**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 ANNOTATED AGENDA**

As of 6 MAY 2024 – 14:30 UTC

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1. **WELCOME AND OPENING**
2. The 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) is scheduled from 6-9 May 2024, hosted in a hybrid format in Managua, Nicaragua and online.
3. The Session will be opened on Monday, 6 May 2024 at 15:00 UTC, under the guidance of the Vice-Chair Regina Browne (Chairperson). She will initiate the session warmly welcoming the participants, thanking the Host Country Representatives.
4. The Chairperson will also thank to all in-person and remote participants of the session, where 8Member States are represented in-person, and 6 Member States are represented online. She will highlight the fact that the very late availability of a Host Country for this ICG is the main reason of having a hybrid session with more online participants than in-person participants.
5. The Chairperson will inform the delegations on the availability of the ES and FR interpretation services through Zoom, for which the details were disseminated to all participants earlier. She will also inform the delegations that the session will also be recorded through Zoom.
6. The Chairperson will then invite one by one the following National Authorities of Nicaragua to deliver their remarks (10 minutes):
   1. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES (20 min)
      1. INETER

Dr. Vladimir Gutiérrez, Co-Director of INETER, Representative of the Government of Nicaragua

* + 1. SINAPRED

Dr. Guillermo González - Minister Director of SINAPRED

* + 1. DCN

Colonel Engineer DEM Vinicio Chavarría - Chief Nicaraguan Civil Defense of the Nicaraguan Army

* + 1. CATAC

Dr. Wilfried Strauch - Coordinator of CATAC/INETER

* 1. Nicaraguan National Commission for UNESCO (5 min)

Prof. Arturo Collado will address the ICG/CARIBE-EWS in-person.

* 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION OF UNESCO (5 min).

A video message from Mr Vidar Helgesen, Executive Secretary of the IOC, will be played.

* 1. ICG/CARIBE-EWS CHAIR (5 min)

Mr Gerard Metayer will deliver his opening speech via virtual participation.

