

10th Meeting of the PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami
Warning and Mitigation for Pacific Island Countries and Territories
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Report of Task Team Capacity Development

Terms of Reference



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1. Develop Minimum Competency Training Course (MCTC) based on the competency framework for National Tsunami Warning Centers personnel, including addressing NTWC local response SOP and best practice.
2. Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Nauru, Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga to pilot MCTC as well as report progress and lessons learnt to ICG/PTWS WG1, 2, and 3.
3. Coordinate and support on-going training and sharing of best practices on the Implementation of UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme & similar programmes.
4. Review the existing PTWS guideline for National Tsunami Warning Centers in responding to local Tsunami to ensure consideration of non-seismic and complex sources for warning operations.
5. Develop a Tsunami preparedness capacity assessment to address PICT warning and mitigation capabilities (Member countries and IOC).

The Task Team Members: Australia, Tonga (Co-Chair), Samoa, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Fiji, PNG, ITIC (Co-Chair), SPREP, SPC, IOC, PTWC. **Co-chairs to be elected by the ICG.**

Progress Update - Recommendations



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ENCOURAGE, Member States NTWC, NDMO, National Geohazards Agency and relevant agencies to take OTGA Tsunami Awareness and Tsunami Ready Course (Self-paced) as a prerequisite for the Minimum Competency Training Course (MCTC)

TRANSLATION of OTGA Tsunami Awareness and Tsunami Ready Course (Self-paced) as a prerequisite for the Minimum Competency Training Course (MCTC) into French/Spanish

ENCOURAGE, Member States to send UNESCO/IOC Letters of Intent to implement UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme and increase number of communities recognized UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready towards 100% tsunami-at risk communities.

ENCOURAGE, Member States to review and update PTWS guideline for National Tsunami Warning Centers in responding to local Tsunami to ensure consideration of non-seismic and complex sources for warning operations

ENCOURAGE, Member States to establish and submit National Tsunami Ready Board Application to ICG/PTWS Secretariat **by end of 2025.**

ENCOURAGE, Member States to fill and Submit Capacity Assessment Survey by **3rd March, 2025.**

Recommendation to WG-PICT



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ENDORSE, the Task Team to continue in the next Intersessional Period with updated Terms of Reference.

ENDORSE, the newly elected WG-PICT officers- Mr Laitia Fifita and Dr Laura Kong,