



Lettre circulaire de la COI n° 3059
(Disponible en anglais et en français)

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18 septembre 2025

- Aux : Agences nationales officielles de coordination chargées d'assurer la liaison avec la COI du GIC/NEAMTWS
Contacts nationaux du GIC/NEAMTWS pour les tsunamis (TNC)
Points focaux du GIC/NEAMTWS pour l'alerte aux tsunamis (TWFP)
Officiers du GIC/NEAMTWS
Membres du Comité directeur du GIC/NEAMTWS
- C.c. : Délégués permanents et missions d'observation des États membres de la COI auprès de l'UNESCO
Commissions nationales pour l'UNESCO des États membres de la COI
Direction générale de la protection civile et des opérations d'aide humanitaire de la Commission européenne (ECHO)
Centre commun de recherche (CCR) de la Commission européenne
Organisation météorologique mondiale (OMM)
Bureau des Nations unies pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes (UNDRR)

Objet : Invitation à la vingtième session du Groupe intergouvernemental de coordination du Système d'alerte rapide aux tsunamis et de mitigation dans l'Atlantique du Nord-Est, la Méditerranée et les mers adjacentes (GIC/NEAMTWS-XX), 3-5 décembre 2025 au Siège de l'UNESCO, Paris (France)

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que le Groupe intergouvernemental de coordination du Système d'alerte rapide aux tsunamis et de mitigation dans l'Atlantique du Nord-Est, la Méditerranée et les mers adjacentes (GIC/NEAMTWS) célébrera son **vingtième anniversaire** en 2025, après sa création en 2005 par la résolution XXIII-13 adoptée lors de la 23e session de l'Assemblée de la COI, en réponse au tsunami dans l'océan Indien en 2004.

Au nom de M. Alessandro Amato, président du GIC/NEAMTWS, j'ai le plaisir de vous inviter à désigner des représentants à la session du GIC/NEAMTWS-XX et de transmettre leurs coordonnées ainsi que celle du chef de délégation par courriel à M. Denis Chang Seng, Secrétaire technique du GIC/NEAMTWS à d.chang-seng@unesco.org. Les participants s'inscriront directement sur le site Internet de la session à l'adresse <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4822> au plus tard le **15 novembre 2025** afin de permettre la préparation de la liste des participants et des dispositions logistiques pour la session. Lors de l'inscription en ligne, les participants qui ne figurent pas encore dans la base de

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données OceanExpert seront invités à créer un compte OceanExpert avant de s'inscrire à la réunion. Si vous avez des questions concernant l'inscription, veuillez contacter a.danilova@unesco.org.

Les délégations doivent assurer leur propre soutien financier pour participer à la session et sont responsables de l'obtention des visas requis par les autorités françaises.

L'ordre du jour de la session est de nature technique et les délégués doivent être prêts à participer à des discussions techniques. L'ordre du jour et le calendrier provisoires de la session sont joints en annexe. Comme il est d'usage pour les sessions du GIC/NEAMTWS, la langue de travail de la réunion sera l'anglais. La date limite de soumission des rapports nationaux et des présentations au secrétaire technique est fixée au 25 novembre 2025.

Lors de cette session, le GIC/NEAMTWS renouvellera les membres de son bureau, à savoir un président et jusqu'à deux vice-présidents. Le président Alessandro Amato (Italie), le vice-président Amr Hamouda (Égypte) et le vice-président Ignacio Aguirre Ayerbe (Espagne) auront terminé un mandat de deux ans à la fin du GIC/NEAMTWS-XX et pourront être réélus pour un second mandat s'ils souhaitent se présenter aux élections.

Par la présente lettre, nous sollicitons des candidatures conformément à la procédure pour les élections décrite à l'annexe 3. Les candidatures seront acceptées jusqu'à la fin du jour d'ouverture de la session, c'est-à-dire le mercredi 3 décembre 2025. Les candidatures peuvent être soumises à l'avance au Secrétariat de la COI, à l'attention de M. Denis Chang Seng (d.chang-seng@unesco.org).

La documentation et l'information pour la session seront affichées et mises à jour sur la [page web de la session](#) au fur et à mesure de leur disponibilité. Une note d'information sur la logistique à l'attention des participants sera également mise en ligne et partagée par courriel.

Je vous prie de bien vouloir me permettre de rappeler les dates importantes : inscription à la session avant le 15 novembre, rapports nationaux et présentations avant le 25 novembre et candidatures aux élections du bureau avant le 3 décembre 2025.

Lors de cette session, les États membres pourront exprimer le souhait d'accueillir la 21e session du GIC/NEAMTWS, prévue en 2026.

Le président du GIC/NEAMTWS et le Secrétariat de la COI se réjouissent de vous accueillir à Paris.

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

[signature]

Vidar Helgesen
Secrétaire exécutif

Pièces jointes (3):
(anglais seulement)

- 1/ Ordre du jour provisoire
- 2/ Calendrier provisoire
- 3/ Procédure électorale et formulaires de candidature



**TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION
GROUP FOR THE TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING AND MITIGATION SYSTEM IN
THE NORTH-EASTERN ATLANTIC, THE MEDITERRANEAN AND CONNECTED
SEAS (ICG/NEAMTWS-XX)**

