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**Working Group 4 - Tsunami Ready Report**

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**1.0 Working Group 4 - tsunami ready – Confirmed members (2023-2025)**

The membership of Working Group (WG) 4 – Tsunami Ready were confirmed during the January 09, 2024 ICG/CARIBE EWS WG4 meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Silvia Chacon-Barrantes (i.e., chair of WG4). During this session, all vice-chairs were invited to assume leadership of their respective sub-groups and the work of the sub-groups was considered relative to the Terms of Reference (ToR). The confirmed membership of WG4 Tsunami Ready is as follows:

1. **Silvia Chacon-Barrantes**, Chair of WG4, SINAMOT-UNA, Costa Rica
2. **Fabian Hinds**, Vice-chair Tsunami Ready WG4, CZMU, Barbados
3. **Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade**, ITIC-CAR, United States of America
4. **Alison Brome**, CTIC, Barbados
5. **Simon Boxall**, HM, Cayman Islands
6. **Mary Luz Rengifo**, GMD, Colombia
7. **Fabio Rivera-Cerdas**, NU, Costa Rica
8. **Kristel Espinoza Hernandez**, NU, Costa Rica
9. **Matthieu Péroche**, UNIV MONTPELLIER 3, France
10. **Jose Antonio Tojil Jimenez**, INSIVUMEH, Guatemala
11. **Mabius Francis**, STLFS, St. Lucia
12. **Marie-Noelle Raveau**, CTM/ DMD, France (Martinique)

**2.0 Working Group 4 – Tsunami Ready Objectives**

The objectives of WG4 Tsunami Ready as outlined within the ToR are as follows:

* Identify and employ strategies to ensure 100% of at-risk communities are prepared for and resilient to Tsunamis by 2030 through efforts like UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready designation
* Support the development of guidelines and capacity development on preparedness, response and recovery planning for Member States, communities and organizations, which should include sharing of training and evacuation best practices.

WG4 Tsunami Ready, having met virtually and discussed the above-listed objectives, determined that the “**Feedback Survey on Implementation of UNESCO IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme**” was the most feasible modality of achieving the objectives. This survey was a product of the 2021-2023 Tsunami Ready Task Team.

**3.0 Feedback Survey on Implementation of UNESCO IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme**

The objectives of the survey are as follows:

* + Use responses to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the programme
  + Examine strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for promoting and improving the programme
  + Improved community readiness and ability to respond to tsunamis.

Two survey responses are required from each community receiving/renewing their recognition status. Responses are required from each community’s National/Regional Tsunami Ready Board and each community’s Tsunami Ready Committees.

**4.0 Survey implementation strategy**

WG4 Tsunami Ready has determined that the following is the best survey implementation strategy:

* **Survey Monkey** – proposed platform for the implementation of the survey.
* **Languages** - translated into Spanish, French, and English
* **Scope** - all UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition communities recognized since 2019.
* WG4 - Tsunami Ready with CTIC and ITIC-CAR to administer the Tsunami Ready evaluation survey.
* ITIC-CAR to make available an intern for a period of 10 weeks to support the implementation of the Tsunami Ready survey.
* Intern to begin translating the survey into Survey Monkey, followed by the tasks of administering and evaluating the data retrieved from the survey.

**5.0 The way forward**

It is expected that the work of the intern will conclude after the 17th Session of The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for The Tsunami And Other Coastal Hazards Warning Systems For The Caribbean And Adjacent Regions, Managua, Nicaragua, May 06-09, 2024. The results of the survey should facilitate the formulation of strategic steps towards ensuring that 100% of at-risk communities achieve UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Designation