Tentative Work Program
For
Working Group 3: Pacific Emergency Communication and Technologies

1. **Members**
   - Canada
   - Samoa
   - Chile
   - Ecuador
   - New Zealand
   - Nicaragua
   - USA
   - PTWS communication providers
   - National Tsunami Warning Focal Points and Emergency Managers of interested member states
   - Representatives from non-PTWS countries (observers)

2. **Terms of Reference**
   2.1 To encourage member states to develop arrangements for the transmission and receipts of tsunami warning alerts from international centres, and the dissemination of alerts and public safety actions within their countries.

   2.2 To provide a forum to identify methods and systems currently available and planned for the future for alert dissemination within Member States, and internationally across the Pacific, and between oceanic basins,

   2.3 To consult with National Tsunami Warning Focal Points to determine appropriate requirements for the dissemination of alerts from the Tsunami Warning Centers and exchange of information for the confirmation of reception.

3. **Proposed program of action for the current inter-sessional period (November 2008 – February 14 2009)**
   3.1 Study to take stock of telecommunication and technologies available and use around the world including the Pacific and to explore ways of how these means of communication could be use to receive and disseminate alerts (1 month)

   3.2 Depending on the recommendation from the study in 3.1, develop designs to incorporate various means of communication to enable receipt and dissemination of tsunami alerts (the issues to consider here is whether this can be replicated and well receive by member states and or whether such design is appropriate and meet local needs?) (2 to 3 months)

   3.3 Explore and develop ways to promote the use of these means of communication including costing (2 to 3 months)

4. **Way forward**
4.1 Confirm Chair and Vice Chair for this Working Group
4.2 Circulate work program to members for comments and to confirm whether this is the right direction for this Working Group

4.2 Undertake the study using web-based resources and information from members and compile information with firm recommendations on next steps as well as viability of using available means of communication

4.3 Next steps will depend on the outcomes of the study.

It is proposed that this work should start immediately once the Chair and Vice Chair is confirmed.