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- To :** ICG/PTWS Tsunami National Contacts (TNC) and Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) for Australia, Cooks Islands, Fiji, France (New Caledonia & French Polynesia), Japan, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vanuatu
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Subject: Eighth Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Working Group 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific, 20 October 2022, Nukua'lofa, Tonga

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of the ICG/PTWS WG2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific will be held in Nukua'lofa, Tonga on 20 October 2022 at the kind invitation of the Kingdom of Tonga. The meeting will be held back-to-back with two other meetings: a closed meeting on the Oceania Regional Seismic NETwork ([ORSNET](#)) on 17–19 October and a Learning Event on the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai Volcano/Tsunami Experience of 15 January 2022 hosted by the Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with Government of Tonga on 21 October. These events will be held at the Tanoa Dateline International Hotel Conference Centre. Please be informed that the meeting in subject will allow for both physical and remote participation. Detail of time and Zoom online access are given below:

Meeting Title	Date	Time	Zoom Meeting Link
Eighth Meeting of ICG/PTWS WG 2 Task Team ON Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific	19 October – UTC (20 October – Tonga)	UTC: - 19:30 – Start - 0:00 – Finish (Local Tonga time: - 8:30 – Start - 13:00 – Finish)	https://unesco-org.zoom.us/j/88229782126 Passcode: <u>755916</u>

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The ICG/PTWS WG2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific has the following Terms of Reference:

1. Advocate seismic data sharing in the region;
2. Advise Southwest Pacific countries on data sharing protocols, techniques and technologies;
3. Work with SWP countries and donors to ensure a common data sharing policy;
4. Encourage Southwest Pacific countries with existing or planned broadband seismograph stations to (i) join the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN), (ii) use the standards developed by the FDSN for data exchange, and (iii) take advantage of the data archiving provided by FDSN.

The ICG/PTWS WG 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific is composed of representatives of South Pacific countries and territories (Australia, Fiji, France–French Polynesia, France-New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu), with PTWC, NWPTAC, Japan, the United States of America and Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) and WMO Regional Association (RAV) as observers. The Task Team is co-chaired by Messrs Rennie Vaiomounga (Tonga) and Matthew Mohoi (PNG).

The Tsunami National Contacts (TNCs) of the above-mentioned countries are invited to nominate delegate(s) to the Eighth meeting of the ICG/PTWS-WG 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific. Nominations should be sent to Mr Bernardo Aliaga, ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary **by 7 October 2022**, (b.aliaga@unesco.org), with copy to Jiuta Korovulavula, IOC NPO, c/o Geoscience Division of SPC, Suva, Fiji, (j.korovulavula@unesco.org).

The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting enclosed hereafter, the documentation and additional information on meeting arrangements will be made available in due course at the meeting website: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3662>.

Looking forward to receiving your nomination in due course, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Provisional Agenda

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

**Eighth Meeting of the PTWS Working Group 2 Task Team
on Seismic Data Sharing in the PICTs**

Nuku'alofa, Tonga, 20 October 2022

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Session	Tonga Local Time 20 October	UTC 19 October	Topic	Lead
1	8:30	19 :30	Welcome and Opening	Chair IOC Representative
2	9:00	20:00	Organization of Session 2.1 Adoption of the Agenda 2.2 Designation of Rapporteur 2.3 Conduct of Session, Timetable and documentation	Chair IOC Representative
3	9:15	20:00	IOC ICG/PTWS XXIX Session Outcomes 3.1 Brief on decisions and recommendations from ICG/PTWS-XXIX 3.2 Brief overview of Task Team TOR and membership	Chair
4	9: 30	20:30	ORSNET project progress report and future plan 4.1 ORSNET Recommendation	Chair All
	10:30	21 :30	Coffee Break / Group Photo	
5	11:00	22:00	Future work of Task Team 5.1 USGS /GA 5.2 GNS /JICA	Chair All
6	12:00	23:00	Review of TOR and Membership 7.1 Review of Task Team TOR 7.2 Voting for New Office Bearers	Chair All
7	12:30	23:30	Finalisation of decisions, recommendation and consideration draft meeting report 8.1 Review and Update of Recommendations to ICG/PTWS	Chair All
8	13:00	00 :00 20th October	Next Meeting	Chair All
9	13:05	00:05 20th October	Closure	Chair
			Lunch	