

THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES SEARCH-RESCUE COUNCIL

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Abstract: The paper focuses on the strategy of sustainable development aimed at the achievement of harmony between people and harmony between nature and the human society. The goals of sustainable development worldwide are the following: “improving the quality of life” and “safeguarding of security”. More than 30 universities from 20 countries have organized the International Universities Search-Rescue Council, which is aimed to encourage the development between universities of different countries and to improve the skills of students rescue teams for mutual efforts against the natural disasters and also to improve the safety of people, of social and industrial facilities.

The Second United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992) resulted in the following documents, concerning safe and sustainable development: “Rio Declaration on Environment and Development”, “Agenda 21”, “Convention on Biological Diversity” and others. The conceptual basics of civilization sustainable development were consolidated in the adopted documents [1].

“Agenda 21” contains more than 100 programs in different fields. The document presents the first global plan of action related to the achievement of sustainable development worldwide. The concept of sustainable development provides the guidelines for civilization, which will lead to raise opportunities to solve the contradictions between nature and the human society, between developed and developing countries, between the global requirements of transmission to sustainable development and the national interests, between present and future generations, between the exiting stereotypes of human

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behavior and reasonable needs, interests and etc. Just by solving those contradictions within the frames of the biosphere laws, compliance should be formed for a new strategy of social safety.

The main goal of “sustainable development” is divided into two sub-goals: “improving the quality of life” and “safeguarding of security”. Improving the quality of life is also important to guarantee the people’s safety in emergency situations caused by natural effects and by people.

The “International Universities Search-Rescue Council” was established on the 27th April 2012 in Nicosia. During the meeting it was decided that an international entity shall be established by the Rectors of the following universities: University of Lahore of Pakistan, Mogadishu University of Somalia, Tribhuvan University of Nepal, College of Advanced Technology Studies (CATS) of India, Bishkek Academy of Finance & Economy of Kyrgyzstan, Irbid National University of Jordan, Azerbaijan State Economic University of Azerbaijan, University of Taubate of Brazil, Islamic University of Uganda, Islamic University of Indonesia, Kerman Medical University of Iran, Voronezh State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering and Tambov State Technical University of Russia, Miras University of Kazakhstan, Uczelina Vistula University of Poland, Arba Minch University of Ethiopia, University for European Political Economic Studies of Moldova, Dar Al-Salam University of Yemen, Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology, University “St. Cyril and Methodius” IZIIS of Macedonia, Canakkale 18 Marrt University, Bahcesehir University, Gazi University, Maltepe University, 19 Mayıs University of Turkey, Ataturk Teacher Academy, Eastern Mediterranean University, Girne American University, Lefke European University, Cyprus International University and the Near East University from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The Aim of the “International Universities Search-Rescue Council” is:

- to develop the capability of search and rescue and assistance teams established by universities of various member states or future member states in the aim of acting jointly throughout the struggles against natural disasters that are arising at an ever increasing scale that threatens the mankind and his environment due to the disrupted ecological balance of our planet;

- to determine the problems that may be generated during natural disasters and come up with proposed solutions to these problems, and, to this end, to facilitate mutual sharing of knowledge and experience, enabling mutual search and rescue, and assistance activities wherever necessary, without any discrimination as to factors of religion, language, race or geography.

The organization further aims to cooperate with associations, foundations, subject specialists, public authorities and bodies that carry out works similar to those aimed by the Council, and receive financial support from them, and make agreements amongst the parties in order to facilitate the support obtained, and cancel these agreements when deemed necessary.

The fundamental principle of the “International Universities Search-Rescue Council” is to be an organization that exclusively acts against the events set out above for purely humanitarian purposes and that affects works on precautionary measures to be established prior to these events, and on activities required to be carried out against the aforementioned events. The “International Universities

Search-Rescue Council” may become member of local or international organisations that pursue the same purposes.

The joint activity of The “International Universities Search-Rescue Council” is:

A. Training, carrying out simulated exercises, seminars and fund raising activities.

Training. Common training activities hosted by member universities to be determined ahead of time, may be organized with the aim of developing the capacity of member universities by the search and rescue teams to jointly fight against natural disasters.

Simulated Exercises. Common Simulated Exercises shall be organized in order to develop the capacity of search and rescue teams of the member universities to jointly intervene to cases of natural disasters, and enhance the training activities that are held with the aim of developing the capacity of the aforementioned search and rescue teams to jointly fight against natural disasters.

Conferences and Seminars. Academic staff and/or student members of search and rescue teams of the member universities shall organize conferences and seminars with the aim of establishing precautionary measures that may be put into practice against the natural disasters, and determine on problems that may generate during natural disasters and come up with proposed solutions to these problems.

Search and rescue teams of universities that are members of the Council may jointly partake in search and rescue activities in different geographical locations, as shall be necessitated as a result of probable natural and technological disasters. Participation to such activities shall be realized by approval of a minimum of half the number of Council members plus one.

