Agenda Item 4.3
REPORT OF WORKING GROUP 4:
PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND RESILIENCE

Terms of Reference of Working Group 4: Public Awareness, Education and Resilience

**Purpose:** To advise and recommend to the ICG strategies to enhance public awareness, education and resilience capacities and to develop the necessary recommendations, tools and procedures.

**Functions:**

- Identify the public awareness and education strategies and tools that the Member States can integrate into their risk reduction and emergency management programs.
- Support the development of guidelines for preparedness, response and recovery plans for communities and local governments and organisations which should include sharing of training and evacuation best practices.
- To closely cooperate with the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC) in carrying out its mandate and in the implementation of its program.

**Membership:**

1. Kerry Hinds, Barbados (CHAIR)
2. Juan Salado, ONAMET, Republica Dominicana (VICE CHAIR)
3. Stacey Edwards, SRC (VICE CHAIR)
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5. Prof. Juan Luis Guzmán, FUNVISIS, Venezuela
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8. Juan Jose Reyes, COPECO, Honduras
9. Jorge Espinoza, Secretaria Nacional de Gestión de Riesgos-SNGR, Colombia
10. Mr. Philippe Sarron, Etat- Major-De - Zone, Martinique, France
11. Guillaume Raymond, France
12. Christian Choucoutu, France
13. Patrick Tyburm, France
14. Ronald Jackson (or his nominee), Executive Director, CDEMA
15. Mandela Christian, Dominica
16. Ana Isabel Izaguirre Amador, SINAPRED, Nicaragua
17. Ricardo Mena, UN-EIRD
18. Lic. Ivan Morales (or his nominee), Secretario Ejecutivo, CEPREDENAC
19. Laura Kong, ITIC, Invited Expert
20. Ms. Dawn French, Director, NEMO
21. Juan Carlos Villagran, UNOOSA
22. Paul Martens, Sint Maarten
23. Jasen Penn, Virgin Islands (UK)
24. Antonio Aguilar, Venezuela
25. Carolina Hincapie, PRSN, Puerto Rico, USA, Invited Expert
26. Wilfredo Ramos, Agencia Estatal de Manejo de Emergencias, Puerto Rico (USA)
27. Mr. Steve Symphor, Conseil Générale de la Martinique (France)
ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII.1
on Public Awareness, Education and Resilience

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions,

(i) **Recognizing** the progress made in establishing the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC),

(ii) **Noting** the effort of several Member States in raising the level of awareness of the tsunami and other coastal hazards in their respective jurisdictions;

(iii) **Requests** that Working Group 2 focus on producing operational products available for the countries so that emergency managers can determine their highest areas of risk and focus their efforts on developing early warning capacities for those areas;

(iv) **Requests** that Working Group 4 encourage Member States to provide the technical specifications to facilitate the production of these operational products;

(v) **Instructs** Working Group 4 to establish a Task Team to develop a strategy or business proposal for a Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme,

(vi) **Requests** the Secretariat to inform the Member States on the establishment of CTIC and requests their voluntary financial and technical contributions to facilitate its functions and operations, including in-kind assistance and secondments;

(vii) **Approves** new terms of reference for Working Group 4 as noted above

(viii) **Approves** the proposed Training and Implementation Strategy scheduled for 2013,

(ix) **Approves** the Tsunami Public Awareness and Education Strategy for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions as amended at the session.

**Working Group Activities**

During the inter-sessional period, Working Group 4 communicated via emails in addition to subsets of Working Group 4 Members participating in various meetings and or workshops to further the mission, purpose and functions of the Working Group and as well to fulfil a number of recommendations emanating from ICG CARIBE EWS VIII.

Meetings and Workshops which benefitted from Working Group 4 Members participation included:


2. CARIBE-EWS WG IV CaribeWave 2014 Task Team Meeting held on November 12th, 2013 in Mayaguez Puerto Rico.

3. CARIBE-EWS WG IV Task Team on Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme. Meeting held on November 13-14th, 2013 in Mayaguez Puerto Rico.
4. The CTIC Launch held on November 22nd, 2013 in Bridgetown, Barbados.

5. The 2nd CTIC Board Meeting held on November 23rd, 2013 in Bridgetown, Barbados.

6. ICG CARIBE EWS Officers and Working Group Virtual Meeting held on December 9th, 2013.

7. The virtual meeting which took place on April 25, 2014 to accredit the Virgin Islands UK as the second Tsunami Ready Caribbean territory.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ICG/CARIBE-EWS-IX

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions,

Recognizing the progress made in the operationalisation and implementation of programmes of the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC),

Noting the effort of several Member States in raising the level of awareness of the tsunami and other coastal hazards in their respective jurisdictions; and

Acknowledging the progress made by the Task Team on Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme.

Requests that Working Group II continue to focus on producing operational products available for the countries so that emergency managers can determine their highest areas of risk and focus their efforts on developing early warning capacities for those areas;

Encourages Member States to continue to provide the technical specifications to facilitate the production of these operational products;

Endorses the continuation of the work of the Task Team to develop a strategy or business proposal for a Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme,

Urges the Secretariat to encourage the Member States to provide voluntary financial and technical contributions to further facilitate CTIC’s functions and operations, including in-kind assistance and secondments;

Requests Member States to provide national updates on the adoption and adaptation of the Tsunami Public Awareness and Education Strategy for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions.