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**Subject: Invitation to Regional Training and Consultation Workshops on
“Strengthening Standard Operating Procedures for Tsunami Warning and the
use of the ICG/PTWS PTWC New Enhanced Tsunami Products”, Wellington,
New Zealand, 12-16 August 2013.**

The Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas is the largest, most diverse and most prone to tsunamis of all the Earth's oceans. Pacific nations must be prepared to face the dangers of tsunami from distant, regional and local sources. In the past, Pacific Island Member States depended primarily on the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) for the warning decisions of National Tsunami Warning Centers. However, the reality of the dangers posed by local and regional sources has required Member States to address these tsunami risks and improve and expand the capabilities of the National Tsunami Warning Centers and Disaster Management Offices and engage in regional collaboration.

In this context, we are pleased to invite Pacific Island Countries to nominate up to two candidates to participate in a Regional Tsunami Training Workshop and Regional Consultation on the ICG/PTWS PTWC New Enhanced Tsunami Products, to be held in Wellington, New Zealand from 12 to 16 August 2013. One candidate should be from the tsunami warning authority and one from the National Disaster Management organisation.

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The week will consist of two workshops. The theme of the first three and a half -days training workshop will be on "Strengthening Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Tsunami Warning and Emergency Response (including using the new PTWC Enhanced Tsunami Products)". The second workshop will be a one and half days Regional Consultation convened by the PTWS Working Group 2 Task Team on Enhanced Products to provide feedback on the understandability and use of the PTWC Enhanced Products, and their readiness for the expected PTWC product changeover in 2014. Attached is a provisional agenda for both workshops. The workshops will be conducted in English.

The workshops are being organized by the International Tsunami Information Center in collaboration with the IOC and New Zealand, and will be hosted by the New Zealand Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management.

The organizers have limited funding available for supporting attendance at the workshops, and therefore, welcome full or partial self-funding by countries. The selection criteria of the candidates who receive funding are: a) members of the country's national tsunami warning center, national disaster management office, or geohazards agency; b) responsible for and involved in tsunami warning and emergency response operations, and/or responsible for their country's SOPs; and c) have the authority to represent their country in the regional consultation on the PTWC New Protocols and Enhanced Products.

Nominations should be endorsed by and submitted through the country's Tsunami National Contact (TNC) or Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP). It is desirable that where possible the NTWC and NDMO of each country attend together, and ideally, successful applicants will have participated in Exercise Pacific Wave 2013 which reviewed and evaluated the PTWC Enhanced Products.

Selected candidates will be provided with round trip air ticket through the most economical route, and/or lodging at the workshop hotel and subsistence costs. On Day 1, each country is expected to provide a 10-minute clear summary of the current state of their tsunami warning, alert and response systems, including an outline of the standard operating procedures. More information and documents will be made available through the website <http://www.ioc-tsunami.org/ITP-SWP>

Please forward the attached form duly completed by each nominee, along with a CV, by email to Bernardo Aliaga (b.aliaga@unesco.org), ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary, with copy to Laura Kong (laura.kong@noaa.gov), Director, International Tsunami Information Center, and Rajendra Prasad (r.prasad@unesco.org) UNESCO/IOC Programme Officer, by Friday 21 June 2013. Successful candidates will be notified by 1 July 2013.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Application Form
- Draft Workshop Agenda