1. The Chairperson will thank all the speakers and will inform the delegates that a Tsunami Ready Meeting will be conducted on Friday, May 10, 2024 during 08:00–13:00, at the same venue of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII session. This meeting was announced in the Circular letter announcing the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII as a workshop to be conducted by the International Tsunami Information Center–Caribbean Office (ITIC-CAR) in coordination with the Caribbean Tsunami Information Center (CTIC) with funding support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID). However, due to the unfortunate injury of Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade (ITIC-CAR) preventing her to be in Managua in-person and considering the interest received from only Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda and USVI in the workshop, it was decided to hold a meeting instead to be moderated by Alison Brome (CTIC) where Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade (ITIC-CAR) would join remotely.
2. **ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
   1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (5 min)
3. The Chairperson will inform the Plenary on the [Provisional Agenda](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34274) based on the discussions that took place at the ICG/CARIBE-EWS online Midterm Officers Meeting on 1-2 February 2024, taking into account the Recommendations and instructions given at ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVI, as well as the relevant parts of the IOC Rules of Procedures ([IOC/INF-1166](http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001251/125186m.pdf)).
4. The Chairperson will also inform the delegates on the availability of the Provisional Annotated Agenda to be updated regularly as new documents/presentations and information are available.
5. The Chairperson will invite delegations to introduce themselves (Name and Surname, Country, Position) the first time they take the floor during the ICG. In the consequent occasion, delegations are kindly invited to state Name and Surname at the very beginning each time they take the floor, especially for the purposes of drafting the report based on Zoom recordings.
6. The Chairperson will offer the floor for Delegates to comment on the Provisional Agenda. The agenda will be approved as is or with changes as decided by Delegates.
   1. DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR(s)
7. The Chairperson will request Delegates to propose candidates for Rapporteur of the meeting. As customary the meeting is requested to choose one rapporteur for each of the languages of the meeting (English [US], French [FR], and Spanish [NI] for this meeting). They will be supported by the Secretariat.
8. Delegates will elect one Rapporteur for each language of the meeting (5 Minutes).
   1. CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION
9. The Chairperson will inform the Plenary that to facilitate the proceedings of the meeting a [Provisional Timetable](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34275) has been prepared by the Secretariat in coordination with the Chair. The Chairperson will ask Mr Ocal Necmioglu, Technical Secretary of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS (Technical Secretary) advise to introduce the documentation and other logistic details for the meeting, including the Reception/Welcome Dinner.
10. The reception for the participants of the ICG/CARIBE EWS XVII will take place today after the end of our session, at 6PM in room TBD.
11. Technical Secretary will indicate that the meeting website includes (does not include) all the documents required for the meeting (yet). It also includes National Reports delivered by Anguilla, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, USA and Venezuela and each Member State has been allocated a maximum of 5 minutes for presentation including discussions. Delegations will be able to download all documents and PowerPoint presentations from the meeting website once they are available.
12. The Secretariat will ask all speakers presenting reports to the plenary, including national reports, to provide a succinct paragraph summarising the main aspects of their presentation and issues for discussion, to facilitate the reporting. Member States and other Delegates are reminded that the time allocations include questions, comments, and discussion. Consequently, if presentations run too long no discussion can be facilitated given the time constraints of the meeting. In-person participants will be provided with the opportunity for feedback followed by online delegates.
13. The meeting is being convened in hybrid format and translations will be provided for English, Spanish and French languages. The language of the Plenary is English. As the interpretation is available through an online service provider, each in-person participant is recommended to connect to the meeting link they have been provided with and listen to the translations of the interventions from the online participants, when applicable, through their personal computers. Nevertheless, for discussions, online participants are encouraged to raise hands or place comments and questions in the chat box.
14. Delegations should note that no interpretation services will be available on Wednesday for the intrasessional working groups, but a separate Teams invitation can be made arranged if online participants would also like to participate in the intrasession working group discussions. In case this is preferred, it's highly advisable to avoid parallel intrasessional working groups and consider discussions to be conducted in the main room with the participation of all in-person and remote participants.
15. The ICG Chairperson will indicate that in order to ensure the smooth the work of the session and facilitate the generation of recommendations and agreements the plenary is asked to set up intra-sessional Working Groups. She will then ask the Technical Secretary to introduce suggestions Intra-sessional Working Groups and Chairs are as follows:

- CARIBE WAVE 2025 and 2026 – Ms/Mr Name Surname, supported by Alison Brome, Programme Officer for Coastal Hazards and the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC).

- Strategic discussion related on inclusion of the other coastal hazard warning systems in the work of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, especially in close connection with the ongoing EW4All and MHEWS initiatives, Chair Ms Lorna Inniss, with Secretariat support by Technical Secretary.

- Strategic discussion related to the future role of CTIC (revamping the CTIC Board, initiation of an in-person or remote internship programme at CTIC with nominations from Member States Universities and/or Institutions, etc.), to be chaired by the Technical Secretary Ms Ocal Necmioglu supported by Ms Alison Brome (CTIC).

- Restructuring of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS Governance, specifically consideration of creating an ICG/CARIBE-EWS Steering Committee, following the best practices of other ICGs, to be chaired by the Technical Secretary Ms Ocal Necmioglu.

- Strategic discussion on the better alignment of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS work program with ODTP, to be chaired by Ms Silvia Chacon Barrantes, with Secretariat support by Alison Brome (CTIC).

- Recommendations Committee, Chair to be determined, supported by Ms Lorna Inniss, Head of IOCARIBE Secretariat, and with Secretariat support by Technical Secretary.

