

UNESCO/IOC – NOAA INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTRE (ITIC)

ITIC TRAINING PROGRAMME HAWAII (ITP-HAWAII) 2023

**TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING
CENTER ENHANCED PRODUCTS, TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANNING AND
TSUNAMI READY PROGRAMME**

HONOLULU, HAWAII, 7-18 AUGUST 2023

LOGISTICS NOTE

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The [ITIC](#), Pacific Tsunami Warning Center ([PTWC](#)), and US NOAA National Weather Service Pacific Region Headquarters ([NWS PRH](#)) are co-located in the NOAA Inouye Regional Center ([IRC](#)), located on Ford Island on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) and northwest of Honolulu Airport. Access to the IRC requires passage through Security.

For the ITP-Hawaii 2023, the primary training venue will be:
NOAA Inouye Regional Center (NOAA IRC)
1845 Wasp Blvd, Bldg 176
Honolulu, HI 96818 USA

During the training, we will visit the Hawaii State Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center in Diamond Head, City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management, University of Hawaii Sea Level Center, and then continue to the NOAA IRC training venue and visiting PTWC and ITIC.

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More information on ITIC and where we are can be found at http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=1173&Itemid=1173

TRAVEL SUPPORT

All participants are 'self-funded', or 'donor-funded' by external organizations.

Please carry your passports every day for identification purposes.

LODGING:

Donor-funded participants will stay at the ITP-Hawaii hotel. US PIF and USAID-funded participants will have their hotel reservations made by and room costs paid directly by UCAR.

Self-funded participants may stay at any hotel

Please note that the ITP-Hawaii bus will only pick up and drop off at the ITP-Hawaii hotel.

The ITP-Hawaii hotel will be the Ala Moana Hotel (AMH).

Ala Moana Hotel (AMH)

410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814

Phone: +1 (808) 955-4811 or +1 (800) 367-6025

Hotel information: <https://www.alamoanahotelhonolulu.com/>

The hotel is located adjacent to the famous Ala Moana Shopping Center, and walking distance to the 77-acre Ala Moana Beach Park

To make a reservation, visit the Ala Moana Hotel Group Reservations Site.

Deadline to book is 16 July 2023.

URL: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50619918>

Group Reservations ID : ITIC ITP Training

Room Reservation Information :

- A block of rooms has been reserved for the period of 6 to 19 August 2023.
- Nightly Rates are:
 - Kona Tower: \$177 single or double, plus 14.962% room tax
Room has 1 queen bed and 1 chair bed, accommodating a maximum of 2 people.
 - Waikiki Tower Room: \$189 single or double, plus 14.962% room tax
Room has either 2 double beds or 1 king bed, accommodating a maximum of 2 people
- Rates include complimentary high speed internet access in all guest rooms and public areas, and use of Fitness Center with both sauna and steam rooms. Resort Fees are not charged. Self-service laundry facilities (machines accept cash/credit cards) are available.
- Changes and cancellations can be made up to 72 hours before prior to arrival date at no charge. Any cancellations within the 72 hours will be charged a one-night room and tax cancellation fee.

- Room extension requests before or after group dates of August 06 – August 19, 2023 should be addressed to Arthur Sonen (arthur.sonen@noaa.gov) who will check availability and if group rate will be honored
- A credit card is required to make reservations directly with the AMH. The method of payment can later be changed to cash or a different credit card. *Any participants that do not have a credit card and wish to stay at the AMH should contact Arthur Sonen at ITIC.*

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS:

All participant meal expenses will be at your own expense.

Typical costs for meals at restaurants are: Breakfast USD \$10-15, Lunch \$15-25, Dinner, \$25-40.

Due to our funding rules, we are unable to provide coffee/tea break refreshments.

Therefore, *we would like to ask each participant to contribute USD \$35 each for refreshments, to be collected in cash on Day 1 (7 August).* We will use this money to purchase fruits, coffee/tea, water, juices, soda, and snacks for everyone for the 2-week training.

On Training Days, lunch should be at your own expense, or you may bring your own (note there are two microwaves in the Bistro lunch area that can be used to heat food)

At the NOAA IRC, breakfast and lunch can be purchased at the Ford Island Bistro, which is located on-site. Information can be found at: <http://www.fordislandbistro.com/>

VISA TO USA:

Please check to see if you require a visa to enter the United States, or if your country is among the 40 participating countries in the US Visa Waiver Program (VWP). The VWP enables nationals to travel to the US for tourism or business (visitor [B] visa purposes only) for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Eligibility and requirements of the VWP can be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

If you do require a visa, please start this process immediately. Contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in advance to get information on what paperwork they require.

TRANSPORTATION:

Air Travel to/from your home country to Honolulu International Airport:

For self-funded participants, please make your own flight arrangements.

For donor-funded participants, the donor will contact you directly to arrange your travel.

