



**Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian
Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System
(ICG/IOTWMS)**

**Task Team on Exercise Indian Ocean Wave 2023
(IOWave23)**

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Terms-of-Reference

Under the direction of Working Group 3 "Tsunami Ready Implementation":

1. Plan and coordinate the next IOWave Exercise (IOWave23), taking on-board suggestions from the post-IOWave20 lessons learnt workshop, including an increased focus on involving Local Disaster Management Offices (LDMOs) down to community level and implementation of IOTR.
2. Prepare the IOWAVE23 Exercise Manual in accordance with the Guideline on "How to Plan, Conduct and Evaluate Tsunami Exercises" (IOC Manuals and Guides No. 58) at least 6 months in advance of the exercise.
3. Prepare the Exercise Report for ICG/IOTWMS-XIV.

The Task Team will report to Working Group 3 and work in collaboration with Working Group 1, Working Group 2 and IOTIC, and be composed of members nominated by Member States and representatives from TSPs, with a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

ICG/IOTWMS-XIII requests the new Task Team on IOWAVE23 to:

1. Address the recommendations of the 2018 Capacity Assessment of Tsunami Preparedness in the Indian Ocean;
2. Conduct Indian Ocean Wave Exercise (IOWave23) in 2023 noting suggestions from the post- IOWave20 lessons learnt workshop, including an increased focus on participation of Local Disaster Management Offices (LDMO) down to community level and exercising communities recognised or planning to be recognised under the TRRP or similar initiatives;
3. Explore mechanisms where resources are available for participation of international observers with expertise in tsunami warning in countries conducting community evacuations and implementing TRRP and similar initiatives during future IOWave exercises;
4. Conduct IOWave23 in Sept/Oct 2023, with three scenarios run one week apart and not on consecutive days, with at least one scenario with major tsunami impacts;

5. Include near-field tsunami scenarios, with scenarios for tsunami generated by non-seismic and complex sources;
6. Support pre- and post-IOWave workshops to facilitate planning, conduct, and review of Exercise. exercises in pandemic situation;
7. Encourage Member States to test/verify the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Indicators during the Exercise; and
8. Develop guidelines and manual for conducting virtual table-top exercises.

Rules and Conditions for ICG/IOTWMS Working Groups and Task Teams

The following rules and conditions apply to all working groups and Task Teams of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS):

- Working language: English
- Frequency of meetings: During inter-sessional period of the ICG/IOTWMS
- Coordination and elections: Following the rules of procedures applying to IOC subsidiary bodies, unless elected by the ICG/IOTWMS, a chair and at least one vice-chair will be elected by the members of the working group or task team for two years with possible re-election of one term in the same position.
- Members and appointment: Nominated by Heads of ICG/IOTWMS National Delegations and/or Tsunami National Contacts of Member States in accordance with the rules of procedures applying to IOC subsidiary bodies. Technical experts and observers can be invited at the discretion of the chair.
- Duration of the working group and task teams: Two years, renewable subject to review by the ICG/IOTWMS
- Programme of inter-sessional work is guided by its Terms-of-Reference decided by the ICG/IOTWMS and actions requested by the ICG/IOTWMS
- Inter-sessional work is generally conducted by email and teleconference, in addition to at least one face-to-face meeting subject to availability of members and budget.
- Reports: A progress report must be submitted to the Secretariat two months before each ICG session and within two months of each working group or task team meeting with the assistance of the Secretariat.
- Financial resources: Participation in the working groups and task teams, including attendance at meetings, will be at national expense.