

2020 Kyoto Declaration

Launching of Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020

Landslide disasters are the result of hazardous movement of soils and rocks which claim human lives and destroy natural/cultural heritages, facilities of high societal values. Landslides are triggered by rainfalls, earthquakes, anthropogenic activities, hydrological impact by changing climate and global warming. Progress of urbanization and regional development continue to intensify the risk of landslides in many landslide prone areas. Landslide disaster risk reduction is a globally important objective in all countries/regions where people living near mountains and on slopes are exposed to landslides.

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) proposed the ‘ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 for Global Promotion of Understanding and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk’ during the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan, 2015. The Sendai Landslide Partnerships 2015-2025 was signed by 22 United Nations, global and national stakeholders. Tangible results and benefits of activities carried out by these stakeholders in 2015-2020 are featured in journal and book publications as well as conferences. In Ljubljana in 2017, the partners agreed to expand the global partnerships to 2030 and beyond. Subsequently, the “Kyoto 2020 Commitment for Global Promotion of Understanding and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk” (KLC2020) was decided and developed. In Paris, in 2019, the Commitment was signed by a first group of 57 participants.

On 5 November 2020, at the online/virtual 2020 Kyoto meeting, all participants from 90 signatory organizations unanimously agreed on, and declared the launching of the Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020. They also agreed to the following basic principles for the management of KLC2020:

Principles for the management of KLC2020

1. A Secretariat for the KLC2020 is established within ICL Secretariat, Kyoto, Japan.
2. The composition of fellow partners of KLC2020 and the priority actions are reviewed and updated at the General Conference of KLC2020 signatory organizations during the triennial World Landslide Forum.
3. The chair and co-chairs of the General Conference of KLC2020 are nominated at the General Conference.

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Place: Kyoto, Japan