



**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PTWS WG for SW  
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**KIRIBATI REPORT**

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# Outline

- Background
- Update on Activities
- Challenges
- Way forward

# Background

- The Kiribati Meteorological Service (KMS) responsible for provision of warning and advisory services for Tsunamis threatening Kiribati.
- KMS is designated as Tsunami Warning focal point for Kiribati under UNESCO/IOC.
- Although Kiribati considered as low risk national from Tsunami, but Kiribati Government still recognize Tsunami as a disaster to country.
- Kiribati usually on warning from distance sources Tsunami.

# Update Activities

Completed/Progressing	In-Complete
New Tsunami Warning Criteria	Kiribati National Tsunami Support Plan
Tsunami warning exercise/drill to KMS staff (every 6 month)	Awareness (3 out of the 33 Islands)
	National Tsunami drill/exercise

# Challenges

- Mislead between Climate Change and Tsunami.
- Contradict in advise from local and International experts  
(Tsunami Warning Center/NOAA verse KMS)
- Absence of Earthquake real-time detection tool/display with KMS to monitor local earthquakes within the Countries .  
(5.2 M Earthquake in Kiribati region on 20 April, 2016)

# Way forward

- Finalize and endorse Kiribati National Support Plan.
- Organize In-country trainings to Government officials responsible.
- Seek financial support to speed up our community outreach/awareness program to all islands in Kiribati.
- Seek financial /technical support to improve local earthquake monitoring and detection in the Kiribati region.

Thank you