
LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)

Regarding the Joint Cooperation on the URGENT Stakeholder Interactive Platform

Between

Pondicherry University (P13)

And

Universal Eco Foundation, Puducherry, India



1. Parties

- (1) Pondicherry University (P13) under The Urban Resilience and Adaptation for India and Mongolia (URGENT) Project: Curricula, Capacity, ICT and Stakeholder Collaboration to Support Green and Blue Infrastructure and Nature-based Solution, hereafter referred to as “URGENT Project”.
- (2) Universal Eco Foundation (UEF) is a non-governmental organization actively involved in conservation of biodiversity in the Country mostly in Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana states. It was established with a team of eminent Biodiversity Professionals, Conservationists, snake rescue specialist, field botanists, environmental education trainers, marine conservation specialists, GIS & GPS specialists, curriculum (environmental education) developer, wildlife documentation specialist and Sociologist as Trustees and registered as the Trust under Indian Trust Act 1882 at Sub- Register office, Puducherry, hereafter referred to as “UEF”.

2. Purpose of Letter of Intent

The URGENT Project wishes to enter into an agreement with its partners regarding the establishment and maintenance of a “Stakeholder Interactive Platform”, hereafter referred to as “SIP” with the intent to collaborate on exchanging expertise, information and tools regarding the challenges of implementing and addressing Green and Blue Infrastructure Developments as well as Nature-based Solutions. **The purpose of this LETTER OF INTENT is to outline a shared vision and agree on collaborative efforts under the umbrella of the URGENT project, designed to promote exchange and awareness at both parties. The parties do not intend to be legally bound to each other, and this LETTER OF INTENT does not impose legal obligations on either party.**

The URGENT Project aims at promoting green and blue infrastructure and nature-based solutions for resilient, climate-friendly, and livable cities in India and Mongolia through ICT-enhanced tertiary education linked to labor markets & wider stakeholder circles. Of particular relevance to this **LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)** is the second objective of the URGENT project:



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- To develop a shared URGENT Collaborative Learning Platform and Online Training Services of the new generation for qualitative improvement of the education process and academic workflow through the support among universities and stakeholders across the Partner Countries and the European Union.

The aim of the SIP is to host relevant materials for URGENT initiatives as well as allowing the integration of external stakeholders to join the platform and share their expertise and knowledge with URGENT partners. Hence, the SIP will be an open access database, allowing both URGENT partners and external stakeholders to access important documents, findings and materials to better address the challenges outlined in the URGENT objectives and described in this LETTER OF INTENT.

In addition, the SIP will also allow external stakeholders as well as URGENT project partners to advertise potential internship or other cooperative possibilities on the SIP. This will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to fill desired internship (or other) positions with promising students from URGENT university partners and will contribute to the sustainability and longevity of the project's aims.

Finally, it is the intention of the URGENT project to host periodic follow-up meetings as necessary to discuss the features, activities and outreach of the SIP to ensure its regular upkeep and maintenance.

By signing this LETTER OF INTENT, the party entering this agreement confirms its intent to actively participate on the SIP. The agreement enters into effect on the date in which it is duly signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below:

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