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**Subject: Establishment of a National Tsunami Ready Focal Point
for each Member State of the ICG/IOTWMS**

The UNESCO-IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) at its 13th Session in Bali, Indonesia, 28 November–1 December 2022, decided to establish a Tsunami Ready Focal Point (TRFP) for each Member State to enhance communication, coordination, and implementation of the [UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme \(TRRP\)](#) or similar initiatives across the Indian Ocean.

The aim is to contribute to 100% of communities at-risk being prepared and resilient to any tsunami threat within their Member State by 2030, in line with the objectives of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021–2030 and those of the overall UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Programme.

Role of a Tsunami Ready Focal Point:

The role of the TRFP is summarized as follows:

- Act as a national advocate for national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative to help make at-risk communities prepared and resilient to any tsunami threat within their Member State.

¹ ICG/IOTWMS Member States include Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, France, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor Leste, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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- b) Actively contribute to the national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative.
- c) Routinely update the UNESCO-IOC ICG/IOTWMS on the status of the national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative.
- d) Inform relevant national authorities and organisations involved in the implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative on any information and/or updates provided by UNESCO-IOC on activities related to making at-risk communities Tsunami Ready.

ICG/IOTWMS Tsunami Ready Focal Point (TRFP) Criteria:

A person from a Disaster Management Organisation (DMO) or similar institution with significant experience or expertise in one or more of the following criteria:

1. Developing community preparedness against natural hazards, preferably the tsunami hazard.
2. Understanding of evacuation planning and procedures implementation.
3. Understanding of the requirements, protocols, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for national tsunami warning chains.
4. Training of at-risk communities in responding to natural hazards, including the planning and implementation of community exercises.
5. Strong leadership and/or advocacy for helping make at-risk communities prepared and resilient to natural hazards, preferably the tsunami hazard.
6. Member of National Tsunami Ready Board (NTRB) or similar national body responsible for coordinating the implementation of the [UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme \(TRRP\)](#) if already exists, or a similar initiative.

I would be grateful if you, as the Tsunami National Contact, could please consult with the relevant national authorities with responsibility for community awareness and preparedness of a tsunami threat on this initiative, and provide the details (name, organisation, position and experience against the required criteria) of your Tsunami Ready Focal Point (TRFP) using the attached form by 12 January 2024 to the UNESCO-IOC ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat by email: iotwms@unesco.org.

I would like to thank you in advance for your Member State's continued contribution to preparing Indian Ocean communities for the tsunami threat.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Nomination form for TRFP



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NOMINATION FORM

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INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI WARNING AND MITIGATION SYSTEM (ICG/IOTWMS)

TSUNAMI READY FOCAL POINT (TRFP)

Name of Member State: _____

Do you agree to share your TRFP contact details publicly?

Yes No (Please tick one option)

Tsunami Ready Focal Point:

Responsibilities include:

- a) Act as a national advocate for national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative to help make at-risk communities prepared and resilient to any tsunami threat within their Member State.
- b) Actively contribute to the national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative.
- c) Routinely update the UNESCO-IOC ICG/IOTWMS on the status of the national implementation of the TRRP or a recognised similar initiative.
- d) Inform relevant national authorities and organisations involved in the implementation of the TRRP, or a recognised similar initiative, on any information and/or updates provided by UNESCO-IOC on activities related to making at-risk communities Tsunami Ready.

It is recommended the person be from a Disaster Management Organisation (DMO) or similar institution involved with community preparedness with respect to hazards, preferably natural hazards.



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1. Tsunami Ready Focal Point Nomination:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone (Office): _____

Telephone (Mobile): _____

Postal Address: _____

2. Experience

The candidate has significant experience or expertise in one or more of the following criteria:

#	Criteria	Relevant experience / expertise
1	Developing community preparedness against natural hazards, preferably the tsunami hazard.	
2	Understanding of evacuation planning and procedures implementation.	
3	Understanding of the requirements, protocols, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for national tsunami warning chains.	

#	Criteria	Relevant experience / expertise
4	Training of at-risk communities in responding to natural hazards, including the planning and implementation of community exercises.	
5	Strong leadership and/or advocacy for helping make at-risk communities prepared and resilient to natural hazards, preferably the tsunami hazard.	
6	Member of National Tsunami Ready Board (NTRB) or similar national body responsible for coordinating the implementation of the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) if already exists, or a similar initiative.	

3. Curriculum Vitae / Resume:

Please provide the candidate's curriculum vitae / resume with the nomination form.

4. Tsunami National Contact to Submit:

Name of Tsunami National Contact: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Agency: _____

Date: _____

Please email the completed form by 15th November 2023 to: Rick Bailey, Head of Secretariat for UNESCO-IOC ICG/IOTWMS at iotwms@unesco.org