

Call for World Centres of Excellence 2023-2026

Good standing ICL full members are invited to propose new WCoE 2023-2026.

Prerequisite conditions for application are:

- Membership fee payment by due date in previous years
- Submission of IPL or/and WCOE annual activity reports in previous years
- Participation in ICL-IPL-KLC2020 meetings and publications (P-LRT and Landslides) in previous years

Application form must be submitted to klc2020@iclhq.org

Deadline of the application form submission is 30 March 2023

Objectives of WCoE:

To strengthen the activities of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) and the Global Promotion Committee of IPL and KLC2020 (GPC);

To create “A Global Network of entities contributing to landslide risk reduction”;

To implement the Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020 for global promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk; and

To improve the global recognition of “Landslide Risk Reduction” and its social-economic relevance, and entities contributing to this field

Criteria for WCoE Candidates:

Governmental and non-governmental entities such as universities, agencies, and other institutions, and their subsidiary entities (faculties, departments, centres, divisions or others) which meet the following two conditions:

- Contributing to “Landslide Disaster Risk Reduction”; and
- Willing to support IPL and KLC2020 intellectually, practically and financially by joining ICL and promoting KLC2020 including the open access book series “Progress in Landslide Research and Technology.”

Guidelines for WCoE:

- 1) Candidates of WCoEs must submit the application form to the Secretariat of the Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020 via an email.
- 2) Candidates will be evaluated on their achievements and current activities (scientific, technical and educational capacity, training courses, publications, dissemination of knowledge and information) and planned activities contributing to IPL and KLC2020.
- 3) WCoEs will be identified at every triennial World Landslide Forum. The status as a WCoE will be given for 3 years until the next Forum.
- 4) Each WCoE must submit an annual activity report each year, and also publish on its activities in the open access book series “*Progress in Landslide Research and Technology*.”
- 5) The status as a WCoE may be extended for another 3 years in the same topics or in a revised topics based on the activities carried out as a WCoE.

Procedure of Identification of WCoEs

- 1) The application form from an eligible entity will be submitted to the Secretariat of the GPC of IPL and

KLC20202 (IPL World Centre) by **30 March 2023**.

- 2) Preliminary screening of received applications will be conducted according to the Criteria by the Secretariat of IPL World Centre. Feasible application will be passed to the IPL Evaluation Committee for the in-depth evaluation.
- 3) Candidates for WCoEs passing to the in-depth evaluation will be invited to orally present their proposals in the ad hoc session of the Global Promotion Committee of IPL and KLC2020 possibly in (Florence) in June or July in 2023. Revision of an application may be advised by the committee to avoid duplication of activities with other proposals or to improve the proposals when necessary.
- 4) Final application forms will be evaluated by the technical evaluation committee of the IPL World Centre.
- 5) Summarizing all evaluation values, appropriate candidates will be selected, and a list of recommendations will be submitted to the Independent Panel of Experts (several experts) selected/nominated by the Global Promotion Committee of IPL and KLC2020.
- 6) Independent Panel of Experts will review the recommendations, and endorse appropriate WCoEs.
- 7) The Endorsement of WCoEs by the Independent Panel of Experts will be reported to the Global Promotion Committee of IPL and KLC2020. WCoEs endorsed by the Panel must be approved by voting of more than half participating members of the Global Promotion Committee of IPL and KLC2020.
- 8) WCoE 2023-2026 will be announced on 14 November 2023 at the World Landslide Forum 6 in Florence, Italy. Certificates will be awarded from Name and office to be identified.