

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM  
FOR  
EARTH AND DEVELOPMENT SCIENCES  
BYLAWS

1. The International Consortium for Earth and Development Sciences (hereafter, ICEDS) will encourage cooperative activities in the field of earth and development sciences. These activities may include:

- (1) Exchange of professors, research scholars and research fellows;
- (2) Exchange of students and research partners;
- (3) Joint educational activities;
- (4) Joint research activities;
- (5) Joint meetings/seminars for research and education;
- (6) Exchange of scientific materials, publications, and academic information; and
- (7) Other additional aspects that may be agreed by partners from time to time.

2. An institute seeking to become a member of ICEDS shall sign a memorandum of understanding with one or more member(s) of ICEDS and the ICEDS Collaboration Committee, which shall be established as provided in the item 3 below.

3. To plan and manage exchange and cooperation among members, the consortium shall establish the ICEDS Collaboration Committee (hereafter, "ICEDS Committee"), which consists of the convener of ICEDS and representatives of every member.

4. Members may agree to agendas individually formulated for the promotion of activities provided in the first article. An agenda may be signed by participating parties, which shall include the representatives of the proposing member itself, one or more other member (s), and the ICEDS Committee. An agenda shall contain the (1) name and address of the signatory institutes; (2) validity and termination articles; (3) the areas, topics, and issues in which the signatory institutes will collaborate.

5. No financial obligations accompany membership. To fulfill the above initiatives, all members should make efforts to secure funding from sponsoring agencies within Japan and in other countries.

6. Any member may, on ninety days' notice in writing, withdraw from ICEDS. Membership may be cancelled upon agreement among more than half of the membership.

7. The bylaws may be changed by the ICEDS Committee upon agreement among more than half of the members.

8. Details, such as detailed rules, regulations or meeting memorandums, shall be defined by other documents.

These bylaws shall become effective from 10 February 2015.