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
3–5 December 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. OPENING**
- 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Designation of the rapporteur
 - 2.3 Establishment of the nominations committee and chair for elections
 - 2.4 Conduct of the session, timetable and documentation
 - 2.5 Establishment of sessional committees and WGs
- 3. REPORTS ON ICG/NEAMTWS INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
 - 3.1 Report by the Chairperson
 - 3.2 Report by IOC Secretariat
 - 3.3 Report by other ICGs
 - 3.4 Reports by other Intergovernmental Organizations (JRC etc.)
 - 3.5 Reports by the Working Groups and Task Teams
- 4. IMPLEMENTATION**
 - 4.1 Reports from Tsunami Service Providers and National Tsunami Warning Centres
 - 4.2 Reports from Civil Protection Agencies
 - 4.3 Reports on other major Projects and Initiatives (e.g. CoastWAVE, NEAM-COMMITMENT etc.) Related to NEAMTWS
 - 4.4 Reports on UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Programme Implementation
 - 4.5 Report on NEAMWave26 Exercise Preparations
 - 4.6 Reports on Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme
 - 4.7 Reports on the World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD, 5 November)
 - 4.8 Updates on Task Team Governance
- 5. PROGRAMME FOR 2026**
 - 5.1 Activities scheduled for 2026
 - 5.2 Establishment of intersessional working groups and TTs
- 6. ELECTIONS**
- 7. DATES AND PLACE FOR ICG/NEAMTWS-XIX**
- 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 10. CLOSING**



INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION of UNESCO

Twentieth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS-XX)

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France 3–5 December 2025

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Hour	Wednesday 3 December	Hour	Thursday 4 December	Hour	Friday 5 November
08:30-10:00	Registration, logistics	09:00-11:00		09:00-11:00	WORKING GROUP REPORTS TO THE ICG AND DISCUSSIONS
10:00-11:00	<p>1. OPENING ICG/NEAMTWS Chairperson</p> <p>2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION 2.1 Adoption of the agenda 2.2 Designation of the rapporteur 2.3 Establishment of the nominations committee and chair for elections 2.4 Conduct of the session, timetable and documentation 2.5 Establishment of sessional committees and WGs</p>				
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12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK	12:30-13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30-16:00	3.5 Reports by the Working Groups and Task Teams [TT on Tsunami Ready may report under agenda 4,4 and TT on Exercise to report under agenda 4.5]	13:30-16:00	SESSIONAL WORKING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS	13:30-17:00	<p>6. ELECTIONS</p> <p>7. DATES AND PLACE FOR ICG/NEAMTWS-XIX</p> <p>8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>9. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>10. CLOSING</p>
16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK	16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 18:00	<p>3.5 Reports by the Working Groups and Task Teams <i>(Con't)</i></p> <p>4. IMPLEMENTATION 4.1 Reports from Tsunami Service Providers and NTWCs</p>	16:30 18:00	SESSIONAL WORKING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS		

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Elections of the Officers of the ICG

The Twentieth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS-XX), UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France 3–5 December 2025, shall elect the Officers of the ICG, namely, one Chairperson and two Vice-chairpersons, for the term 2026–2027.

In establishing the ICG/NEAMTWS in 2005, IOC Resolution XXIII-14 stipulated that the ICG membership should consist of:

- Member States of the IOC within and bordering North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas;
- Observers from other IOC Member States;
- Invited observers from other organizations (including NGOs), programmes and projects in accordance with the IOC rules and procedures.

The current elected officers, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the ICG/NEAMTWS have **completed one term of 2 years**. The Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of a Subsidiary Body **may remain in his/her mandate for a second term** but not more than two successive terms (according to Rule of Procedure 6. The time limit of a mandate is two years according to Article 7.2 of the IOC Statutes). The current elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are the following:

- **Chairperson:** Dr Alexander Amato (November 2024–December 2025)
- **Vice-Chairperson:** Professor Amr Hamouda, Egypt (November 2024–December 2025)
- **Vice-Chairperson:** Mr Ignacio Aguirre Ayerbe, Spain (November 2024–December 2025)

The Chairperson shall declare the opening and closing of each session, direct the discussions and ensure observance of the Rules of Procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairperson shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules, shall control the proceedings and maintain order and shall strive to work by consensus (Rule 19.2).

Nominations

Nominations of individuals to either the post of Chairperson or the posts of Vice-chairperson shall be submitted by Member States through the officially designated Head of Delegation to the ICG/NEAMTWS-XX, or through the IOC Focal Point in the Member State or the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the IOC Executive Secretary using Form A (Chairperson) or Form B (Vice-chairperson) and must reach the Executive Secretary (with copy to the ICG/NEAMTWS Technical Secretary, d.chang-seng@unesco.org) preferably by 15 November 2025, 17:00 h CET), and at the latest on the first day of the meeting by close of business, Wednesday 3 December.

Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which he/she has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected. Each nomination shall also contain a CV with the profile of the candidate (Form C).

Each candidate must be seconded by two Member States of the ICG/NEAMTWS other than the nominating Member State.

Elections

The IOC general practice is working and deciding by consensus (Rule 19.2).

Should voting be necessary, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting (Rule 25.2), by secret ballot (IOC technical arrangements for the elections, item 2.2).

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Biennial Elections for Chairperson

FORM A – CHAIRPERSON

Name of Member State:

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Name of Nominee:

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I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of the ICG/NEAMTWS, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee:

	<i>Seconder 1</i>	<i>Seconder 2</i>
Member State of the ICG/NEAMTWS
Name in capitals
Position
Signature

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat	Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat
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Biennial Elections for Chairperson

FORM B – VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Name of Member State:

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Name of Nominee:

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I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-chairperson of the ICG/NEAMTWS and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee:

	<i>Secunder 1</i>	<i>Secunder 2</i>
Member State of the ICG/NEAMTWS
Name in capitals
Position
Signature

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat

Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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Biennial Elections for OFFICERS

FORM C

Curriculum vitae of nominee

[NAME]

Date of birth:

Languages:

Address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Email:

CURRENT POSITION

[Please insert text]

EDUCATION

[Please insert text]

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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