



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Activation Phase of The Earth-Humanity Coalition Sciences for Equitable Wellbeing on a Healthy Planet 2025**

### **Enabling the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033 (IDSSD)**

Between

**International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP)**

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**Represented by: Michel Spiro, Past President**

And

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[Full Address]  
[Post Code] [City]  
[Country]  
[Contact e-mail]

**Represented by: [Representative]**

Hereafter named The Member

#### A. Aim of the agreement

A number of organizations wish to act together as the members of The Earth-Humanity Coalition - Sciences for Equitable Well-being on a Healthy Planet (hereafter “the Coalition”), to implement an ambitious and transformative programme of activities for the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033 (IDSSD).

The aims and purposes of The Earth-Humanity Coalition (EHC) are described in the Charter for The Earth-Humanity Coalition published on the website <https://www.earth-humanity.org>.

Signing this MoU, The Member declares its intention to join and contribute to the goals of EHC.

#### B. Organization of EHC

##### B.1. General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA) is the sovereign body of EHC committed to its vision and purposes. The GA:

- oversees all EHC's actions;
- is composed of one representative from each member, who has the ability to participate in decisions on behalf of the member. Other representatives may be allowed to attend meetings as observers, or to participate in working groups, provided the main representative is well identified. If the designated representative cannot attend a GA meeting, he/she can designate an alternate, who will have the same ability to take part in discussions and decisions;



- is chaired by one of the co-Chairs of the Steering Committee;
- make decisions by consensus as most as possible: for all decisions the Chair should seek consensus and will make all efforts to formulate the decisions to be made in ways leading to consensus. If consensus proves difficult to achieve and a vote is needed for a decision, each member will have one vote. In the case of a tied vote, the Chair can cast a vote to break the deadlock. Ordinary decisions are taken with a simple majority. Major decisions related to the existence, the continuity, the strategy, and the programme of work of the Coalition require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes;
- shall meet at least twice in 2025, in person or online. Additionally, it may be consulted through e-mail by the Chair for important decisions regarding the organization and the action of the Coalition. Answers to these requests must be made within a reasonable time frame, usually 5 working days.

## B. 2. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (SC) acts as the governing body of EHC:

- SC is composed of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 persons, enabling good representation of capacities and approaches relevant to the purpose and programme of work of EHC;
- SC is chaired by two co-chairs, one of which is, for 2025, Michel Spiro, past-president of IUPAP (see §B.3)
- SC composition and co-chairs names are approved by the GA;
- SC reports to the GA;
- SC shall meet at least once a month, in person or online;
- SC will also include a representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), freely designated by UNESCO.

## B. 3. Referent Institution

The members agree that, for the year 2025, IUPAP will be the Referent Institution for the Coalition. This is the reason why the current Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the members and IUPAP. It implies that:

- IUPAP will receive and manage funds collected from members, and from partners and sponsors of all kinds, to pay the expenses of EHC; this should not preclude members from organizing and funding events, projects or initiatives of any kind independently as part of the IDSSD;
- upon approval by the SC, IUPAP can sign partnership agreements and Memoranda of Understanding related to the purpose and programme of work of EHC, with different organizations of local, national, regional or global character, provided that positive synergies exist for the realization of the purpose and goals of EHC;
- IUPAP will set in place a special accountability process, to separate all EHC operations from its own activities. EHC members will be able to have a view on this accountability on request, and IUPAP will report to the GA on the accounts of EHC;
- IUPAP can select contractors for the preparation and implementation of the Coalition activities with the stipulation that they observe appropriate codes of conduct for administration, including calls for proposals, invitations to tender, selection committees, and declarations of conflict of interest.

As such, the members agree that one of the co-chair of the SC is, for 2025, Michel Spiro, Past-President of IUPAP.



## C. Commitments of the Member

### C. 1. Human Resources Commitment

The Member will:

- delegate a representative to the GA, with the ability to participate in decisions in the name of the Member;
- share with the GA and the SC all relevant information that could help in the preparation and implementation of EHC's activities;
- as much as possible, be an active partner in EHC's activities;
- share the communication materials produced by EHC with its own members, grantees or employees, and more generally with everybody it is in contact with, with all means at its disposal, including social network accounts, website, newsletters and journals, electronic and in print;
- mobilize its member organizations, if relevant, to become members of EHC, and to take part in its activities.

### C. 2. Financial commitment

The Member will contribute to the funding of EHC. The standard membership fee for 2025 is 1,000 €. However, some members may voluntarily contribute larger amounts and others, underfunded organizations, may pay a lower fee, and add in-kind contributions.

The Member will contribute for 2025:

- the amount [Contribution]€;
- the [in-kind contribution]

Payment shall be made upon receipt of invoices sent by IUPAP to the member at the following address:

[Name]  
[Organisation]  
[Finance Address]  
[Finance PostCode] [Finance City]  
[Finance Country]  
[Finance Contact e-mail]

## D. Open Access

The Member agrees that EHC and its productions are common goods and need to be widely shared, advertised and campaigned for. Open access is essential to these purposes.

All content and documents produced for the purpose of EHC by whatever organization will use a Creative Commons Licence CC BY-NC-SA 4.0. This licence allows a wide sharing and local adaptations (translation included), provided they are shared with the same licence. The Steering Committee may assess and allow the use of the materials in a commercial context, provided it is not for profit (for instance, paying conferences or publications, where the fees are collected for the operations and production costs only), on a case-by-case basis.

As such, the producers of any content and document must obtain from authors, designers, inventors, whether or not they are its employees, authorization for such an exploitation (reproduction, representation, adaptation or translation licence) without time limitation.



#### E. Duration

This MoU shall take effect upon signature and remain in force for 2025, without prejudice to the provisions on termination and continuation of intellectual property obligations after the end of the MoU.

#### F. Termination of Agreement

Any party can terminate its participation in this MoU by giving two months' notice, by sending the other party a registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt stating the reasons for the termination. The notice shall commence from the date of receipt of the letter. During the notice period EHC's Steering Committee will use its best efforts to resolve the reasons for the termination or shall provide proof that the termination arises from an impediment resulting from a case of force majeure, in which case the termination shall be withdrawn.

Date: [Date]

On behalf of IUPAP  
Michel Spiro, Past-President

On behalf of The Member  
[Representative]