Task Team on the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

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The ICG CARIBE EWS at its last session in Cartagena Columbia:

Further decided that there should be continued piloting of the approved guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

Recommended that the Task Team on the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions consider the proposed logo developed by Colombia in support of the implementation of the Programme.
Task Team Report

- Convened a virtual meeting on Wednesday 22nd March, 2017:
  1. To discuss Task Team progress and assistance to countries/communities and territories with respect to the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions; and

  2. To make solid recommendations in an effort to advance the work of the ICG CARIBE–EWS
A. During the intercessional period, work continued in advancing the piloting of the Tsunami Ready Guidelines:

1. St. Kitts and Nevis with the support of the Task Team gained recognition under the programme.

2. Assistance is also being rendered to Grenada, Honduras and Haiti as they seek recognition.

3. Both St. Vincent and the Grenadines & Barbados to facilitate Tsunami Ready recognition of one of their communities.
Follow up Actions

1. In this upcoming period British Virgin Islands and Anguilla will be up for renewals of their recognition.

2. Investigate the possibility of any of the Dutch territories interests in pursuing Tsunami Ready programme
1. Requirement for discussion on the re-certification process:
   • renewal of recognition under the programme should be sought every four years as opposed to every three years.

2. Other ICGs indicated interest in the Tsunami Ready programme developed by the Caribbean and Adjacent Region & the possibility of utilising these as voluntary guidelines in their respective ICGs.
1. Proposed review of current guidelines with a view of giving further guidance to communities, territories and countries. This discussion was prompted by the fact that there was some uncertainty at the level of the community “What constitutes a community in the context of the guidelines”.
Proposed Logo

- Discussed the proposed logo developed by Colombia in support of the implementation of the Programme;

- Noting that at the global level there will be consideration by UNESCO to have a universal logo for the programme.

- It was recommended that our ICG give consideration to submitting an entry to be considered at the global level or extend an invitation to establishing a global committee to decide on the “global” logo.
Next scheduled TOWS Meeting in February 2018, there will be discussion on the global logo and as such the Task Team should consider further developing the logo and work with the other ICGs so that there is some consensus on the global logo going forward.
The End
Thank you
Questions and Comments
Task Team Report Recommendations

- Recognising the continued work of the Task Team on the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

- Acknowledging the results of the continued piloting of the approved guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Community Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

- Recommend that the piloting of the guidelines within the Caribe EWS conclude in 2018 and further suggest that a report of the piloting process be developed and articulated at the next ICG with a view to develop harmonized consistent global guidelines.

- Acknowledge that the other ICGs have indicated interest in the Tsunami Ready programme developed by the Caribbean and Adjacent Region and the possibility of utilising these as voluntary guidelines in their respective ICGs.

- Recommends that consideration be given to submission of the proposed logo entry to be considered at the global level and further extend an invitation to establishing a global committee to decide on the “global” logo.

- Recommend that renewal of recognition under the programme should be sought every four years

- Encourage the continued request for information utilising the CARIBEWAVE Exercise Supplement to MS on the status of Tsunami Ready.