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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

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21 February 2024

Subject: Renewal of the agreement of the UNESCO Chair on the Theory and Technology of Environmental Safety in Water Resources Control, Novosibirsk State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering (Sibstrin), Russian Federation (ID 2015RU1112)

Dear Rector,

In reference to the request to renew the mandate of the UNESCO Chair on the Theory and Technology of Environmental Safety in Water Resources Control, I am pleased to inform you that the agreement between UNESCO and the Novosibirsk State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering (Sibstrin) concerning the Chair, initially established in 2015, shall remain valid until 31 December 2027.

Under your leadership, the Chair will contribute to advance UNESCO's ongoing endeavors to mobilize science knowledge for sustainable development.

Recognizing the pivotal role of institutional support in ensuring the success of the UNESCO Chair, we seek your commitment, in this new mandate, to facilitate the active engagement of the Chair's team in various UNESCO activities and those organized by its partner institutions, as well as to leverage opportunities for interuniversity collaboration, and to champion knowledge sharing and dissemination activities. Your unwavering support in this regard will strengthen the Chair's impact and outreach.

The UNESCO Chair is encouraged to consult the [UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme guidelines and procedures](#) regarding some changes, including renewals. More specifically, and to ensure that all UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks are contributing to UNESCO's programme and priorities, a revised set of criteria will be used in future evaluations of renewal requests, as published in Annex B of the guidelines. In this regard, the Chair should align its activities – as relevant – to the new requirements.

The Chair is strongly encouraged to create a dedicated webpage for the Chair continuing to demonstrate its current activities, and to draw further synergies with existing UNESCO initiatives in related areas. The new logo included in this message should be used on the webpage as well as on other communications materials produced by the Chair. Further,

the Chair is encouraged to continue developing international collaboration and enhancing its engagement with UNESCO, as well to explore opportunities for engaging with other UNESCO Chairs and Networks. To this end, a database of the programme members is updated regularly on the [UNITWIN Programme webpage](#).

All members of the Chair are also invited to join the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs [LinkedIn Group](#) and to participate UNESCO-driven initiatives/activities, intellectual and public policy dialogues, ethical reflections and standard setting processes. The designated focal point, Ms Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, UNESCO Groundwater Sustainability and Water Cooperation Section (e-mail: s.zandaryaa@unesco.org) can be contacted to seek out opportunities for closer collaboration with UNESCO. The focal point(s) look forward to hearing from the Chair on a regular basis – please add them to your mailing lists, invite them to join Chair events, and share your latest research/publications.

Finally, should the university wish to continue to host the UNESCO Chair beyond this mandate, a formal request is to be submitted to UNESCO by 30 June 2027 through the dedicated online platform. The renewal of the Chair may require the signature of a new agreement.

Do not hesitate to contact the UNITWIN Programme team for any questions you may have at unitwin@unesco.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sobhi Tawil', with a horizontal line underneath.

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