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Aux : Contacts nationaux pour les tsunamis (TNC) du CARIBE-EWS
Centres nationaux d'alerte aux tsunamis (NTWC) du CARIBE-EWS
Points focaux pour l'alerte aux tsunamis (TWFP) du CARIBE-EWS

Cc. : Agences nationales officielles de coordination chargées d'assurer la liaison avec la COI,
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Directeurs des bureaux régionaux de l'UNESCO et de la COI dans la région des Caraïbes
Observateurs permanents du GIC/CARIBE-EWS
Directeur du Centre d'alerte aux tsunamis dans le Pacifique (PTWC)
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**Objet : Invitation à la dix-septième session du Groupe intergouvernemental de
coordination du Système d'alerte aux tsunamis et autres risques côtiers
dans la mer des Caraïbes et les régions adjacentes (GIC/CARIBE-EWS-
XVII), Managua (Nicaragua), 6-9 mai 2024**

Au nom de M. Gérard Métayer, président du GIC/CARIBE-EWS, j'ai le plaisir de vous inviter à désigner des représentants à la 17e session du GIC/CARIBE-EWS qui doit se tenir à l'hôtel Crowne Plaza de Managua, au Nicaragua, du 6 au 9 mai 2024. Veuillez le faire en inscrivant le nom, le poste et les coordonnées des délégués directement sur le page web de la session à l'adresse <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4089> au plus tard le 12 avril 2024. Si vous avez des questions concernant l'inscription, veuillez contacter a.haidar@unesco.org.

Conformément à la résolution XXIII-13 de la COI portant création du GIC/CARIBE-EWS en 2005, le GIC/CARIBE-EWS se compose des membres suivants :

- des États membres de la COI de la région des Caraïbes et des régions adjacentes
- Observateurs d'autres États membres de la COI, et
- des observateurs invités d'autres organisations (y compris des ONG), programmes et projets, conformément au règlement intérieur de la COI.

L'ordre du jour de la session joint à cette invitation est de nature technique et les délégués doivent être prêts à participer aux discussions techniques. Les langues de travail de la session hybride

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seront l'anglais avec une interprétation simultanée en français et en espagnol pour les participants à distance des sessions plénières.

La date limite de soumission des rapports nationaux au Secrétaire technique du GIC, de préférence par écrit en utilisant le modèle joint, est fixée au 26 avril 2024 au plus tard. Dans ce document, la présentation des plans nationaux et des efforts visant à améliorer le système d'alerte aux tsunamis et d'atténuation de leurs effets contribuera à l'élaboration du plan mondial de mise en œuvre du Système d'alerte aux tsunamis et autres risques côtiers dans la mer des Caraïbes et les régions adjacentes.

Une note logistique comprenant des suggestions d'hébergement, les transferts aéroportuaires vers le lieu de la réunion et des informations locales est jointe à ce courrier.

La documentation générale et les informations relatives à la réunion seront affichées et mises à jour sur le site <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4089> au fur et à mesure qu'elles seront disponibles. Comme il est d'usage pour les réunions intergouvernementales, les participants sont tenus d'assurer leur propre soutien financier pour assister à la session.

Lors de cette session, les chefs de délégation sont cordialement invités à déclarer leur disponibilité pour accueillir la 18e session du GIC/CARIBE-EWS, prévue pour 2025.

Veuillez également noter que la session du GIC/CARIBE-EWS-XVII sera l'occasion d'organiser un atelier sur l'état de préparation aux tsunamis le vendredi 10 mai 2024, de 8 heures à 13 heures, au même endroit que la session du GIC/CARIBE-EWS-XVII. Cet atelier sera organisé par le Centre international d'information sur les tsunamis - Bureau des Caraïbes (CIIT-CAR), en coordination avec le Centre d'information sur les tsunamis des Caraïbes (CTIC), avec le soutien financier de l'Agence des États-Unis pour le développement international (USAID). L'objectif de cet atelier est de sensibiliser les participants aux indicateurs, à la mise en œuvre, à la vérification, au processus de reconnaissance et aux outils et ressources disponibles dans le cadre du Programme UNESCO/COI de reconnaissance des zones prêtes pour les tsunamis (TRRP). Les participants auront également l'occasion de partager les meilleures pratiques et les défis du programme. Bien que cet atelier s'adresse principalement aux États membres qui exécutent actuellement des projets TRRP avec le soutien de l'ITIC-CAR, deux participants supplémentaires d'autres États membres peuvent également être accueillis. Les États membres intéressés sont invités à contacter Christa von Hillebrandt du CITIC-CAR (christa.vonh@noaa.gov) et Alison Brome du CTIC (a.brome@unesco.org) avant le vendredi 26 avril au plus tard pour exprimer leur intérêt à participer.

