which international and regional support can be mobilized.

Article IV Governing Board

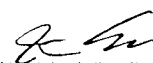
1. The Centre shall be administered by a Governing Board composed of:
 - (a) a representative of the Government;
 - (b) a representative of each of the other Member States that: (1) have sent the Director-General of the Organization notification, as provided for under Article II, paragraph 2, above and that (2) make a substantial contribution to the annual operating budget or running of the Centre, and are thus accorded a seat by a decision of the Governing Board;
 - (c) a representative of the Director-General of the Organization;
 - (d) a representative of any other intergovernmental organization or international non-governmental organization making a substantial contribution to the annual operating budget or running of the Centre and accorded a seat by a decision of the Governing Board.



2. The representative of the Government shall be appointed by, or shall be, the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Governing Board.
3. The Governing Board shall have all the powers required for the running and administration of the Centre. It shall:
 - (a) approve the annual plan and budget of the Centre;
 - (b) examine the annual reports submitted by the Director of the Centre as provided under Article VI below;
 - (c) study and approve the intra-Centre procedures, including financial regulations and staff rules;
 - (d) approve the Centre chart and number of staff; and
 - (e) convene special consultative sessions to which it shall invite, in addition to its own members, the Director of the Centre, representatives of other interested countries and international organizations in order to obtain proposals for strengthening the scope of services of the Centre and for carrying out projects and activities relevant to the Centre, and to expand the Centre's fund-raising strategy and capabilities.
4. The Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session once a year; it shall meet in an extraordinary session if summoned by the Chairperson, either on his own initiative or on that of the Director-General of the Organization, or at the request of at least half of its members.
5. The Governing Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure. For the first meeting the procedures shall be established by the representative of the Government and the Organization.

Article V Secretariat

1. The Centre's Secretariat shall consist of a Director and such staff as is necessary for the proper functioning of the Centre.
2. The Director shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Governing Board in agreement with the Director-General of the Organization.
3. The other members of the Secretariat may comprise:



- (a) members of the Organization's staff who would be made available to the Centre, as provided for by the Organization's regulations;
- (b) any person appointed by the Director, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Governing Board;
- (c) Government officials who would be made available to the Centre, as provided by Government's regulations.

**Article VI
Duties of the Director**

The Director shall discharge the following duties:

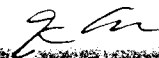

- (a) direct the work of the Centre in conformity with the programmes and directives established by the Governing Board;
- (b) propose the draft plan and budget to be submitted to the Governing Board for approval;
- (c) prepare the provisional agenda for the sessions of the Governing Board and submit to it any proposals that he may deem useful for the administration of the Centre;
- (d) prepare reports on the Centre's activities to be submitted to the Governing Board;
- (e) represent the Centre in law and in all civil acts.

**Article VII
Financial arrangements**

1. The Centre's resources shall derive from sums allotted by the Government, from other Member States of the Organization, from the intergovernmental organizations or international non-governmental organizations mentioned in Article IV of this agreement, and from payments for services rendered.
2. The Centre may, with the approval of the Governing Board, receive gifts and legacies.

**Article VIII
Contribution of the Government**

1. The Government shall cover the salaries and compensations of the Secretariat staff, including the Director, and make available to the Centre the necessary staff.



2. The Government shall provide the Centre with appropriate office space, equipment and facilities.
3. The Government shall cover the communication, utilities and maintenance costs of the Centre, plus the expenses of holding the sessions of the Governing Board and the meetings of the Consultative Group.
4. The Government shall contribute funds towards the implementation of studies, training, and publication activities, complementing the contributions from other sources.


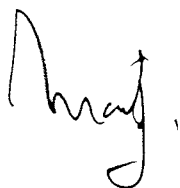
Article IX
Technical Contribution of the Organization

1. It will provide technical advice in the formulation of the short term, middle term, and long-term programmes of the Centre.
2. In conformity with the relevant policies of the Intergovernmental Council of the IHP, it may assign to the Centre the execution of agreed-upon water activities of relevance to the region within the framework of its regular biennial budgets and programmes, particularly those appropriate to reinforce its start up period.
3. It will encourage the international governmental and non-governmental financial entities, as well as Member States of the organization to provide financial and technical assistance and to propose applicable projects to the Centre and will facilitate the contacts with other international organizations relevant to the functions of the Centre.
4. It will provide the Centre with IHP publications and other pertinent material and will disseminate information on the activities of the Centre via the IHP website, newsletters and other mechanisms at its disposal.
5. It will participate, when appropriate, in the scientific, technical and training meetings held by the Centre.

Article X

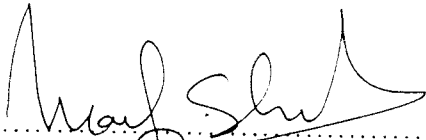
Final clauses

1. The present Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the two parties. It shall remain in force until the end of 2007 and may be renewed for a similar period as agreed upon between the Government and the Organization.



2. The present Agreement may be revised by consent between the Government and the Organization.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving six months prior written notice to the other Party.


IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized, have signed the present Agreement in two copies in the English language.



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For the Government of the Arab
Republic of Egypt

Prof. Moufid Shehab
Minister of Higher Education
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Place and date: 27/12/2001



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For the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization

Mr Koichiro Matsuura
Director-General of UNESCO

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