



**First Session of the IOC Intergovernmental Co-ordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*To prevent loss of life and destruction of property, and mitigate against catastrophic economic impacts, the people of the Caribbean region have an immediate need for a Coastal Hazards Warning System linked to the soon-to-be-established Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). The primary purpose of the system will be to provide timely and accurate forecasts and warnings of coastal flooding and associated hazards due to tsunamis, storm surge and hurricanes.*

**1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

- 1.1 Mr. Koïchiro Matsuura Director General of UNESCO
- 1.2 Welcome Address by Barbados
- 1.3 Regional Organizations
- 1.4 UN Agencies
- 1.5 Group Photo

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 2.1 Adoption of the Agenda & Timetable
- 2.2 Election of Chair of the Session
- 2.3 Creation of the ICG
- 2.4 Procedure for election of officials of the ICG/Caribe (IOC Rules of Procedure)
- 2.5 Designation of Rapporteur (s)
- 2.6 Background and Documentation

**3. TSUNAMI AND OTHER COASTAL HAZARDS WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND ADJACENT REGIONS. REVIEW OF EXISTING CONTRIBUTIONS.**

- 3.1 The Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System within a Multi-Hazard Observing and Warning System and a Global Framework. Concept and Design.

- 3.2 Report of the IOCARIBE Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Group of Experts on the conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference for the Development of a Tsunami and Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 1 to 3 June 2005.
- 3.3 The Central American Tsunami Early Warning Strategy (CEPREDENAC).
- 3.4 The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA).
- 3.5 Report of the Second Session of the IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System, held in Hyderabad, India 14-16 December 2005.
- 3.6 Report on the progress on ITSU and Mediterranean Warning Systems.
- 3.7 WMO experience on Warning Systems and Disaster Management.
- 3.8 ITIC role in the development of the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning and Mitigation System for the Caribbean Sea.

#### **4. THE TSUNAMI AND OTHER COASTAL HAZARDS WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND ADJACENT REGIONS ACTION PLAN.**

- 4.1 Establishment of Working Groups
  - Working Group One – Tsunami Hazard. Risk assessment and research.
  - Working Group Two - Hurricane and Storm Surge Hazard. Risk assessment and research.
  - Working Group Three – Warning Operations, seismic and sea level, ocean and meteo data collection and communications. (Inter-operability of Regional, Sub-regional and National Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions.)
  - Working Group Four – Resilience Building and Emergency Management.

#### **5. SECRETARIAT AND OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS.**

#### **6. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM, REVIEWED ACTION PLAN TIMETABLE AND BUDGET.**

- 6.1 Interim Tsunami Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions.
- 6.2 Ocean and Meteo monitoring and observing systems. The role of IOCARIBE-GOOS, GLOSS, JCOMM and WMO.
- 6.3 Seismic Data Collection and Exchange. The role of the Regional Seismic

Networks.

- 6.4 Discussions and adoption of the updated Draft Design Plan, Work Plan and Timetable and Budget 2006-2007.

**7. EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW ONES.**

**8. DATES AND PLACE FOR THE II SESSION OF THE IOC ICG FOR THE TSUNAMI AND OTHER COASTAL HAZARDS WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE CARIBBEAN SEA AND ADJACENT REGIONS.**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.**

**11. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**