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INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTRE
U.S. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION**

**Tsunami Ready Philippines National Workshop
Park Inn North EDSA, Metro Manila, Philippines
8 to 11 December 2025**

The UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) is an international community-based recognition programme aimed at building resilient communities through awareness and readiness strategies that will protect lives, livelihoods and property from tsunamis. The Programme is a key for achieving the Safe Ocean objective of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Under the auspices of the UN Decade Tsunami Programme, Tsunami Ready aims to ensure that 100% of communities at risk of tsunami are prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030. Readiness is achieved through a collaborative effort among government agencies, scientists, community leaders and the public, who work together to meet an established set of 12 indicators covering Assessment, Preparedness, and Response. The Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme, is actioned through Country National Tsunami Ready Programmes.

In the Philippines, all low-lying coastal areas are vulnerable to tsunamis. In response, DOST-PHIVOLCS, in collaboration with various stakeholders, implements various programs focused on tsunami risk reduction. These include installing detection sensors and alerting sirens, tsunami hazard modelling, mapping, and risk assessments, while also promoting community-based initiatives such as the Tsunami Early Warning System (TeWS) and Community-based Early Warning System (CBEWS) for tsunamis. The institute also conducts regular capacity development and advocacy campaigns as part of its program on Volcano, Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction.

To bolster the capacity of national and local government offices in guiding communities towards preparedness and achieving 'Tsunami Ready' recognition, the Philippine Government, with the kind support of the United States Department of State Office of

International Disaster Response, and United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), through the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO and its International Tsunami Information Centre (a joint partnership between the IOC and NOAA), is conducting a 3-day national workshop. Invited participants are officials from the Philippines national, provincial, municipal, and local governments, experts from the tsunami and earthquake science agencies, and emergency management and disaster risk reduction agencies, and elected officials. The workshop will cover an overview of the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme, the recognition process, and requirements. Participants will explore diverse examples for each indicator and discuss strategies to ensure that all at-risk communities are assisted to become prepared and resilient to tsunamis.

Workshop web site: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4920>

International Resource persons

Dr. Laura Kong, Director, International Tsunami Information Centre (ITIC), UNESCO-IOC NOAA, Honolulu, HI USA

Dr. Charles “Chip” McCreery, Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC), NOAA, Honolulu, HI, USA

Ardito Kodijat, retired, Former Head, Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Center (IOTIC), UNESCO-IOC, Jakarta, Indonesia

Andrew Horan, International Affairs Project Manager, NOAA National Weather Service, Silver Spring, MD, USA

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA
(version 4 December 2025)

Ses sion	Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
1			Monday, 8 December 2025	
			AFTERNOON	
	17:00	18:00	Registration	
1.1	18:00	20:00	Workshop 1. Familiarity Check on the 12 Tsunami Ready Indicators Logistics and Administrative Items (<i>DINNER will be served</i>)	Rygin Joy Matias, PHIVOLCS
1-4			Tuesday, 9 December 2025	Emcee: Arianne Palma, PHIVOLCS
			MORNING	
1			Opening and Program Overview	
	8:30	9:00	Attendance Check and Agenda-Setting	Fatima Moncada, PHIVOLCS
1.2	9:00	10:00	Opening Ceremonies	
			Welcome Remarks Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)	Director Ma. Mylene M. Villegas
			Messages of Support	
			United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO-IOC) (<i>video recording</i>)	Bernardo Aliaga, Head, IOC Tsunami Resilience Section
			United States of America (USA)	Robert Ewing, Deputy Chief of Mission
			International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC)	Director Laura Kong
			Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)	Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan
			Office of Civil Defense (OCD)	Director Jose Harry M. Barber
			Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr.
	10:00	10:30	GROUP PHOTO	
			COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
1.3	10:30	10:45	Introduction of Resource Speakers	Rygin Joy Matias, PHIVOLCS
1.4	10:45	11:00	Course Overview	Laura Kong, ITIC

