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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, Wallis & Futuna), Kiribati, New Zealand, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vanuatu ICG/PTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs
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Subject: Ninth Meeting of the PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (ICG/PTWS-WG/PICT-IX), 2–3 February 2023, Nadi, Fiji

I have the honour to inform you that at the kind invitation of the Fiji Government, a meeting of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (WG-PICT) will be held on 2 and 3 February 2023. This meeting will follow a three-day regional training on the UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme scheduled from 30 January to 1 February 2023. Both events will be held at the Tanoa International Hotel Conference Centre in Nadi, Fiji.

The Pacific Island Countries and Territories Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (WG-PICT) of the ICG/PTWS has the following Terms of Reference:

1. To continually review and evaluate capabilities of and make recommendations for improvements to countries in the Pacific Islands and Territories (PICT) Region for providing end to-end tsunami warning and mitigation services;
2. To support the involvement and contribution of PICT countries in the activities of the ICG/PTWS;

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3. To promote and facilitate the tsunami hazard and risk studies in the PICT 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, 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 Groups 2 & 3, and relevant task teams especially on activities that strengthen country capacity in tsunami warning, risk mitigation & emergency response.

The ICG/PTWS-WG/PICT is comprised of representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) as members, Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) and WMO Regional Association V (RA V) as observers.

Ms Esline Garaebiti (Vanuatu) and Mr Mathew Moihoi (Papua New Guinea) were elected respectively as Chair and Vice-Chair at the ICG/PTWS-WG/PICT-VIII meeting in December 2021.

The following PICT are IOC Member States: Australia, Cooks Islands, Fiji, France, New Zealand, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Vanuatu.

Through this Circular Letter, Tsunami National Contacts (TNCs) of the above-mentioned countries are invited to nominate their delegate(s) to the ICG/PTWS-WG/PICT meeting. Nominations should be sent to Mr Bernardo Aliaga (email: b.aliaga@unesco.org), ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary, **by 30 December 2022** copied to Mr Jiuta Korovulavula (email: j.korovulavula@unesco.org), IOC NPO, c/o Geoscience Division of SPC, Suva, Fiji. Limited funding is available to support participants travel and stay.

Please find attached a Provisional Agenda for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat in coordination with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group. Further information on meeting arrangements will be provided in due course.

Information about the meeting including documentation and presentations as well as the list of participants will be made available on the following website: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3794>.

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

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

**Ninth Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Pacific Island Countries and Territories Working Group on
Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-WG/PICT-IX)
Nadi, Fiji, 2–3 February 2023**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND OPENING**
- 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
 - 2.1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - 2.2. DESIGNATION OF RAPPORTEUR
 - 2.3. CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION
- 3. OUTCOME OF THE 29TH SESSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING AND MITIGATION SYSTEM (ICG/PTWS)**
- 4. REVIEW OF TSUNAMI DETECTION, WARNING AND RESPONSE AND TSUNAMI MITIGATION ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION**
 - 4.1. REPORT FROM WG 2 TASK TEAM ON SEISMIC DATA SHARING IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
 - 4.2. REPORT FROM WG-PICT TASK TEAM CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
- 5. DISCUSSION ON WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES AND FUTURE ACTION PLANS**
 - ❖ ORSNET
 - ❖ TSUNAMI READY & TEMPP
 - ❖ NATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING CENTRES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK
 - ❖ UN DECADE WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY – 5TH NOV 2023
 - ❖ PROJECT PROPOSALS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- 6. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER BODIES**
 - ❖ THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY
 - ❖ PACIFIC MET COUNCIL
- 7. REVIEW OF WG TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RECOMMENDATION TO NEXT ICG/PTWS SESSION**
- 8. NEXT MEETING**
- 9. CLOSURE**