Je vous prie d'agréer les assurances de ma très haute considération.

[signature]

Vidar Helgesen
Secrétaire exécutif

Pièces jointes (4):

- 1/ Provisional Agenda
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- 4/ Logistic Note

**Seventieth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
(ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII)**

Managua, Nicaragua

6–9 May 2024

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES
- 1.2. INETER
- 1.3. ICG/CARIBE-EWS CHAIR
- 1.4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION OF UNESCO

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

- 2.1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 2.2. DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR(S)
- 2.3. CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

3. REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 3.1. CARIBE-EWS CHAIR'S REPORT
- 3.2. CARIBE-EWS SECRETARIAT REPORT
- 3.3. REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER (CTIC)
- 3.4. REPORTS FROM UN AND NON-UN ORGANISATIONS
 - 3.4.1. IOCARIBE
 - 3.4.2. UNDRR (WTAD and EW4All)
 - 3.4.3. NCEI/WDS
 - 3.4.4. SMART Cable
- 3.5. STATUS OF OTHER ICGs
 - 3.5.1. ICG/IOTWMS
 - 3.5.2. ICG/NEAMTWS
 - 3.5.3. ICG/PTWS
- 3.6. TSUNAMI SERVICES PROVIDER REPORT (PTWC)
- 3.7. CATAAC REPORT
- 3.8. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS
- 3.9. REPORT OF CARIBE WAVE 2024
- 3.10. TSUNAMI READY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME

4. WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS

- 4.1. WORKING GROUP 1: RISK KNOWLEDGE
- 4.2. WORKING GROUP 2: TSUNAMI DETECTION, ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING
- 4.3. WORKING GROUP 3: TSUNAMI WARNING DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION
- 4.4. WORKING GROUP 4: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

5. POLICY MATTERS

- 5.1. REVIEW OF TOWS-WG-XVII RECOMMENDATIONS
- 5.2. EXERCISE CARIBE WAVE 2025
- 5.3. CENTRAL AMERICA TSUNAMI ADVISORY CENTER (CATAC)
- 5.4. UN OCEAN DECADE TSUNAMI PROGRAMME (ODTP)
- 5.5. 2nd GLOBAL TSUNAMI SYMPOSIUM

6. PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2024–2025

7. INTRASESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS

8. INTRASESIONAL WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

9. NEXT SESSIONS

- 9.1. DATES AND PLACE OF ICG/CARIBE EWS-XVIII
- 9.2. TARGET DATES AND VENUE FOR ICG/CARIBE EWS-XIX

10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11. ICG/CARIBE-EWS WORKING GROUPS AND TASK TEAM MEMBERS LIST

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. CLOSURE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION of UNESCO
Seventeenth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System
for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII)

