ICG/PTWS WG3
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND PREPAREDNESS

Report to ICG: 22 April 2015
Member State nominations to the WG at present:

- China
- China (Hong Kong)
- Ecuador
- Japan
- New Zealand (Chair)
- Russia
- USA (Vice Chair)

- The Director of the ITIC is co-opted as a member of the WG.
Revised TOR (aligning with TOWS TT2)

- Facilitate in collaboration with TOWS Task Team 2 and organizations such as UNISDR, the exchange of experiences and information on preparedness actions, education/awareness raising campaigns and other matters related to disaster management and preparedness;

- Promote preparedness in coastal communities through education and awareness products and campaigns;

- Facilitate SOP training across regions to strengthen emergency response capabilities of Member States and their Disaster Management Offices;

- Promote preparedness programs and assessment tools that have been successful in one region in the others as appropriate;

- Support the ITIC of the ICG;

- Report to the ICG-PTWS.
Activities

Participation in TOWS TT on DM & Preparedness

Feb 2014
- Finalise Standard Operating Procedures Manual;
- Establish (i) reference list of tsunami evacuation mapping material, and (ii) a template for comprehensive mapping guidelines;
- Promote education and awareness strategies as well as accredited community preparedness programmes as exampled in the CARIBE-EWS;
- Contribute to the development of tsunami guidance for the tourism industry;
- Finalise the Post-Event Performance Survey, underlining the role of Tsunami Information Centres (TICs) in the management of post event performance surveys.

March 2015
- Finalise the SOP Manual.
- Finalise the PTWS ITIC pilot training program for tsunami evacuation mapping and planning
- Encourage ICGs to adopt performance based recognition programs on tsunami preparedness that are modelled on the CARIBE-EWS pilot recognition program.
- Compare the Bali and Caribbean Hotel guidelines developed by IOTWS and CARIBE-EWS with the NEAMTWS and ITIC material so that a guideline can be finalised.
- Conduct a survey of material to support the consideration of tsunami hazard in business continuity planning.
**TOWS TT recs**

- TT should continue to meet on an annual basis, and to make travel worth-while for the attendees a two-day meeting is preferred,
- TICs should be encouraged to include the annual TT meeting in their budget plans, while consideration could also be given to hold the Task Team meetings at one of the respective TICs as that will avoid travel costs for at least one representative (to be considered against the preference to arrange the Task Team meetings to be held back to back with TOWS meetings - also aimed at limiting travel costs.)
Cooperation with other WGs

- CTIC and ICG/CARIBE-EWS WG4, in planning support for ITP-CAR3 in Mexico, April 2014.
- SE Pacific WG meeting on “Strengthening Regional Coordination Mechanisms for Tsunami Early Warning Systems” in Ecuador, June 2014.
- The Central America WG was supported by the WG3 Vice-Chair and ITIC.
- The CA WG decided to support the ITIC initiative on flood and evacuation maps and plans.
Exercise Pacific Wave 2015

- Fifth Pacific wide drill, 2-6 February 2015
- Evaluated the new enhanced PTWC products
- 41 countries participated
- Exercise Report on the meeting website, will be presented tomorrow under Agenda Point 4.4
Training

• 2013:
  Regional workshop S China Sea & NW Pacific countries, Beijing Dec 2013

• 2014:
  – Regional workshop on Strengthening Tsunami Warning and Emergency Response SOPs and the development of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS PTWC new enhanced products, Mexico April 2014
  – Regional workshop Pacific Island countries, Fiji May 2014
  – Regional training new enhanced products, South & Central America, Equador June 2014
  – ITP - Hawaii Dec 2014 – 30 participants
Awareness

• ITIC material- on going, re-prints. (Refer ITIC Director’s Report to the ICG/PTWS-XXVI)
• SWP Countries developed own & disseminate via a range of media
• Noted several countries’ initiatives over the last two days at Symposium- consistencies.
Planned activities

- Align with TOWS-WG TT on Disaster Management & Preparedness activities:
  - Finalize SOP Manual
  - Consider adoption of a performance based recognition program on tsunami preparedness that is modelled on the CARIB-EWS pilot programme
  - Continued support towards preparedness for new PTWC products
  - ITP and regional trainings to continue in partnership with Regional WGs
  - Implement PTWS ITIC pilot training programme for tsunami evacuation mapping, to lead to a standardised process and training on the production and implementation of practical community-level tsunami evacuation maps. Need to have a map!!
Final remark

Note: SC agreed in July 2014 that after implementation of PTWC new products, the next priority for PTWS should be on Preparedness.

(Synergy with call from Symposium to address balance of focus).

To be quipped to give effect to this focus, the WG will require active & enthusiastic participation by member states, & the right people for the right job!
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