

UNESCO IOC CARIBE EWS

Working Group 3 – Tsunami Warning Dissemination and Communication

Terms of Reference

Purpose: To examine current and developing capacities and advise the ICG about the definition and composition of early warnings and tsunami products and the methods and best practices for effective end-to-end dissemination and communication.

Tasks:

- Explore and document the dissemination capabilities and existing alert guidance in the countries of the region.
- Identify the difficulties and challenges existing in the region that hinder the impact of “end to end” dissemination and communication of early warnings.
- Establish strategies for the development and implementation of methods and technologies to strengthen the interaction with the media and dissemination of early warnings within the countries of the region.
- Evaluate communication tests and tsunami exercises, in order to identify weaknesses and make recommendations to help strengthen these delivery systems
- Create communication protocol and standardized information identifying the minimum acceptable levels for communication and dissemination of tsunami early warning in all countries for approval by the ICG.
- Provide feedback to the Tsunami Service Providers on its products and communication procedures.
- Serve as a reviewing and approving body for proposed changes to TSP products for the CARIBE-EWS, or determine if proposed changes warrant going to the ICG for review and approval.
- Present a progress report based on the Key Performance Indicators related to the UN ODTP.
- Promote the sharing of experience and expertise, and capacity building essential to effective tsunami warning dissemination and communication.

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