

10th Meeting of the PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami
Warning and Mitigation for Pacific Island Countries and Territories
27th February , 2025



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Report of the
Secretariat of PTWS
WG-PICT

Terms of Reference

Pacific Island Countries and Territories (WG-PICT) ^

1. continually review and evaluate capabilities of and make recommendations for improvements to countries in the Pacific Islands and Territories (PICT) Region for providing end to-end tsunami warning and mitigation services.
2. support the involvement and contribution of PICT countries in the activities of the ICG/PTWS.
3. promote and facilitate the tsunami hazard and risk studies in the PICT region.
4. facilitate cooperation in the establishment and upgrading of seismic and sea level stations and networks in the region, and the interoperability of these systems in accordance with ICG/PTWS requirements.
5. facilitate training and capacity building in the end-to-end tsunami warning and mitigation system in the region.
6. encourage the sharing of tsunami information, including but not limited to the free and open exchange of data.
7. facilitate tsunami awareness in school curricula, and development and dissemination of public educational materials.
8. work in cooperation with PTWS Working Group 1, 2 & 3, and relevant task teams especially on activities that strengthen country capacity in tsunami warning, risk mitigation & emergency response.

Members composed of representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) Agencies, ITIC and WMO. Chair and Vice Chair elected by the members of the Working Group and endorsed by the ICG.

Meeting Website- Registration



Tenth Meeting of the PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and its Task Teams, 26th-27th February 2025

10th Meeting of WG-PICT

[Meeting](#)

26 - 27 February 2025

📍 Location

LAVA HOTEL
Apia
Samoa







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There are 17 participants associated with [Tenth Meeting of the PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation for Pacific Island Countries and Territories \(PICTs\) and its Task Teams, 26th-27th February 2025](#) .

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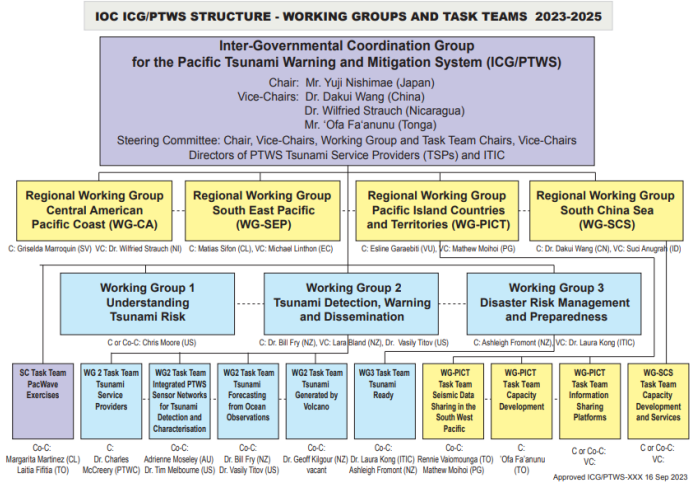
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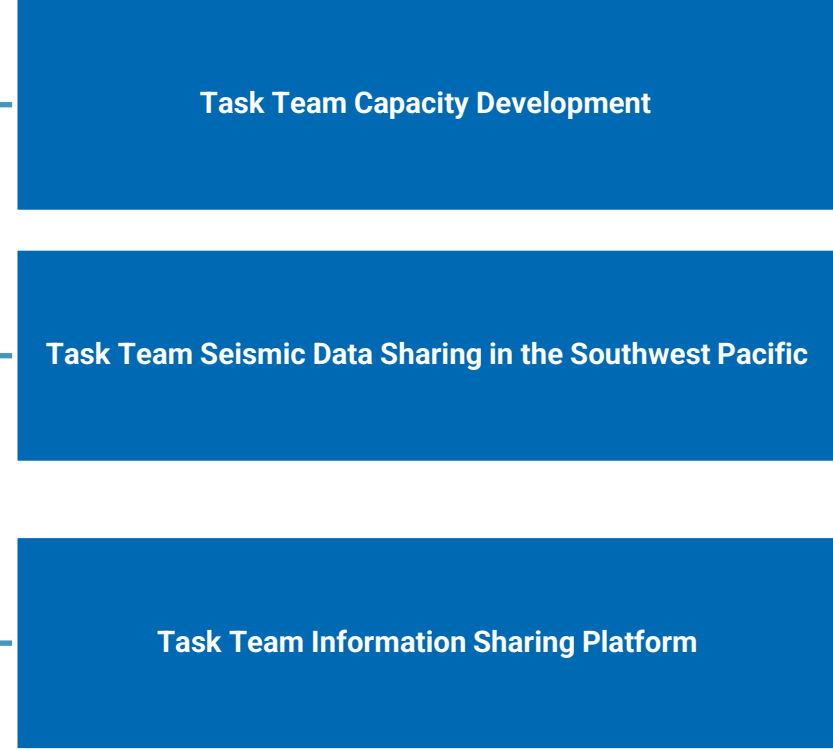


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Working Group Pacific Island Countries and Territories
Chair: *Esline Garaebiti (Vanuatu)*
Vice-Chair: *Mathew Moihoi (Papua New Guinea)*



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Members composed of representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (~20 PICTs), Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) Agencies, SPC, ITIC and WMO.

