



International Association
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Declaration

**On the occasion of the Sixth International Conference on Geomorphology,
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The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG),
founded in 1985, recognizes that

Whereas

- (1) Natural hazards, including floods, landslides, soil erosion, desertification, and volcanic and seismic events, which change earth surface processes and landforms, are of primary concern worldwide; and
- (2) Each year, more people are exposed to natural hazards, as natural and anthropogenic processes of global change increase the frequency and intensity of hazardous events;

and whereas

- (3) Geomorphology is the study of land surface forms and the processes that shape them; and
- (4) Geomorphologists analyze causes and consequences of natural hazards, time periods between destructive events, and locations of past, present, and potential risks from the impacts of natural hazards;

The International Association of Geomorphologists declares that

- (1) Geomorphological research that produces maps and models identifying areas susceptible to damage should always be part of the scientific basis of decision-making to reduce susceptibility and prevent loss of life and property by natural events; and
- (2) Geomorphologists should contribute to decision-making, at all levels, to prevent and mitigate geomorphological hazards and to encourage decision-makers to place higher priority on prevention and mitigation of risks associated with natural hazards.