1. The Technical Secretary will remind the Plenary on the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme dedicated agenda item 3.10 at the end of the 2nd day which may make it unnecessary to have a separate intra-sessional working group.
2. The Chairperson will open the floor for questions and comments, including suggestions from delegations on Intra-sessional Working Groups.
3. Based on the feedback received, the Chairperson will decide on the number of intrasessional working groups and their realization mode (parallel or consecutive). In case of parallel working groups, the Chairperson will ask Member States to nominate Members through a form (to be created by the Technical Secretary and disseminated to the participants on the same day). She will then inform the plenary that each of the intra-sessional working groups should elect a rapporteur for the plenary sessions and working groups will meet on Wednesday 8 May 2024, 09:00-17:00. The Chairperson will ask that Working Groups produce a recommendation for discussions by the ICG or re-draft the ones included under the inter-sessional Working Group and Task Teams reports, as needed. The Chairperson will remind the Plenary on the need to have the draft Decisions and Recommendations to be provided to the Recommendations Committee by 8 May 2024 19:00.
4. The Chairperson will recall that as customary each of the intra-sessional working groups will report to the plenary session under their respective agenda items. The Chairperson will also ask that intra-sessional Working Groups produce recommendations for discussion by the ICG or re-draft the ones included under the inter-sessional Working Group and Task Teams reports, as needed, and report to the Recommendations Committee accordingly.
5. The Chairperson will request that while in plenary the time used to report is reduced as much as possible to concentrate on the exchange of views and decisions on policy matters. It is requested that the focus be on their main achievements and the expected areas of future work.
6. The Chairperson will then open the floor for comments from delegates on the Timetable.
7. The timetable will be approved as is or with changes as decided by Delegates.
8. **REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
   1. CHAIR’S REPORT
9. The Chairperson of ICG/CARIBE-EWS, Mr Gerard Metayer will present his [report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34302) online (15 min).
10. Regarding the 20th anniversaries in 2025 and 2026, The Technical Secretary may/would propose that it would be best if the Chair could include these in his presentation and invite for a recommendation. My initial idea would be to organize a special 3-day workshop in 2025 where we can review the collective accomplishments, current situation-gaps & challenges, and future prospects. Such a workshop could also give an opportunity to conduct a 2-day ICG/CARIBE-EWS Steering Committee Meeting, if the ICG decides to establish so. Maybe we can aim to organize this workshop and the SC Meeting in a Member State/Territory we seek/hope better engagement in the work program of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, and we have not hold any governance meeting before. Lastly, such an event could also be synchronized with a Tsunami Ready Recognition ceremony of a community.
11. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the report of the Chairperson.
    1. CARIBE-EWS SECRETARIAT REPORT
12. The Technical Secretary of ICG/CARIBE-EWS, Mr Ocal Necmioglu will present [Secretariat report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34313) (15 min).

In his presentation, the Technical Secretary will highlight the following points:

* Introducing the new Technical Secretary
* Secretariat Support to the ICG/CARIBE-EWS during the intersessional period
* New TNC/TWFP/NTWC Database
* Roles and Responsibilities of the TNC and TWFP
* ICG/CARIBE-EWS WGs/TT Membership Status
* Status of CARIBE-EWS Action Monitor
* Proposal for a revision in the Governance Structure
* Requirements for an in-person ICG
* Outlook including 20th Year Anniversaries in 2025 and 2026

1. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the report of the Secretariat.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

* 1. REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER (CTIC) (30 minutes

1. Ms Alison Brome, Programme Officer for Coastal Hazards and the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC) will present her [report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34337).
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the report of the CTIC.
   1. REPORTS FROM UN AND NON-UN ORGANISATIONS
      1. IOCARIBE (15 min)
3. The [report of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE)](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34327) will be presented in-person by Ms Lorna Inniss. Technical Secretary will remind the delegations that during the online Midterm Officers Meeting it was agreed to have a dedicated item in the agenda of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII on Strengthening Cooperation Between IOCARIBE and ICG/CARIBE-EWS and as agreed earlier that there will be a dedicated intrasessional working group discussion on this matter.
4. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   * 1. UNDRR (WTAD and EW4All) (15 min)
5. The [report of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34325) item will be presented online by Jair Torres.
6. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   * 1. WMO (15 min)
7. The [report of World Meteorological Organization (WMO)](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34315) will be presented in-person by Rodney Martinez.
8. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   * 1. NCEI/WDS (15 min)
9. The [report of the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) World Data Service (WDS) for Geophysics](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34312) will be presented online by Nicolas Arcos.
10. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE LUNCH BREAK**

* + 1. Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) (15 min)

