IOC Circular Letter No. 2389
(Available in English only)

To: ICG/NEAMTWs Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) and Tsunami National Contacts (TNC)
ICG/NEAMTWs Chair and Vice-Chairs
ICG/CARIBE EWS Chair and Vice-Chairs
ICG/PTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs
ICG/IOTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs

cc: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC in IOC Member States
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States

Subject: Invitation to participate to the Tsunami and Civil Protection Workshop: “Tsunami hazard in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected seas (NEAM region) – A challenge for Science and Civil protection”, 15 to 16 June 2011 in Ispra, Italy

I have the pleasure to invite you to the Tsunami and Civil Protection Workshop: “Tsunami hazard in the NEAM region – A challenge for Science and Civil protection” which is organized by IOC in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) in Ispra, from 15-16 June 2011 in Ispra, Italy. The meeting venue will be:

European Commission - Joint Research Centre
21020, Ispra
Italy

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The objective of the workshop is to assist the Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) and civil protection authorities with the preparation of the communication test, expected to be performed in the first two weeks of July 2011 to test NEAM Member States’ capacities to receive and process tsunami messages in a real-time fashion.

This workshop will bring together the NEAM science and civil protection management communities as well as experts of Tsunami Warning centres from the Pacific, Indian Ocean and Caribbean regions. Since the NEAM region is the last to conduct a tsunami communication test, this workshop will allow for sharing experiences with other regional tsunami warning systems.

Registration for participation can be made on the JRC registration website: https://jrc-meeting-registration.jrc.ec.europa.eu/. Logistic information including hotel information can be found in the Documents section.

Citizens of certain countries do not need a visa to travel to Italy. However, please check with the nearest Italian representation concerning any requirements pertaining to your nationality. Information about Italian representations can be found at http://italy.visahq.com/

The workshop programme is attached and is also available through the IOC web site at http://www.ioc-unesco.org/NEAM-JRC

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosure: workshop programme
UNESCO’s IOC, in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) in Ispra, Italy, organizes this workshop to bring together the NEAM science and Civil Protection management communities with experts of Tsunami Warning centres from the Pacific, Indian Ocean and Caribbean regions. Since the NEAM region is the last to conduct a tsunami communication test this workshop will allow for sharing experiences with other regional tsunami warning systems.

1st Day – Wednesday, 15 June 2011
8:30 - 9:30 Registration, starting 8:30

1st Session: Introduction to NEAMTWS
Chairman: Stefano Tinti
9:30 - 9:45 Welcome address by JRC S. Lechner, D. Al Khudhairy
9:45 - 10:00 Introducing ICG/NEAMTWS F. Schindelé
10:00 - 10:30 Keynote talk on Tsunami Hazard in the NEAM Region G. Papadopoulos
10:30 - Coffee break
10:45 - 11:00 Report on Task Team Communication Test Exercises 2010 L. Matias
11:00 - 11:15 Introducing the Enlarged Communication Test Exercise Ö. Necmioglu
11:15 - 11:30 Introducing the Tsunami Exercise 2012 A. Rudloff
11:30 - 12:00 Discussion All
12:00 - 12:30 Visit to JRC Crisis Room Model Building 68 A. Annunziato
12:30 - Lunch break

2nd Session: Tsunami Exercises
Chairman: Gerassimos Papadopoulos
14:00 - 14:15 TT Architecture Status Report of NEAMTWS T. Guymer
14:15 - 15:15 Global Operational Experience by other ICGs Speaker(s) to be defined

1 NEAM = North East Atlantic, Mediterranean and Connecting Seas
15:15  15:45  Global Operational Experience by JMA  Speaker to be defined
15:45  16:00  Global Operational Experience by Chile  S. Barrientos

Coffee break

3rd Session: Civil Protection and Tsunamis  
Chairman: Alessandro Annunziato
16:15  16:30  EU-MIC Coordination Activities  P. Billing

Experience by some EU Civil Protection  Speaker(s) to be defined
Administrations (5-8 pres)

Dinner offered by JRC – 7:30 p.m.

Post-Dinner Presentation / Dinner talk
“The Tohoku Tsunami of 11th March: the response of Tsunami Early Warning Systems and the Tsunami Analysis” – JMA representative

2nd Day – Thursday, 16 June 2011

4th Session  
Chairman: Luis Matias
8:30  10:30  Global Experiences by other ICGs concerning Tsunami and Communication Exercises (IOWAVE09, Caribbean, PTWC, JMA, etc.)  Speaker(s) to be defined

10:30  11:00  Coffee Break

5th Session  
Chairman: Alexander Rudloff
11:00  13:00  Enlarged Communication Test Exercise (manual, technical details, requirements etc)  Ö. Necmioglu

13:00  Lunch break

6th Session  
Chairman: Öcal Necmioğlu
14:30  15:00  NEAMWAVE12  A. Rudloff
15:00  16:00  Scenarios for NEAMWAVE12  S. Tinti & others

• 365 Western Hellenic Arc,
• 1755 Lisbon,
• 1856 Northern Algeria,
• 1908 Messina

16:00  Coffee break

7th Session  
Chairman: François Schindelé
16:30  18:00  Round table and general discussion

Closure of workshop at 6:00 p.m. latest