Managua, Nicaragua, 6-9 May 2024

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Hour	Monday 6 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024	Wednesday 8 May 2024	Thursday 9 May 2024
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION/LOGISTICS			
9:00-10:30	<p>1. WELCOME AND OPENING</p> <p>1.1. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES (10 min)</p> <p>1.2. INETER (10 mins)</p> <p>1.2. ICG/CARIBE-EWS Chair (5 mins)</p> <p>1.3. UNESCO/IOC (5 mins)</p> <p>2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION</p> <p>2.1. Adoption of the Agenda (5 min)</p> <p>2.2. Designation of the Rapporteur(s) (5 min)</p> <p>2.3. Conduct of the Session, Timetable and Documentation (5 min)</p> <p>3. REPORTS ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES</p> <p>3.1. ICG/CARIBE-EWS Chair's Report (15 mins)</p> <p>3.2. ICG/CARIBE-EWS Secretariat Report (15 min)</p>	<p>3. REPORTS ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)</p> <p>3.9. Report of Caribe Wave 2024 (30 min)</p> <p>3.10 Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (60 min)</p>	<p>7. INTRASESSIONAL WGs MEETINGS</p>	<p>8. INTRASESSIONAL WGs REPORTS</p> <p>9. NEXT SESSIONS</p> <p>9.1. Dates and Place of ICG/CARIBE EWS-XVIII</p> <p>9.2. Target Dates and Venue for ICG/CARIBE EWS-XIX</p>
10:30-11:00	COFFEE BREAK + Group Photo	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11:00-12:30	<p>3. REPORTS ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)</p> <p>3.3. Report of CTIC (30 mins)</p> <p>3.4. Reports from UN and non-UN organizations</p> <p>3.4.1 IOCARIBE (15 mins)</p> <p>3.4.2 UNDRR (WTAD and EW4All) (15 min)</p> <p>3.4.4 NCEI/WDS (15 min)</p> <p>3.4.4 SMART Cable (15 min)</p>	<p>4. WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>4.1. Working Group 1 (30 mins)</p> <p>4.2. Working Group 2 (30 mins)</p> <p>4.3. Working Group 3 (30 mins)</p>	<p>7. INTRASESSIONAL WGs MEETINGS (continued)</p>	<p>10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p>
12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
13.30-15.00	<p>3. REPORTS ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)</p> <p>3.5. Status of other ICGs</p> <p>3.5.1 ICG/IOTWMS (10 min)</p> <p>3.5.2 ICG/NEAMTWS (10 mins)</p> <p>3.5.3 ICG/PTWS (10 min)</p> <p>3.6. Tsunami Services Provider Report (PTWC) (30 min)</p> <p>3.7. CATAC Report (30 min)</p>	<p>4. WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS (continued)</p> <p>4.4. Working Group 4 (30 mins)</p> <p>5. POLICY MATTERS</p> <p>5.1. Review of TOWS-WG-XVII Recommendations (30 min)</p> <p>5.2 Exercise Caribe Wave 2025 (30 mins)</p>	<p>7. INTRASESSIONAL WGs MEETINGS (continued)</p>	<p>10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)</p>
15:00-15:30	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
15.30-17.00	<p>3. REPORTS ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)</p> <p>3.8. National Progress Reports (90 mins)</p>	<p>5. POLICY MATTERS (continued)</p> <p>5.3. CATAC (30 min)</p> <p>5.4. UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Program (30 min)</p> <p>5.5. 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium (15 min)</p> <p>6. PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 (15 min)</p>	<p>7. INTRASESSIONAL WGs MEETINGS (continued)</p>	<p>11. ICG/CARIBE-EWS WGS AND TT MEMBERS LIST</p> <p>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>13. CLOSURE</p>
18:30-21:00	RECEPTION / WELCOME DINNER			

National Reports will be posted to the ICG/CARIBE EWS-XVI web site without TWFP contact details

NATIONAL REPORT
Submitted by (country name)

BASIC INFORMATION

1. ICG/CARIBE EWS Tsunami National Contact (TNC)

The person designated by a Member State to an Intergovernmental Coordination Group (ICG) to represent his/her country in the coordination of international tsunami warning and mitigation activities. The person is part of the main stakeholders of the national tsunami warning and mitigation system. The person may be the Tsunami Warning Focal Point, from the national disaster management organization, from a technical or scientific institution, or from another agency with tsunami warning and mitigation responsibilities.

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Postal Address:
E-mail Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Cellular Telephone Number:

2. ICG/CARIBE EWS Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP)

The 7x24 contact person, or other official point of contact or address, is available at the national level for rapidly receiving and issuing tsunami event information (such as warnings). The Tsunami Warning Focal Point either is the emergency authority (civil defense or other designated agency responsible for public safety), or has the responsibility of notifying the emergency authority of the event characteristics (earthquake and/or tsunami), in accordance with national standard operating procedures. The Tsunami Warning Focal Point receives international tsunami warnings from the PTWC, or other regional warning centres.

