



CONCEPT NOTE

**UNESCO-IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for
Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)**

**EASTERN INDIAN OCEAN MEMBER STATE PREPARATION MEETING
FOR
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) WORKSHOP**

01 June 2023

BACKGROUND

Effective tsunami warning requires rapid and reliable processes for detection and monitoring, the decision to warn, the generation of a warning by the national warning provider and its dissemination along a functioning warning chain to reach people in risk areas in a timely manner. Integrated and time-line driven SOPs at all levels and actors involved are essential to achieve this.

The IOTWMS supports the Indian Ocean Member States in developing the necessary capacity to operate such warning processes in their countries by providing guidelines, training, advice, exchange of experience and regular exercises.

A number of activities are planned for the coming month. A four-day training workshop 10-13 July 2023 will provide an opportunity to share latest developments regarding the status of SOPs along the warning chain at all levels in the Member States, provide conceptual input, discuss and exchange experiences and identify areas where improvements are still needed.

In order to make this training as effective as possible, it is considered important that the underlying national warning chains are sound and agreed by all stakeholders. Therefore, it is intended to jointly review the national warning chains during the preparatory meeting and provide feedback to the Member States so that outstanding issues can be addressed prior to the training.

Other upcoming activities to test and exercise the SOPs and warning chains are a IOTWMS Comms Test between TSPs and NTWCs on 7 June and the Exercise IOWave23 in October this year.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The Regional Meeting will bring together representatives from IOTWMS Member States from the Eastern Indian Ocean (EIO) to:

- a) Share information on upcoming SOP Training Workshop for EIO Countries and agree on preparations
- b) Review the status of national tsunami warning chains and provide feedback to Member States
- c) Provide a briefing on IOTWMS Comms Test in June 2023 and IOWave23 exercise

The meeting will be held in a virtual format using Microsoft TEAMS.

SCHEDULE AND DURATION

1st of June 2023 with a duration of 2.5 hours from 0500 UTC to 0730 UTC

ORGANISER

UNESCO-IOC Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)

PARTICIPANTS

- Tsunami National Contacts
- Representatives from the National Tsunami Warning Centres (NTWCs)
- Representatives from Disaster Management Organisations (DMOs)
from **Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste**
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of relevant ICG/IOTWMS Task Teams / Working Groups
- Representatives of UNESCO-IOC and technical consultant

MEETING WEBSITE

For further information on the event, please refer to the event website:

<https://oceanexpert.org/event/3926>

PREPARATORY ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES

Please send the latest version of your national warning chain graphic to the Secretariat well in advance of the Regional Meeting, especially if changes have been made since the IOWave Webinar 09/2020.



AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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Moderator: Mr. Rick Bailey

Meeting link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/>

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Time	Agenda Item (Speaker/Lead)
0500 – 0510 UTC	1. Opening Welcome remarks and objectives of the meeting Mr. Rick Bailey (Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat)
0510 – 0530 UTC	2. Information on upcoming SOP Training Mr. Rick Bailey (Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat)
0530 – 0700 UTC	3. Review on Tsunami National Warning Chains National representatives present latest national tsunami warning chain, using graphic in provided template. (Member States) 4. Feedback remarks on Tsunami National Warning chains Mr. Harald Spahn (UNESCO-IOC Consultant) 5. Follow-up process Process to facilitate any further updates to national tsunami warning chains to be undertaken prior to the SOP Training Mr. Rick Bailey (Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat)
0700 – 0715 UTC	6. Briefing on IOTWMS Comms Test in June 2023 Ms. Nora Gale (UNESCO-IOC)
0715 – 0730 UTC	7. Briefing on IOWave23 Ms. Weniza (Chair, ICG/IOTWMS Task Team IOWave23)
0730 UTC	8. Summary and Closing remarks Mr. Rick Bailey (Head of ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat)

