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To: ICG/PTWS Tsunami National Contacts (TNC) of Australia, Fiji, France (French Polynesia, New Caledonia), New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

cc: ICG/PTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) of Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

PTWS Steering Committee

Subject: Nomination of a Technical Expert to the PTWS Working Group 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the South West Pacific and invitation to the 5th Meeting of the Task Team (Honiara, Solomon Islands, 9 August 2017)

I am pleased to invite you to nominate one technical expert from your country to serve as member of the PTWS Working Group 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the South West Pacific. This Task team was re-established by the ICG/PTWS at its 27th Session in March 2017 in Tahiti, French Polynesia.

At the same time, I am pleased to invite the nominated a technical expert to attend the 5th Meeting of the Task Team to be held on 10 August 2017 at Honiara Hotel, Honiara, Solomon Islands. The meeting will be preceded by the 5th meeting of the ICG/PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories which will be also held at Honiara Hotel on 7–8 August 2017. A closed meeting on the Oceania Regional Seismic Network (ORSNET) will be held at the same venue on 9 August 2017.

The Terms of Reference of the Task Team and a provisional agenda for the upcoming meeting are enclosed herein. The current co-chairs of the Task Team are Ms Esline Garaebiti (Vanuatu) and Mr Pierre Lebelleguard (France–New Caledonia) who were elected during ICG/PTWS-XXVII.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and the French funded ORSNET project will make the necessary funding available in order to cover travel, accommodation, meals and other living expenses on request.

It would be appreciated if you could confirm with Mr Bernardo Aliaga (b.aliaga@unesco.org), ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary with copy to Mr Rajendra Prasad (r.prasad@unesco.org) the name of the nominated expert and his/her attendance to the meeting by 20 July 2017 at the latest.
Further information will be available on the IOC website at:

http://www.ioc-tsunami.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1878
or
http://www.ioc-unesco.org/ICG-PTWS-WG-SWP-IV

Looking forward to receiving your nomination in due course, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2):

Extract from Appendix 1 to Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXVII.1
Provisional Agenda
PTWS WG2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the South West Pacific (Co-Chair Esline Garaebiti Bule (Vanuatu) and Pierre Lebellegard (New Caledonia))

Terms of Reference of WG2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing in the South West Pacific

1. Advocate seismic data sharing in the region;

2. Advise South West Pacific countries on data sharing protocols, techniques and technologies;

3. Work with South West Pacific Countries and donors to ensure a common data sharing policy;

4. Encourage South West Pacific Countries with existing or planned broadband seismograph stations to join the International Federation of Digital Seismograph Networks (FDSN), use the standards developed by the FDSN for data exchange and take advantage of the data archiving provided by the FDSN.

Members are representatives of South Pacific Countries and territories (Australia, Fiji, France – French Polynesia, France-New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu), PTWC, USA.
5th Meeting of PTWS WG 2 Task Team on Seismic Data Sharing
in Southwest Pacific
Honiara, Solomon Islands
10 August 2017

Provisional Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening
2. IOC ICG/PTWS XXVII Session Outcomes:
   a. Brief on decisions and recommendations from ICG/PTWS-XXVII
   b. Update on the data sharing task team TOR and membership
3. Review of 4th Meeting of Task Team outcomes and progress since the Suva, Fiji Meeting of 03-04 November 2015
4. Consideration of Country Reports on Seismic and Sea Level Network Status and Future Plan
5. ORSNET project progress report and future plan
6. Data Sharing Policies and Principals
7. Discussion and recommendations
8. Future Work of Task Team and Review of its TOR
10. Meeting Closure