Name:
Title:
Responsible Organization:
Postal Address:
E-mail Address:
Emergency Telephone Number:
Emergency Fax Number:
Emergency Cellular Telephone Number:

National Tsunami Warning Centre (if different from the above)

Person in Charge:
Title:
Responsible Organization:
Postal Address:
E-mail Address:
Emergency Telephone Number:
Emergency Fax Number:
Emergency Cellular Telephone Number:

3. Tsunami Advisor(s), if applicable

(Person, Committee or Agency managing Tsunami Mitigation in country)

Name:

Title:

Postal Address:

E-mail Address:

Emergency Telephone Number:

Emergency Fax Number:

Emergency Cellular Telephone Number:

4. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Local Tsunami (when a local tsunami threat exists, less than 1 hour travel time)

5. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Regional Tsunami (when a regional tsunami threat exists, 1–3 hour travel time)

6. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Distant Tsunami (when a distant tsunami threat exists, more than 3-hour travel time)

For each situation, please provide the following:

- *What organization identifies and characterizes tsunamigenic events?*
- *What is the threshold or criteria for declaring a potential tsunami emergency?*
- *What organization acts on the information provided by the agency responsible for characterizing the potential tsunami threat?*
- *How is the tsunami information (warning, public safety action, etc) disseminated within country? Who is it disseminated to?*
- *How is the emergency situation terminated?*
- *For Distant Tsunami Procedures:
What actions were taken in response to warnings issued by PTWC and/or US NTWC, during the intersessional period?*

7. National Sea Level Network

Please include a table with position and description of stations/sensors, and a map.

8. Information on Tsunami occurrences/Tsunami Exercises

Please include sea level observations, pictures, wave arrival descriptions, public, media, or other responses to warnings, lessons learned, etc.

9. Web sites (URLs) of national tsunami-related web sites

10. Summary plans of future tsunami warning and mitigation system improvements. *This information will be used to aid the development of the CARIBE-EWS Implementation Plan*

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

11. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brief statement of no more than one page addressing all items discussed in the Narrative section of the National Report (below).

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12. NARRATIVE

Detailed description of innovations or modifications to National tsunami warnings procedures or operations since last National Report, tsunami research projects, tsunami mitigation activities and

best practices (especially in preparedness and emergency management), tsunami exercises, as well as public education programmes or other measures taken to heighten awareness of the tsunami hazard and risk.

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Date: Name:

**Seventeenth session of the IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
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Managua, Nicaragua, 6–9 May 2024**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Contacts

The ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII is hosted by Instituto Nicaragüense de Estudios Territoriales (INETER) on behalf of the Government of Nicaragua. The Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC) is subordinated to the Director of INETER.

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Other personnel mainly from INETER's seismology section will provide assistance to the session.

2. Venue and Accommodation

The Meeting will be organized at the **Hotel Crowne Plaza Managua**. The hotel rooms have to be reserved and paid by the participants of the meeting through its [webpage](#).

3. Visa, Arrival, Departure and Customs Requirements

INETER will inform the authorities about your participation in the meeting. In a special communication INETER will ask you to provide your travel information to considerably accelerate your entrance formalities to Nicaragua. Further visa requirements are provided on the [website](#) of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration of Nicaragua (in Spanish only), but you are kindly advised to verify the visa requirements subject to your conditions.

The arrival of most of the participants by air travel will be at the International Airport of Managua (MGA) "Augusto C. Sandino".

All travelers should have a return ticket and evidence of funds to support themselves during your presence in Nicaragua. You must always carry a valid identity document.

Once you arrive in Nicaragua, you must purchase a tourist card for \$10 USD at the immigration counter (exact change recommended), valid for up to a total of 90 days in any of the member countries of the Central America-4 Border Control Agreement. Visitors remaining longer must obtain an extension from Nicaraguan immigration to avoid large fines.

Individuals traveling from countries at risk of yellow fever transmission must show proof of yellow fever vaccination administered at least 10 days before travel to be permitted entry to Nicaragua. If you use a passport of a different nationality than you did on prior trips to Nicaragua, Nicaraguan authorities may deny you entry. If you possess multiple nationalities, you should carry a valid passport for all of them.