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- UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme
 - Pacific Island Country and Territories (PICT) Tsunami Ready Workshops – Vanuatu
 - National Tsunami Ready Stakeholder Consultation – Solomon Islands
- May 2024 - Expert Meeting on Tsunami Sources, Hazards, Risk and Uncertainties Associated with Vanuatu, San Cristobal and New Britain Subduction Zones
- July 2024 - PTWS Working Group 3 Task Team Tsunami Ready Meeting – Tsunami Ready Equivalency
- August 2024 - ITIC Training Programme on Tsunami Early Warning Systems and the PTWC Enhanced Products, Tsunami Evacuation Planning and Tsunami Ready Programme (ITP-TEWS-Chile), Valparaiso, Chile
- Exercise Pacific Wave 2024 (PacWave24) 1st September – 30th November 2024 (PICT Regional Exercise, Exercise Manual)

ICG/PTWS Steering Committee Meeting – September 2024



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- 6th Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (2023) –
WG-PICT paper submitted to the PMC in Fiji
 - decided for PIMOS Panel to set up a Task Team on
Tsunami WG
- 7th Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (2024) -
WG-PICT paper submitted to the PMC in Vanuatu
 - endorsed the Task Team on Tsunami under PIMOS
Panel of PMC

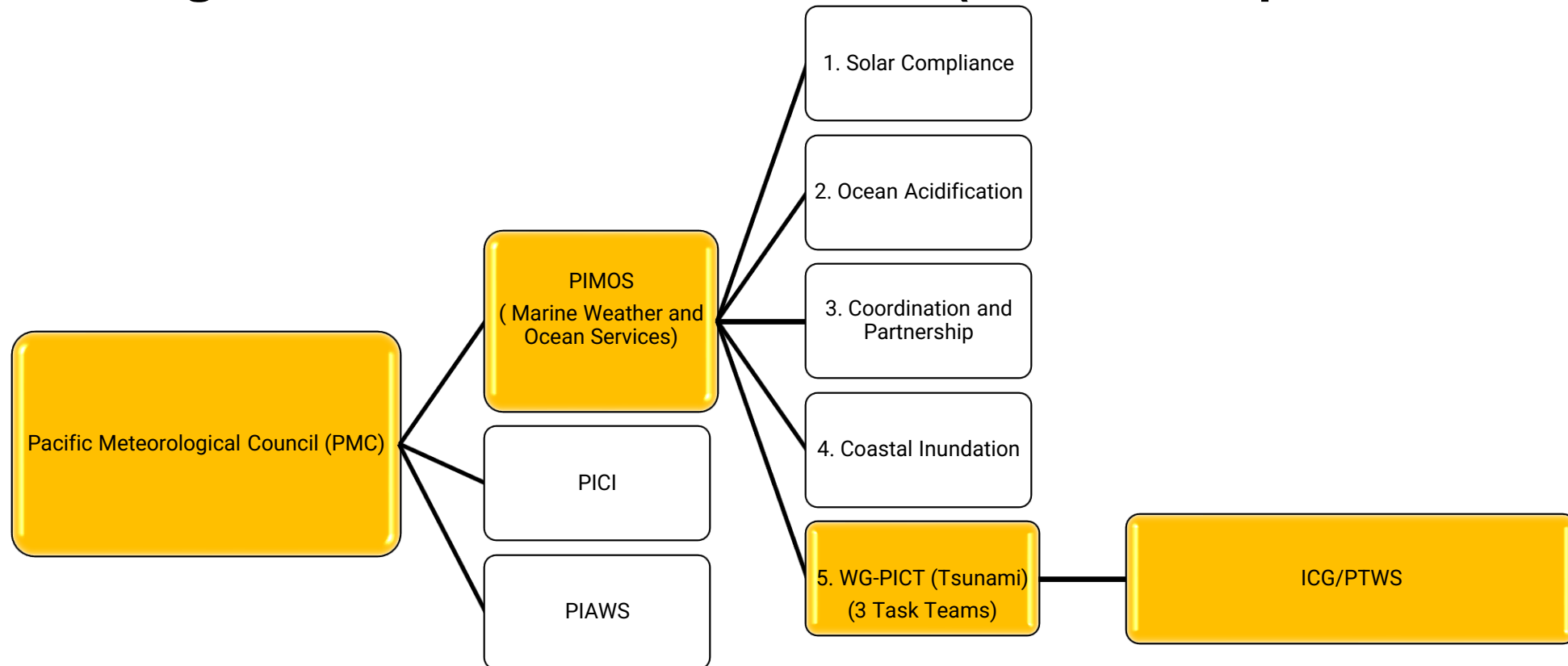
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- **WG-PICT and its current TOR has been submitted for Endorsement as the 5th Task Team under the PIMOS Panel of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) at the 7th Meeting of PMC in Port Villa, Vanuatu (17th- 19th September 2024).**



JFIT PROJECT



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- Project Name: **Bridging Japanese and UNESCO-IOC expertise on geohazard Early Warning Systems to support Pacific and Caribbean SIDS**
- **USD 610,000.**
- Target Countries - **South Pacific and Caribbean SIDS, with pilot activities in Fiji and Grenada**

Regular Biennial Budget



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- **USD -90K**
- **Thirty-third Session of the IOC Assembly, 25 June–3 July 2025 and Fifty-eighth Session of the IOC Executive Council, 24 June 2025, UNESCO HQ, Paris**
- **New Budget ?????**