1. The [report of the Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN)](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34323) will be presented online by Victor Huerfano.
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   * 1. SMART Cable (15 min)
3. The [report on SMART Cable](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34318) will be presented online by Mr Matt Fouch. Technical Secretary will remind the delegations that

* ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVI tasked WG-2 to conduct a study to demonstrate improvement in tsunami early warning times with two to four variations on SMART Cable designs
* ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVI tasked WG-2 and the Secretariat to engage industry to understand which telecommunications cables are scheduled for replacement or new installations
* during the online Midterm Officers Meeting in February, it was proposed to organize a SMART Cable dedicated webinar for the Caribbean Region, which can be also an opportunity to create synergies between the work programmes of the ICG CARIBE- EWS, IOCARIBE and GOOS. Such webinar could be organized in the 4th quarter of 2024, but before December 2024.
  1. STATUS OF OTHER ICGs
     1. ICG/IOTWMS (10 min)

1. The [report of the ICG/IOTWMS](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34336) is available as a presentation. Due to the time zone difference, the presentation will not be delivered in real-time.
   * 1. ICG/NEAMTWS (10 min)
2. The [report of the ICG/NEAMTWS](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34322) will be presented online by Mr Alessandro Amato, Chair of ICG/NEAMTWS.
3. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   * 1. ICG/PTWS (10 min)
4. The [report of the ICG/PTWS](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34262) will be presented online by Mr Yuji Nishimae, Chair of ICG/PTWS.
5. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the presentation.
   1. TSUNAMI SERVICES PROVIDER REPORT (PTWC) (30 minutes)
6. The [report of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34334) will be presented in-person by Mr Charles McCreery, Director of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC).
7. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on the report of PTWC.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

* 1. CATAC REPORT (30 minutes)

1. The report of CATAC will be presented in-person by Mr Wilfried Strauch, Senior Advisor of the Instituto Nicaraguense de Estudios Territoriales (INETER), which host the Central American Tsunami Advisory Centre (CATAC).
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments on the report of the CATAC.
   1. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS (60 min)
3. The Chairperson will advise that National Reports have been received from the following Member States prior to the start of the session:

* ANGUILLA ([video](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mmRd5lpdFvc3VChTa9p-FzE1Wv855Gjp/view?ts=66367f13))
* [BARBADOS](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34227)
* [COLOMBIA](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34305)
* [COSTA RICA](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34228) ([Presentation](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34309))
* [FRANCE](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34304)
* [USA](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34269)
* [VENEZUELA](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34229)

1. The Chairperson will invite the Heads of Delegations to deliver their respective national reports allocating a maximum of 5 minutes for each Member State. Time permitting, she will invite submissions from other Member States present at the meeting.
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on the national reports presented.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE END OF DAY ONE**

and will remind the plenary regarding the details on the Reception/Welcome Dinner

planned for today, 6 May 2024 Monday 18:30-21:30

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**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE BEGINNING OF DAY TWO**

* 1. REPORT OF CARIBE WAVE 2024 (30 min)

1. The [report of CARIBE WAVE 24](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34286) will be presented online by Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade (ITIC-CAR). Supporting documents for this agenda item are [Draft Caribe Wave 24 Report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34288) and its [Supplement](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34291), [Media Report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34292), and [Evaluation Report Status](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34293).
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
   1. TSUNAMI READY RECOGNITION PROGRAMME (60 min)
3. The agenda item will be supported through an in-person presentation by Fabian Hinds, supported by Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade, Alison Brome, and Silvia Chacon Barrantes.
4. During the ICG/CARIBE-EWS online Officers Meeting on 1-2 February 2024, it was proposed to have a Tsunami Ready dedicated Task Team because of its transversal nature, to be chaired by Fabian Hinds. It was decided to bring this proposal to the attention of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII for decision.
5. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

