

PTWS Regional Working Group for the South West Pacific Region

Terms of Reference

1. To continually review and evaluate capabilities of and make recommendations for improvements to countries in the Southwest Pacific (SWP) Region for providing end-to-end tsunami warning and mitigation services.
2. To support the involvement and contribution of SWP countries in the activities of the ICG/PTWS.
3. To promote and facilitate the tsunami hazard and risk studies in the SWP region.
4. To facilitate cooperation in the establishment and upgrading of seismic and sea level stations and networks in the region, and the interoperability of these systems in accordance with ICG/PTWS requirements.
5. To facilitate training and capacity building in the end to end tsunami warning and mitigation system in the region.
6. To encourage the sharing of tsunami information in the region, including but not limited to the free and open exchange of data.
7. To facilitate tsunami awareness in school curricula, and development and dissemination of public educational materials.
8. To work in cooperation with PTWS Working Group 3, especially on activities which strengthen country capacity in tsunami emergency response.

The Group to be comprised of representatives from Member States and territories of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) as members and observers with Chair and Vice Chair to be elected by the members of the Working Group and endorsed by the ICG/PTWS.