

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS - ESPE

Sangolquí, Ecuador

and

Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)

University of Twente (UT)

The Netherlands

Preamble

The undersigned, hereinafter referred to as "Partners":

- Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE (hereinafter referred to as ESPE), Sangolquí, Ecuador, and
- The Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands, hereafter referred to as 'ITC'.

RECOGNIZING the mutual interests in the fields of (research, education, environmental issues, transfer of technology and dissemination of knowledge on long term non-commercial basis, and also,

RECOGNIZING the importance of universities role in promotion of international collaboration and increased contribution to society development and,

CONSIDERING that

ESPE is a legally recognized institution providing for (specify: education and research) services in, amongst others the fields of science, engineering and management

The Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, University of Twente (ITC) is a public, not for profit research and training entity, which focuses on the development of technology and its impact on people and society

and whereas

Both partners have common overall objectives, have an overlapping scope of activities, and are working with potentially complementary methodologies,

ESPE, comprising one partner in the institutional collaboration, and the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente (UT), The Netherlands comprising the other

Hereby have now agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to provide a framework for collaboration between both partners, allowing them the opportunity to develop and implement mutually beneficial and agreed upon activities, terms and conditions set out in the articles following hereunder.

The partners will enter into subsequent specific agreements additional to this Memorandum of Understanding, for any of the collaborating activities mutually identified and agreed upon, after elaboration of the specific objectives, activities and division of responsibilities between them.

The framework agreement allows for other partners to be involved as and when appropriate. In such case, a special covenant between all partners concerned will be established.

The words "The two Institutions", "both partners" and "collaborating Institutions" in the Memorandum of Understanding refer to the ESPE, Sangolquí, Ecuador and the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente (UT), The Netherlands.

Article 1

FIELDS OF COLLABORATION

- 1.1 Collaboration between the two institutions will be established within any field of common interest
- 1.2 Special emphasis, however, will be given to fields related to spatial information for assessing natural hazards and disaster risk, land administration, natural resources management, geological remote sensing and geo-information technology.

Article 2

ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- 2.1 The partners agree to collaborate on the establishment of educational programs at Master of Science and PhD level, based on the principle of equal partnership.
- 2.2 Both partners agree to arrange funding for their own share of the work either through their own core subsidy, through fellowships or through external sources of funding. Exploration of external funding through donor agencies may be carried out jointly.

Article 3

EXCHANGE OF STAFF

- 3.1 The purpose of normal exchange of staff shall be teaching and collaborative research.
- 3.2 Following receipt of written credentials and proposed activities, either party may submit a letter of invitation to the other party, thereto outlining the proposed terms and conditions under which the visit is to take place.
- 3.3 Negotiations between the parties concerning such proposed visits shall include consideration of the methods and source of funding for the expenses of the visiting staff member or members.

Article 4

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

- 4.1 The two institutions will collaborate in the organisation of joint programmes, workshops and seminars in fields that are deemed relevant under this Agreement. Through such programmes the two institutions will work for dissemination of up to date knowledge to professionals in the field.