1. **WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS**
   1. WORKING GROUP 1: RISK KNOWLEDGE (30 min)
2. [Working Group 1 (Risk Knowledge) report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34233) will be presented online by Mr Frederic Dondin, supported by Raphaël Paris (online).
3. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
   1. WORKING GROUP 2: TSUNAMI DETECTION, ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING (30 min)
4. [Working Group 2 (Tsunami Detection, Analysis and Forecasting) report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34264) will be presented online by Ms Elizabeth Vanacore, supported by Mr Dan McNamara, Ms Gloria Romero and Mr Chris Moore (online).
5. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
   1. WORKING GROUP 3: TSUNAMI WARNING DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION (30 min)
6. [Working Group 3 (Tsunami Warning Dissemination and Communication) report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34224) will be [presented](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34306) online by Ms Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade, supported by Susan Hodge (in-person).
7. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE LUNCH BREAK**

* 1. WORKING GROUP 4: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES (30 min)

1. [Working Group 4 (Preparedness and Response Capabilities) report](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34230) will be presented in-person by Ms Silvia Chacon, supported by Jacob Ngumbah (online), Stacey Edwards (online), and Fabian Hinds (in-person).
2. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
3. **POLICY MATTERS**
   1. REVIEW OF TOWS-WG-XVII RECOMMENDATIONS (30 min)
4. [TOWS-WG-XVII recommendations](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34310) will be introduced by Mr Gerard Metayer, Chair of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, supported by Elizabeth Vanacore and Charles McCreery as members of the TOWS-WG Task Team on Tsunami Watch Operations; Silvia Chacon Barrantes and Alison Brome as members of the TOWS-WG Task Team on Disaster Management & Preparedness, and the Technical Secretary.
5. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
   1. EXERCISE CARIBE WAVE 2025 (30 min)
6. [CARIBE WAVE 25](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34294) will be presented online by Antonio Aguilar.
7. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

* 1. CENTRAL AMERICA TSUNAMI ADVISORY CENTER (CATAC) (30 min)

1. This agenda item will be introduced online by Mr Gerard Metayer, Chair of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, through a [presentation](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34314) prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The presentation will provide a summary of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS and ICG/PTWS Recommendations from previous sessions and will also remind the delegations on the [Global Service Definition Document](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000246931#:~:text=This%20Global%20Service%20Definition%20Document,by%20the%20Intergovernmental%20Oceanographic%20Commission.) (IOC Technical Series, 130 - currently being updated) and [Annex IV of ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XI/3 Rev](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34296). (Technical, Logistical and Administrative Requirements of a Regional Tsunami Service Provider for the CARIBE-EWS).
3. The Chairperson will invite the Representative of CATAC to provide comments.
4. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on the presentation and/or comments provided by CATAC.
   1. UN OCEAN DECADE TSUNAMI PROGRAMME (ODTP) (30 min)
5. The [presentation](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34295) on the UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) will be provided in-person by Ms Silvia Chacon Barrantes, supported by Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade (online).
6. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
   1. 2nd GLOBAL TSUNAMI SYMPOSIUM (15 min)
7. The presentation on the 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium will be provided online by Ms Harkunti Rahayu (presentation format TBC).
8. The Plenary may wish to provide comments or questions on presentation.
9. **PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2024–2025** (15 min)
10. The Chairperson will indicate that this item will be only informational and will ask the Technical Secretary to report on the status of regular funding from UNESCO for the Tsunami Unit and in particular for the ICG/CARIBE-EWS.
11. The Chairperson will open the floor for comments from Member States.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE END OF DAY TWO**

and will remind the plenary regarding the structure of the Intrasessional Working Groups

which will meet tomorrow.

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1. **INTRASESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS MEETINGS**
2. The Chairperson will remind the plenary regarding the structure of the Intrasessional Working Groups. She will further underline the need to have the draft Decisions and Recommendations to be provided to the Secretariat and Officers by 08:00 tomorrow, at the latest.

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**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE END OF DAY THREE**

and will remind the plenary regarding the need to have the draft Decisions and Recommendations to be provided to the Secretariat and Officers by 08:00 tomorrow, at the latest.