Oahu Ground Transportation

1. To/from airport and your home or AMH (or your hotel) in Waikiki:

Everyone is responsible for his or her own transportation.

We recommend an airport-to-Waikiki hotels shuttle bus to/from Honolulu Airport and your hotel. Cost starts at \$18 per person. Online booking is available. Ride time is 45-60 min with multiple stops. Three companies are:

- Speedi Shuttle (<https://www.speedishuttle.com/waikiki-transportation>)
- Roberts Hawaii Airport Shuttle (<https://www.airportshuttlehawaii.com/>)
- V.I.P. Trans (<https://www.viptrans.com/>)

Another option is by taxi (~\$50), Uber, or Lyft (30 min ride).

For transport pickup, after claiming your baggage:

- Bus and Taxi:
Proceed to curbside and cross the street to the median island where the bus and taxi transports are located.
 - Uber / Lyft:
 - For Terminal 1, go to Departures level and cross the street to the median island across from Lobby 2.
 - For Terminal 2, go to Departures level and cross the street to the median island across from Lobby 5/6 and across from Lobby 8.
2. To/from Ala Moana Hotel and ITP-Hawaii 2023 training venue, and for site visits:
ITIC has contracted an ITP-Hawaii bus to provide transportation for all days.
- **Day 1: Assembly time is 0730 curbside (location is side of hotel toward Ala Moana Shopping Center) – the bus will leave at 0745 to 0800.**
Please be prompt. The bus will depart earlier if everyone has boarded.
 - **Day 2-10: Assembly time is 0800 curbside (location is side of hotel toward Ala Moana Shopping Center) – the bus will leave at 0815.**
Please be prompt. The bus will depart when everyone has boarded.
 - **The bus will return from the NOAA IRC to the AMH at 1700 each day and arrive at the AMH between 1745-1800.**

Transportation to / from AMH and Training Venue, and site visits

On Day 1 (7 August 2023), assemble at 0730, bus departs at 0745 to 0800 from the Ala Moana Hotel. Arthur Sonen of ITIC will be at the AMH to facilitate your travel. Each person will receive their Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) Military Facility Access Pass. Without this Facility Access Pass, you will not be allowed onto Ford Island

Upon arrival at the Ford Island Bridge of the JBPHH, the ITP-Hawaii bus will stop at security. Please have your JBPHH Pass and your Passport available for showing.

Upon arrival at the NOAA Inouye Regional Center (IRC) on Ford Island, you will sign in with NOAA Security in the lobby by showing your Passport, and receive a Visitor Badge to wear. The Badge should be returned at the end of each day.

From Day 2 onwards (8-18 August 2023), assemble at 0800, bus departs at 0815 from the Ala Moana Hotel. The bus will take you directly to the training venue or visit site.
Please form a buddy system – and make sure your buddy is never left behind!
Please always bring your JBPHH Pass and your Passport.

TRAINING VENUE

The ITP-Hawaii 2023 training venue will be the NOAA IRC, Room 1377 (lobby to left). It is located about 30-60 min drive from the AMH, depending on traffic.

TRAINING HOURS:

Each day, we will generally start at 0845, and finish at 1645, with 1:15 hour for lunch. The ITP-Hawaii bus will pick up at 1700. Please carry your JBPHH Pass and your passport every day.

Saturday and Sunday are non-working days in Hawaii. These are free days and we will not meet.

ATTIRE:

The dress code is casual office attire (e.g., coat and tie are not needed). The climate is tropical, usually sunny, and the temperature ranges from 22 during the night to 29 deg Celsius in the day (mid-70s to high-80s deg F); humidity is usually low compared to that found in southeast Asia and central America.

ITP-HAWAII FIELD TRIP OR PICNIC (TENTATIVE):

We may plan a Field Trip for Hawaii Geology and Tsunamis as part of the ITP-Hawaii 2023 Training on Saturday morning to early afternoon, August 12, and then follow this with an optional informal get together (BBQ and volleyball) at a nearby park. This will be confirmed later.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTERS:

We encourage everyone to bring a laptop computer (including power plug adapter for US). Wireless internet access and a laser printer will be available in the training venue. Your computer should have up-to-date anti-virus software installed. Please let Tammy Fukuji know if you need anything specific.

We will be installing and conducting training on the use of various tsunami warning decision support tools software. If needed, please make sure you have administrative privileges that will allow you to load software. To run the TsuCAT (Tsunami Coastal Assessment Tool), Java (v1.8 or later) should be installed on your computer. We will also install QGIS (open source GIS software) in order to create evacuation maps.

Having your own will allow you to connect to the Internet in the hotel and at the training venue, and ensure that the software is running on your computer that when you return home.

Telephone and FAX services will also be available for your use at the ITIC office; emergency calls back to your country for official business are permitted on a limited basis.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK !