**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**the World Meteorological Organization**

**(WMO)**

**and**

**the Slovenian Environment Agency**

**(ARSO)**

The World Meteorological Organization, hereinafter referred to as "WMO", an intergovernmental organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland,

and

The Slovenian Environment Agency, hereinafter referred to as "ARSO", having its seat at Ljubljana, Slovenia

jointly and individually hereinafter referred to as "the Participants" and "Participant", respectively,

**CONSIDERING**

The Convention of the World Meteorological Organization dated 11 October 1947;

That WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations since 1951, first established in 1950, having originated from the International Meteorological Organization founded in 1873;

That WMO is the United Nations system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere , its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources;

That ARSO is a body of the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, established in 2001 as a successor of the Hydrometeorological Institute of the Republic of Slovenia. ydrometeorological

That ARSO performs tasks of the National Meteorological, Hydrological, Oceanographical and Seismological Service, and is national authoritative voice for meteorological, hydrological and oceanographical warnings.

That ARSO hosts the WMO RA VI Regional Instrument Centre and the Drought Management Centre for South-eastern Europe, initiated by the WMO, UNCCD and countries in the region.

The desire of the Participants to extend their cooperation and joint activities under appropriate arrangements in the fields of weather, water climate and related environmental sciences, with particular regard to promoting international capacity development projects, especially in the South-East Europe region.

That some of the activities carried out by one Participant in pursuing its objectives may be of interest to the other Participant, or benefit from a contribution by the other Participant;

The interest of the Participants in, and the results of the cooperation under, this Memorandum of Understanding will be made available to the Member States and Territories and to the international community at large;

The desire of the Participants to create a framework to ensure, on a long-term basis, the consultation, exchange of information and coordination required for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU") constitutes the framework within which the Participants will, on a basis of reciprocity, develop cooperation in fields related to their mandates.

2. With due regard to their respective competencies, institutional settings and operational frameworks, the Participants will inform and consult with each other, as appropriate, on issues of mutual interest, in particular on scientific, technological, regulatory and development issues, in which cooperation may foster the purposes of the Participants.

3. Where issues of mutual interest are identified and the Participants consider that they may profit from cooperation and resulting synergies, the Participants will define an appropriate structure for the planning, execution and monitoring of their cooperation, as well as for the dissemination of results. Such technical arrangements may take the form of written understandings (Implementing Arrangements, Letters of Agreements or Annexes) under the umbrella of this MoU.

4. The Participants will exchange their publications concerning issues of common interest and related fields.

5. Appropriate arrangements may be made by mutual understanding from time to time for reciprocal representation of ARSO and WMO at meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other Participant may have an interest.

6. The Participants will meet at least annually to take stock of progress and identify possible new areas of cooperation.

7. Each Participant will appoint a Representative who will coordinate relations with the other Participant, including between technical experts of the Participants, and who will keep the Head of his or her Organization informed. Any change of Representative will be communicated in writing to the other Participant.

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| Name, title and signature of  Representative of WMO  Director, Development and Regional Activities Department (DRA) | Name, title and signature of  Representative of ARSO  Director of the Meteorology and Hydrology Office |
| Ms Mary Power | Dr Klemen Bergant |

8. Any use by either Participant of the other Participant’s name, emblem or logo, will only be made with the prior written approval of that other Participant.

9. All activities under this MoU will be subject to availability of funding of the Participants and is not intended to be legally binding. The activities are to be conducted on a no-exchange of funds basis, unless otherwise approved by the Participants in writing.

10. The Participants will settle between them any question of interpretation or difference concerning this MoU.

11. Nothing contained in this MoU will constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by WMO or by ARSO.

12. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants.

13. This MoU may be amended at any time. Any such amendment will be approved by mutual consent and will be effected by an exchange of letters.

14. This MoU may be terminated by either Participant with three months’ written notice to the other Participant.

15. This MoU will remain in force for an initial period of five years and will thereinafter be renewed automatically, each time for a new period of five years, unless a written notice of termination is given by one of the Participants to the other at least six months prior to the renewal date, or the Participants have approved on its termination or on its renewal by another period.

Done in duplicate in the English language.

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| Signed on behalf of  The World Meteorological Organization  (WMO) | Signed on behalf of  The Slovenian Environment Agency  (ARSO) |
| Prof. Petteri Taalas  Secretary-General | Gregor Sluga, MSc.  Acting Director-General |
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