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1. **INTRASESIONAL WORKING GROUPS REPORTS** (60 min)
2. The Chairperson will invite the Rapporteurs to report on the deliberations and recommendations of the intra-sessional working groups.
3. The Plenary may wish to provide feedback on the reports presented by the Rapporteurs.
4. **NEXT SESSIONS** (30 min)
5. At the beginning, the Technical Secretary will provide a brief introduction on this agenda item. He will emphasize about the various difficulties encountered in identification of a Host Country to host this session of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, and additional complications (difficulties in logistics, less than desired in-person participants, some experts not being able to participate - even with IOC funding as the time window for their internal administrative approval process was not long enough) as a result of the very late arrangements despite very kind availability of Nicaragua. He may invite delegations to consider **in the future** the following alternative meetings structure:

* Hybrid ICG in even years, in-person Steering Committee/Group meetings (if created following the best practices of other ICGs) in odd years\*
* Hybrid ICG in even years, online ICG in odd years\*\*

\* would reduce the annual complexities associated with the Host Country Agreement and will allow governance meetings in Member States or Territories where organization of an ICG is not possible for one reason or another

\*\* would reduce the complexities associated with the Host Country Agreement

1. Additionally, the Technical Secretary will propose the ICG the following, as stated in his presentation under 3.2:

* to decide automatically for an online next session if no Member State expresses its availability under the respective agenda item on the last day of the current ICG session,

or

* if no Member State expresses its availability under the respective agenda item on the last day of the current ICG/CARIBE-EWS session, to request the Secretariat to issue a Circular Letter within two weeks after the ICG/CARIBE-EWS session inviting all Member States of ICG/CARIBE-EWS to host the next session of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS with a deadline of 3 months after the current ICG/CARIBE-EWS session, and in case no Member State expresses its availability by then, to automatically decide on the next session of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS to be conducted online.

1. Technical Secretary will also report to the ICG that during explorations for this ICG, Cuba, Mexico and Panama had kindly informed on the possibility for hosting the next ICG in 2025. For 2026, Secretariat received a communication from Barbados indicating that Barbados will consider hosting the session in 2026.
2. The Chairperson will invite the delegations to consider the following agenda items (9.1 and 9.2) taking into account the comments and the proposal made by the Technical Secretary.
   1. CONFIRMATION OF DATE AND PLACE OF ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVIII
   2. TARGET DATE AND VENUE FOR ICG/CARIBE-EWS- XIX

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

1. **ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (90 min)
2. Based on the reports of the Working Groups and discussions at the Sessions, the ICG will discuss and adopt on the screen (only in English) the Recommendations of the session.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE LUNCH BREAK**

**ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (cont’d)** (90 min)

1. Based on the reports of the Working Groups and discussions at the Sessions, the ICG will continue to discuss and adopt on the screen (only in English) the Recommendations of the session.

**CHAIRPERSON TO ANNOUNCE COFFEE BREAK**

1. **ICG/CARIBE EWS WORKING GROUPS AND TASK TEAM MEMBERS LIST** (15 min)
2. The current composition of the [ICG/CARIBE-EWS Membership](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34307) will be introduced online by Mr Gerard Metayer, supported by the Technical Secretary. Mr Gerard Metayer will invite delegations to inform the Technical Secretary in case of any updates to the ICG/CARIBE-EWS Working Groups and Task Team Membership status.
3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (15 min)
4. **CLOSE OF THE SESSION** (15 min)
5. The Chairperson will announce the closing of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII on 9 May 2024 at 17:00 by thanking all delegations and representatives of Government of Nicaragua.
6. In closing, the Chairperson will also remind the delegates that a Tsunami Ready Meeting will be conducted on Friday, May 10, 2024 during 08:00–13:00, at the same venue of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII session. This meeting was announced in the Circular letter announcing the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII as a workshop to be conducted by the International Tsunami Information Center–Caribbean Office (ITIC-CAR) in coordination with the Caribbean Tsunami Information Center (CTIC) with funding support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID). However, due to the unfortunate injury of Christa X preventing her to be in Managua in-person and considering the interest received from only Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda and USVI in the workshop, it was decided to hold a meeting instead to be moderated by Alison Brome where Christa would join remotely.

**END OF ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII**