

# Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC)

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The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO has established the Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) in Jakarta to provide support for the countries of the Indian Ocean region in disaster risk reduction focusing on tsunamis through the preparation and dissemination of awareness and preparedness materials and the development of educational programmes. The objectives of IOTIC are to provide support for countries in tsunami disaster risk reduction, help strengthen national and community preparedness against tsunami disasters, and provide a key source of tsunami Disaster Risk Reduction information in the Indian Ocean region.

## Terms-of-Reference

The Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre shall:

1. Work closely and in coordination with the ICG/IOTWMS, its Steering Group, Working Groups, Task Teams and Secretariat to:
  - a. Maintain close familiarity with the operations and needs of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System and work closely with the TSPs, NTWCs and NDMOs to assist, as needed, with the socialization and promotion of tsunami warning information.
  - b. Support the ICG/IOTWMS Working Groups to conduct training programmes, workshops, and seminars as needed in consultation with the ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat
  - c. Manage post-event performance surveys and compilation of reports in close collaboration with the ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat under the overall direction of the ICG/IOTWMS Steering Group, assisted by teams of experts nominated by the ICG/IOTWMS Steering Group as required.
2. Serve as an information resource for the availability of educational, preparedness, and other awareness materials required for an effective tsunami warning and mitigation system. Activities may include:
  - a. Develop educational, preparedness, and other awareness materials that may be used by countries around the Indian Ocean and potentially other ocean basins.
  - b. Assist as requested in the development and distribution of materials in the local language and context in partnership with national and local authorities and civil society organizations;
  - c. Assist as requested in the implementation of national and community level awareness programmes for the effective delivery of awareness information in partnership with national authorities and community stakeholders;
  - d. Encourage and assist as requested in the development of national social awareness materials for events and institutions, such as museums, memorial events, sign boards and other tsunami event memorials or materials, informative roadside signage or exhibits which remember the damaging aspects of past tsunamis;
  - e. Encourage the posting of hazard, evacuation, or other interpretative signage to increase public awareness for effective and timely tsunami warning response.
  - f. Coordinate activities, exchange materials and information with other Tsunami Information Centres (TICs) from other ocean basins.
3. Develop, manage and maintain the IOTIC Website as a platform for sharing information on the IOTWMS, tsunami education, awareness and preparedness in consultation with the ICG/IOTWMS Steering Group and ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat.
4. Develop strategic and long-term plans for sustaining the IOTIC in consultation with the ICG/IOTWMS Steering Group for endorsement by the ICG/IOTWMS.

## **Governance**

The IOTIC is an IOC UNESCO entity and operates under the overall authority of the Executive Secretary of IOC UNESCO and the day-to-day management of the IOC UNESCO National Programme Officer stationed at UNESCO Jakarta in close coordination with the ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat. The IOTIC reports to each session of the ICG/IOTWMS and to the inter-sessional meetings of the ICG/IOTWMS Steering Group, and its activities and work plans will be guided by and coordinated with the needs and requirements of the ICG/IOTWMS.

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