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UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme

May 13: Implementation in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

May 14: Pacific Island Countries and Territories - Status, Needs, Actions
Port Vila, Vanuatu, 13-14 May 2024

The UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) is an international community-based recognition programme aimed at building resilient communities through awareness and readiness strategies that will protect life, livelihoods and property from tsunamis. Readiness is achieved through a collaborative effort among government agencies, scientists, community leaders and the public, who work together to meet an established set of 12 indicators covering Assessment, Preparedness, and Response. The Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme is actioned through Country National Tsunami Ready Programmes, and facilitated in the Pacific by the International Tsunami Information Center. The implementation of the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme will be a key contribution to the 'Safe Ocean' societal outcome of the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development \(2021-2030\)](#). The goal of the IOC's Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme is to *make 100% of communities at risk of tsunami prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030*.

Building from the Regional Tsunami Ready Workshop held in January 2023, the May 14 meeting will take stock of the progress made over the last year with the goal sharing outcomes and best practices, and identifying needs and gaps, and actions for 2024 and 2025. The IOC Expert Meeting on Seismic Tsunami Sources that follows May 14-17 fulfils one need for the region for tsunami hazard and inundation modeling.

Over the next year, the ITIC, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the US NOAA), will be working with Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu to implement the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme in their countries. Previously and currently, the ITIC and NOAA assisted the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, and Palau.

On May 13, the ITIC and NOAA will conduct a Tsunami Ready Project Kick-off workshop for the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, who are starting Tsunami Ready implementation. The planning workshop will review the process and requirements for recognizing a community as Tsunami Ready, and discuss and plan an implementation strategy, including potential communities to recognize, the status of their tsunami hazard assessment and other Tsunami Ready indicators, and milestone activities. On May 20, Vanuatu, with support from the IOC and ITIC, will convene its first Vanuatu Tsunami Ready Stakeholder Workshop.

Resource persons

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA (11 May 2024)

May 13: Tsunami Ready Project Kick-off - Solomon Islands, Vanuatu (location VMGD)

May 13 morning will overview the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme based using IOC Manuals and Guides 74 (*Standard Guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme*, 2022), and discuss the concept of communities referring to the *Tsunami Ready Resources Information Form and Letter of Interest*

May 13 afternoon will meet by country (to be more efficient) to look in detail on your resources available, or resource gaps, referring to the *Tsunami Ready Implementation Status worksheet* that summarizes the different activities and deliverable for each Tsunami Ready indicator. The final session will focus on implementation and what will be needed to achieve the indicators, using a nominal *1-year timeline* as a reference.

9:00 - 12:30 noon:	Together Prayer, Welcome, Introductions Tsunami Ready 101 review Support by ITIC/USAID Discuss what is a 'good target community'
12:30 noon - 1:30 pm:	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 pm:	Break up in to country groups, meeting separately Group 1 (Chris Moore): TR indicator - Hazard Assessment - modeling requirements and available data, country decision on whether country will model, or NOAA Group 2 (Laura Kong): TR Indicators - Preparedness, Response - status on completion, requirements, questions on each indicator
3:00 - 4:00 pm:	Together TR implementation planning - Milestones, Administrative, Meeting/Training, etc - what, when, who Closing

May 14: Pacific PICT Tsunami Ready - Progress, Needs, Actions (location Ramada)

Recent implementation experiences will be shared. This will be followed by discussions on how to scale up Tsunami Ready activities in the Pacific SIDS to reach the 100% Tsunami Ready goal of the UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme

9:00 - 9:15 am:	Prayer, Welcome, Introduction
9:15 - 10:00 am:	Tsunami Ready Overview and PTWS / PICT Status
10:00 - 10:45 am:	Fiji Tsunami Ready - sharing Micronesia Tsunami Ready - sharing
10:45 - 11:00 am:	Coffee/Tea
11:00 - 11:50 pm:	PICT Tsunami Ready Next Steps - Needs, Actions
12:00 pm	Closing

May 14+ **continue side discussions**

May 20: location TBD Vanuatu Tsunami Ready Stakeholders Workshop
(agenda developed after May 13/14 meeting)