#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### **BETWEEN**



## NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE COLLEGE, NAGPUR (MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

AND



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT,
(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NFSC AND NIDM

Whereas the National Fire Service College (NFSC) was established in 1956 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on the recommendations of a Committee of Fire Experts in 1950 in order to provide training to the fire officers of the country in advanced techniques of Firefighting & Rescue. NFSC is one of the allied organizations of Disaster Management Division under the functioning of Director General (Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India with the aim of creating uniformity in the fire service organizations and their management across the country. At present the NFSC has state of art laboratories, class rooms and training facilities at a spreading campus of 43 acres with full-fledged facilities and groomed to world class facilities. Every Six Months of period, NFSC will provide the training for 60 Divisional officers, 60 number of Station officers & Instructors, more than 240 sub-officers at Regional Training Centres to support the State Fire Services and Organizations by rendering valuable technical training and provide knowledge to higher levels of echelons. Also, this college has introduced a B. Tech (Fire Engineering) program recognized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukodiji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU), Maharashtra. National Fire Service College is only institution offering a B. Tech (Fire Engineering) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and is one of its kind in the Country and Perhaps in the whole Asia.

Whereas the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) is a statutory organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, mandated under the Disaster Management Act 2005 to be the apex institution with a vision to play the role of a premier institute in India and the region for capacity building, training, research, documentation and policy advocacy on all areas of disaster management in India. The efforts in this direction that began with the formation of the National Centre for Disaster Management (NCDM) in 1995 gained impetus with its re-designation as the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) for training and capacity development. Under the Disaster Management Act 2005, NIDM has been assigned nodal responsibilities for human resource development, capacity building, training, research, documentation and policy ad okay in the field of disaster management. NIDM has established networking with a large number of scientific, technical, academic, training and practicing organizations within and outside the governments at the local, provincial, national, regional and international levels for effective implementation of its mandate. The institute works through strategic partnerships with various ministries and departments of the central, state and local governments, academic, research and technical organizations in India and abroad and other bi-lateral and multi-lateral international agencies.

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The institute provides training in face-to-face, online and self-learning mode as well as satellite-based training. In-house and off-campus face-to-face training to the officials of the state governments is provided free of charge including boarding and lodging facilities.

Whereas both NFSC and NIDM have common overall objectives, and overlapping scope of activities and are working with potentially complementary methodologies.

- 1. National Fire Service College (Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India), Rajnagar, Nagpur-440013. (hereinafter referred to as "NFSC")
- 2. National Institute of Disaster Management (Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India), A-Wing, 4th Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001 (hereinafter referred to as "NIDM")

Therefore, on 26-10-2022 both the parties to collaborate on the following issues for the pursuit of academic excellence in the field of Disaster Management between the parties.

#### SCOPE AND AIM OF COOPERATION

Building on the past cooperation and considering the direction of global debates on CCA and DRR which majorly hinges on the three global instruments-SFDRR, BCGs and INDCs, it becomes important for the two organization to work together in the following broad areas. However, this will not limit the scope of the partnership. The institutions shall at all times for the common benefit of the institutions agree to use their best endeavor to ensure the success of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The institutions are desirous of entering into this MoU to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis for cooperation and collaboration between the institutions upon the terms as contained herein. The laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force, will endeavor to promote and expand technical development, understanding by stimulating and supporting educational, professional, intercultural activities, involving projects among students, staff and faculty members of National Fire Service College (NFSC) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

Both parties have further identified the following concrete areas of cooperation between the two organization that can be taken up starting from the financial year 2022-23.

- 1. Capacity building activities for mainstreaming disaster risk resilience as part of your training courses.
- 2. Undertaking case studies of disaster/events which have occurred with respect to response, relief, rehabilitation, recovery using Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) tools based on filed investigation.
- 3. To collaborate for documentation/evaluation studies for various sectors/thematic areas jointly with your institution.
- 4. Undertaking research projects of mutual interest to both institutions. NIDM would be interested for taking up collaborative studies in areas/sectors which is the core strength of your institution related to disaster management.
- 5. To take up fellowship programs/master programs/Ph.D. programs jointly with NIDM faculty as co-guides along with your faculty.
- 6. Undertaking pilot studies in areas of mutual interest.
- 7. Publication of joint articles/journals/monographs/books, education/awareness materials, etc.
- 8. Research programs on various aspects of DRR and CCA such as comprehensive Climate Risk Management considering the whole gamut of risk prevention, risk reduction, transfer of residual risk through financial instruments; understand issues of prioritization including assessment of interventions to avoid mal-adaptation; understanding health impacts of heat to develop understanding of links between the channels of climate/weather information flow, coping and adaptive capacities of communities, and ways the interventions to address the impacts can be mainstreamed into National Health System; Developing tools, methodology, guidance notes, training modules based on on-the-ground implementation experience of CCA, DRR and its mainstreaming; and so on.
- 9. Capacity building of governments and other stakeholders and facilitating interpretation of continually updated tools and methodology based on emerging lessons from the ground and delivering training modules to government officers/other relevant stake holders in the country and South Asia region.

- 10. Knowledge management which will entail developing handbooks best practices compendiums, policy briefs, research papers and other documents and creating knowledge sharing platforms/forums through the medium of workshops and conferences.
- 11. Forging strategic partnerships which will aim at building necessary and strategic partnerships with specialist organizations.
- 12. Design and develop tool kits (PR and training materials, manuals), communication and documentation skills, etc. for trainers and development of training modules in blendedlearning e-modules and conducting courses.
- 13. Conducting and supporting consultation, conferences, workshops, knowledge and experience sharing.
- 14. Obtain support from international training institutions and identification of best
- 15. Any other areas of mutual interest shall be undertaken.

#### Status of the Agreement:

The agreement between the two parties, viz. NIDM and NFSC has no legal binding and financial commitments on any of the parties. The agreement is for general purpose on the above mentioned scope of areas of cooperation.

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