International Airport of Managua (MGA) "Augusto C. Sandino" has only one exit. Please look for the INETER personnel (speaking Spanish and English) who will be waiting for you. If there is some unusual situation (you lost your flight, you failed to meet the INETER personnel), please try to phone or chat via Whatsapp or using email to one of the contacts given above.

You must exit Nicaragua with the same passport used for entry. If your passport is lost or stolen while in Nicaragua, you will need to get a new entry stamp from Nicaraguan Immigration before you can depart by following instructions available on the [website](#) of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration of Nicaragua (in Spanish only). This cannot be done at the airport on departure.

Customs procedures at the airport are normally very fast (X-Ray). The entrance with special equipment as drones, professional cameras, scientific equipment is only possible with previous permissions. If you bring in the equipment without the permission customs will retain it during your stay and you must request it back from the Airports customs office when you leave the country. If you intend to enter Nicaragua with such items, please inform INETER in advance.

4. Transport

INETER will organize transportation of participants from the airport to the hotel using their pickups or buses. The distance is about 15 km and it will take around 20 to 40 minutes for rides to get to destination, depending on traffic. There are currently big construction works on the way.

Taxi

In case you fail to get in contact with personnel from INETER you might need to use a taxi. Please, use only the official taxis which are available at the airport exit. A taxi ride from airport to hotel should cost around 20 USD. The official taxis will bring you directly to the hotel. Therefore you won't need to share it with other passengers which is a common practice in Nicaragua (for cheap taxi transportation). There is no UBER service in Nicaragua and similar services should be taken with caution.

Land Connections

Some participants who come from Central America might enter the country passing the border with Honduras in the North of Nicaragua or from Costa Rica in the South. Similar border procedures to the ones of air connections apply, see above.

Bus terminals in Managua

There are several international bus terminals in Managua, most are rather close to the meeting Hotel. If you plan to arrive by bus, please, inform INETER in advance about your probable arrival time and bus company to be picked up and driven to the hotel. You can also use a taxi to get to the hotel.

5. Currency

Nicaragua uses the "Cordoba" as its currency. 1 American Dollar corresponds to about 37 Cordobas. The money exchange at the airport might offer very unfavorable exchange rates. You can easily obtain the cash you need using your credit or debit cards at many ATM's in Managua. Please consider that the use of US money is very common in Nicaragua. You can pay nearly everywhere with US dollars, except for very small businesses or when you must pay only small amounts. Also, when you pay in dollars you can get the exchange in Cordobas and you can use them to pay smaller transactions. It might even not be necessary to use any cash for the participation in the meeting as the use of credit or debit cards is very common in Nicaragua except for small businesses or in small villages. Changing cash from other currencies other than dollars (e.g. Euro) is rather complicated and only offered at banks.

6. Voltage and plugs

The voltage in Nicaragua is 120 V and the type A and B plugs (US style) are used. You may need a power plug adapter for sockets type A. Sockets type B can fit your plugs but may not always be available locally¹.



¹ <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/us/nicaragua/#:~:text=Do%20your%20power%20plugs%20fit,not%20always%20be%20available%20locally.>

7. Additional Information

Shopping

There is a big shopping center “Plaza Inter” in front of the Hotel Crown Plaza with ATMs and restaurants.

Sightseeing

Interesting sites near the hotel are:

- “Laguna de Tiscapa” a crater lake in a not longer active volcano
- Paseo and port “Salvador Allende” at Lake Managua with many restaurants and view to the lake and the Apoyeque volcano complex.
- Old Cathedral of Managua – destroyed by the earthquake in 1972.
- The offices of Civil Protection Agencies SINAPRED and Civil Defense and National Assembly of the Republic of Nicaragua are at only 400m and 1km away from the hotel, respectively.

Climate in Managua

Nicaragua has a tropical climate, temperatures in May in daytime are around 30-35 degrees Celsius, slightly lower temperatures during the night, 26-30 degrees Celsius. There might be slight rain falls.