Memorandum of Understanding Between the UVP-Gesellschaft e. V. and the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA)


Preamble:
The UVP-Gesellschaft e. V. (German EIA Association) and the Syrian Order of Engineers (OSEA) are willing to work together in developing and improving the environmental situation in Germany and Syria by the use and development of Environmental Impact Assessment.

This Memorandum of Understanding defines the relationship between the German EIA Association and the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA). It expresses the convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action and may not imply a legal commitment.

Objectives:
Both parties are willing to support each other, in particular as follows:
1. Both parties are willing to exchange interdisciplinary expert knowledge on all questions relevant to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
2. The EIA Association expresses the will to support the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA) in developing quality criteria for EIA procedural requirements and for methodological requirements on Environmental Impact Studies.
3. The EIA Association is willing to support the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA) and competent authorities to develop guidelines for an efficient EIA implementation.
4. The EIA Association is willing to support the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA) to develop and to ensure a „good practice on EIA“.
5. The EIA Association is willing to invite the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA) to conferences and workshops with international character in Germany organized by the Association and give the opportunity for statements to the EIA in Syria and related subjects and is willing to support the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects (OSEA) in organisation and carrying out of workshops and conferences on EIA related topics in Syria.
6. OSEA will inform the German EIA association about large scale project, requiring EIA. In particular the EIA association members should be considered for the EIA review, which should be done by external expertise.
7. OSEA jointly with the EIA association will organise seminars, workshops and conference on EIA in Syria, in order to promote the EIA implementation process in Syria.
8. OSEA jointly with the EIA association will try to develop mechanism for further promoting EIA activities in Arab League member states.

Final Provisions:
This Memorandum of Understanding shall be reviewed after two years by the parties and may be modified in writing upon their mutual consent.
Both parties will nominate a contact person, responsible for following up the cooperation. An annual joint report will document the activities and achieved results.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by the parties at a jointly agreed time or by one party giving three months' notice in writing to the other party.

This agreement shall enter into force upon its signature by OSEA and German EIA-Association.

Hannover, 10.12.2007
President of OSEA
Hassan Majed Ali
Hannover, 12.10.2007
Chairman UVP-Gesellschaft e.V.
Dr. Frank Scholles

Der Vorstand der UVP-Gesellschaft hat dem Memorandum einstimmig zugestimmt.
Die Mitglieder sind aufgerufen, sich nach ihren Möglichkeiten an der Kooperation zu beteiligen. Über die Ergebnisse wird im UVP-report berichtet.