Report of the Task Team on Tsunami Recognition Program
2015–2016

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Presentation Outline

- Administrative Arrangements of Task Team on Tsunami Recognition Program
- Priority Areas during the last year:
  - Translation of Guidelines
  - Capacity Building and Development, Use and Validation of Guidelines
  - Dissemination and printing of Guidelines
  - Way Forward
Administrative Arrangements of Task Team on Tsunami Recognition Program 2015–2016

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- **Priority Areas of Focus**
- **Translation of Guidelines**
  - English, French and Spanish versions of the guidelines completed
  - Dutch Translation currently being done. Curacao has volunteered support in this area.

- **Priority Areas of Focus**
- Capacity Building and Development, Use and Validation of Guidelines
  - St. Kitts – Road towards implementation of guidelines
  - British Virgin Islands – maintaining Tsunami Ready status
Priority Areas of Focus

Dissemination and printing of Guidelines

- UNESCO has identified source of funding to facilitate printing of guidelines
Way Forward

- Recommendation for Task Team to continue
  - Continued engagement and sensitisation of Member States with respect to the recognition program
  - Continued technical support for Working Group IV and CTIC
  - to provide support to Member States in the implementation of the guidelines
  - Piloting of the program by communities and countries
  - Identification of resources to finance our programme
  - Encourage Member States to identify communities in all Member States to participate in the program
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- The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE–EWS),

- Taking into account the needs for tsunami preparedness, monitoring and response to tsunami hazard along the coastal regions and that the TsunamiReady Recognition Programme Guidelines to be followed by Member States within the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions were adopted through ICG/CARIBE EWSX.6;

- Decides that the Task Team continue its work on supporting the work of the Working Group IV and the CTIC and CTWP as required by the ICG;
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- **Recommends** the continued piloting of the approved guidelines for the *Tsunami Ready Recognition* Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions;
- **Further recommends** that Member States and donor agencies continue to support pilot projects under the *TsunamiReady* Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions;
- **Recognizing** the important role the TsunamiReady Program in building community, territorial and country resilience for tsunami and other coastal hazards in the various Member States, requests that Working Group 4 through CTIC and the CTWP promote the “TsunamiReady” Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions through a targeted public awareness and education campaign to commence over the next year;
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- **Encourage** all Member States to select and inform on the communities to be targeted to participate and receive “TsunamiReady” recognition by 2026

- **Further encourage** all Member States to identify Points of Contact for the *Tsunami Ready* for the corresponding coordination and as a prerequisite for the implementation of the local implementation of the Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

- **Recommends** the approval of the Tsunami Ready logo developed by Colombia in support of the implementation of the *Tsunami Ready* program.
Re-emphasise the need for Working Group 3 to develop a regional Tsunami Media Guide and produce a resource guide on communication and technologies for use by communities in the dissemination of tsunami information alerts;

Re-emphasise the need for Working Group 4 to develop the guideline on how to plan and conduct community tsunami exercises as well as the guidelines for the public display of tsunami information in support of the guideline requirements;
Consider the outcomes and the delivery of the Tsunami Evacuation Mapping and Planning Procedures process in the CARIBE EWS in support of the implementation of the *Tsunami Ready* recognition programme.
The End
Thank you
Questions and Comments