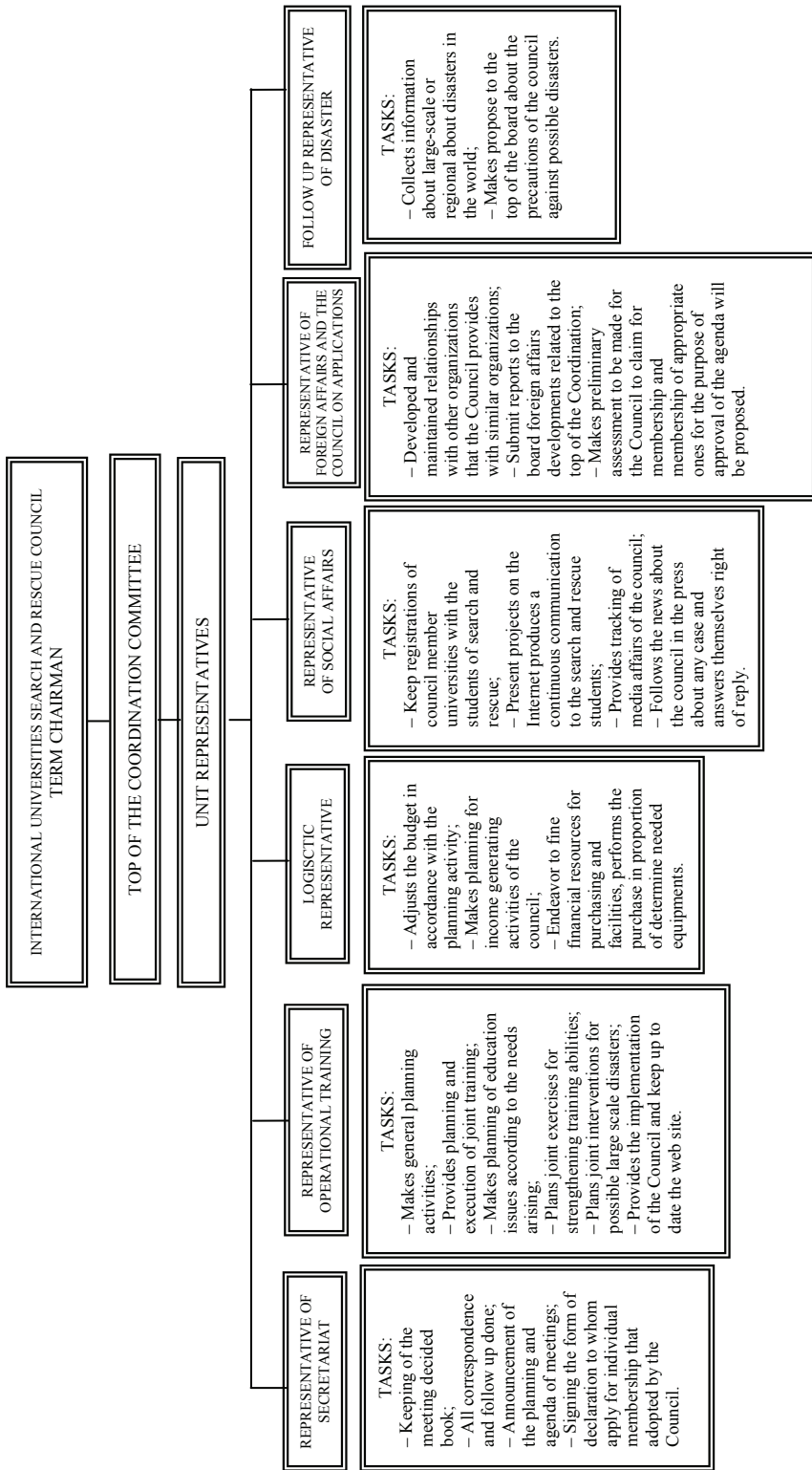
B. Official website of “The International Universities Search-Rescue Council”.

An official web-site shall be established for the Council whereby names of member universities as well as all their activities shall be accessible. In addition to information about member universities, information that aims to educate the public against natural disasters shall also be available on the official web-site of the Council. The task of establishing the official web-site and updating the information on the web-site shall be executed by the Coordinating Council.

The Members of the Coordination Committee are:

- a. The University of Lahore, Pakistan;
- b. College of Advanced Technology Studies (CATS), India;
- c. Azerbaijan State Economic University, Azerbaijan;
- d. University of Taubate, Brasil;
- e. Islamic University of Indonesia, Indonesia;
- f. Uzelina Vistula University, Poland;
- g. Kerman Medical University, Iran;
- h. Tambov State Technical University, Russia;
- i. Canakkale 18 Mart University, Turkey;
- j. Girne American University, Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus.

The Administrative Structure of the International Universities Search-Rescue Council showed on the scheme (Figure).



The Structure of the International Universities Search and Rescue Council

With the belief that this event carries utmost importance for humanity, we have confidence that it will help us build closer relationships, especially on search and rescue issues, between universities and countries, and it will surely contribute to the world peace. With further collaborations, a student community aware of natural disasters will be formed and during a possible event of a natural disaster, they will be providing professional help for themselves, to their close friends or family members as well as people of community who are in need of help and assistance.

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Международный университетский совет спасателей

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Аннотация: Стратегия устойчивого развития направлена на достижение гармонии между людьми и между обществом и природой. Целью устойчивого развития для человечества является повышение качества жизни и обеспечение безопасности. Более 30 университетов из 20 стран мира организовали Международный университетский совет спасателей, целью которого является содействие развитию сотрудничества между университетами различных стран и повышение мастерства студенческих спасательных команд для совместной борьбы против стихийных бедствий и повышения безопасности населения, социальных и промышленных объектов.

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