2			Global Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System What is the UNESCO IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme	
2.1	11:00	11:15	Weather Ready Nations - NOAA National Weather Service International Capacity Building	Andrew Horan, NWS International Affairs
2.2	11:15	11:30	Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (UNESCO-IOC PTWS), PTWS International Alerts by Tsunami Service Providers	Charles McCreery, PTWC
2.3	11:30	11:45	UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) - Framework, Background, and History	Ardito Kodijat, formerly IOTIC
2.4	11:45	12:15	TRRP Indicators	Kong
	12:15	13:15	LUNCH	
			AFTERNOON	
3			How to Become Tsunami Ready	
3.1	13:15	13:35	Establishing a National Programme - Requirements	Kong
3.2	13:35	13:55	Recognition Process Workflow for Each Community - Recognition Certificate and Ceremony	Kodijat
3.3	13:55	14:15	Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme Application	Kodijat
3.4	14:15	14:30	Status of the Philippine NTRB	Director Jose Harry M. Barber, Office of Civil Defense
3.5	14:30	15:15	Available Tools and Support: Information Centres, Training, Resources	Kong, Kodijat
	15:15	15:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
4			Assessment Indicators – How to achieve, challenges, and solutions	
4.1	15:45	16:30	Tsunami Hazard Map - Historical, Worst-case scenarios, Inundation Modeling, No Modeling	McCreery
4.2	16:30	17:00	Status of Tsunami Hazard Mapping in the Philippines	Robelyn Flores, PHIVOLCS
4.3	17:00	17:15	Accessing the DOST-PHIVOLCS Tsunami Hazard Maps	Danikko Rivera, PHIVOLCS
	17:15	18:00	HEALTH BREAK	
4.4	18:00	20:00	Workshop 2. Interpreting Tsunami Hazard Maps in the Local Context (DINNER will be served)	Jeffrey Perez, PHIVOLCS

5-6			Wednesday, 10 December 2025	Emcee: KD Lagunsad, PHIVOLCS
			MORNING	
	9:00	9:15	Recap, Today's Agenda	Epris Gretel Majhi, PHIVOLCS
5			Preparedness Indicators – How to achieve, challenges, and solutions	
5.1	9:15	10:00	Evacuation Map - Guidelines, Map Standards	Kong
5.2	10:00	10:30	Evacuation Map - Examples and Discussions	Joan Salcedo, PHIVOLCS
	10:30	11:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
5.3	11:00	11:15	Signage - types, sizes, colors, placement	McCreery
5.4	11:15	11:45	Outreach, Public Awareness, Education - Types, Target Audience	Kodijat
5.5	11:45	12:15	Outreach, Public Awareness, Education Examples and Discussion	Charmaine Villamil, PHIVOLCS
	12:15	13:15	LUNCH	
			AFTERNOON	
5.6	13:15	14:00	Exercises - Components, Types, Documentation	Kong
5.7	14:00	14:30	Exercise Examples and Discussion	Rygin Joy Matias
	14:30	15:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
6			Response Indicators – How to achieve, challenges and solutions	
6.1	15:00	15:45	Warning and Response Plans and Capacity - National, Local, Community	Kodijat
6.2	15:45	16:15	Warning and Response Plan and Capacity Examples and Discussion	Fatima Moncada
6.3	16:15	17:00	Tsunami Summit Results and the Tsunami Coping Capacity Platform (GeoRisk)	Director Ma. Mylene M. Villegas
	17:00	18:00	HEALTH BREAK	
6.4	18:00	20:00	Workshop 3. Status of Local Tsunami Response Plans (<i>DINNER will be served</i>)	Reactors: D/MILG, D/MOST, PSTO
6-9			Thursday, 11 December 2025	Emcee: Melissa Tamayo, PHIVOLCS
			MORNING	
	9:00	9:15	Recap, Today's Agenda	Epris Gretel Majhi
6			Response Indicators – How to achieve, challenges and solutions (continued)	
6.5	9:15	10:00	Communications - Receive and Disseminate Alerts, Requirements, Methods, Sustainability	McCreery

6.6	10:00	10:15	Communications Example - CTAS - Challenges and Solutions	Angelito G. Lanuza, PHIVOLCS
6.7	10:15	10:30	Communications Example - Philippine Tsunami Information - Shake, Drop, and Roar - Challenges and Solutions	Winchelle Sevilla, PHIVOLCS
	10:30	10:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
			(Check-out time for Metro Manila participants)	
7			Building Familiarity	
7	11:00	12:30	<i>RUNAMI, Tsunami Ready board game</i>	Kodijat, Kong, McCreery, PHIVOLCS Facilitators
	12:30	13:30	LUNCH	
			AFTERNOON	
8-9			Summary and Closing	
8	13:30	15:00	Summary, Next Steps and Actions	Facilitators: Kong, Kodijat, McCreery, Moncada Reactors: D/MILG, D/MOST, PSTO
	15:00	15:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
9	15:30	16:00	Closing Ceremonies	Director Ma. Mylene M. Villegas, PHIVOLCS