PTWS ENHANCED PRODUCTS TASK TEAM MEETING, 8-9 JULY 2014
PTWS PACWAVE15 TASK TEAM MEETING, 9 JULY 2014
PTWS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, 10-11 JULY 2014

Hosted by
UNESCO/IOC – NOAA
INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMI INFORMATION CENTER (ITIC)
NOAA NWS PACIFIC REGION HEADQUARTERS
NOAA INOUYE REGIONAL CENTER

The ITIC, PTWC, NWS Pacific Region Headquarters are now co-located in the new NOAA Inouye Regional Center (IRC), located on Ford Island on the US Naval Base Pearl Harbor and just northwest of Honolulu Airport. Since access to the IRC requires passage through Navy Security, we will be providing ground transportation for all meeting participants.

ITIC STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION:
Dr. Laura Kong, Director, l.kong@unesco.org, laura.kong@noaa.gov
Lt. Cmdr. Carlos A. Zúñiga, Associate Director (at Chile SHOA), czuniga@shoa.cl
Brian Yanagi, Office Manager and Disaster Management Specialist, brian.yanagi@noaa.gov
Nicolás Arcos, Technical Information Specialist – Tsunamis, nicolas.arcos@noaa.gov
Tammy Fukuji, Information Technology and Webmaster, tammy.fukuji@noaa.gov
Arthur Sonen, Administrative Assistant, arthur.sonen@noaa.gov

ITIC OFFICE ADDRESS:
NOAA Inouye Regional Center (IRC) / National Weather Service Pacific Region / ITIC
1845 Wasp Blvd, Bldg 176
Honolulu, HI 96818 USA
Phone numbers:
Laura Kong: Office: +1 808-725-6051, Cell: +1 808-392-4415
Brian Yanagi: Office: +1 808-725-6052, Cell: +1 808-398-2807
ITIC: Office: +1 808-725-6050
FAX number: +1 808-725-6055
General Email: itic.tsunami@noaa.gov
URL: ITIC: http://www.tsunamiwave.info or http://ioc3.unesco.org/itic
Map to ITIC on Ford Island:
https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ford+Island/@21.3634363,-157.9591061,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x7c00658d72eedc0f:0x70f825f6245cb82a

LODGING: It is best to reserve your room yourself. Hotels often require a credit card to guarantee the room. A map is attached for reference. Some options are below, but there are many depending on your price range. Note that the transportation pickup/dropoff location each day to ITIC will be from a designated Waikiki hotel at 8:30 am.

*ITIC is currently finalizing a group block of rooms at a designated Waikiki hotel from 6-12 July. Rates will be ~ $200 range per day due to peak summer period. A credit card to hold the room will be required.*
Other nearby well-known, large hotels are:

- Pacific Beach Hotel - across the street from Waikiki Beach. Available room prices during peak visitor summer period in July are $200 - $300. [http://www.pacificbeachhotel.com/](http://www.pacificbeachhotel.com/)
- Marriott Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa - across street from Waikiki Beach. Available room prices for July are greater than $300. [http://www.marriottwaikiki.com/](http://www.marriottwaikiki.com/)
- DoubleTree by Hilton Alana Waikiki Beach - 10 minute walk to beach. Available room prices for July are greater than $250. [http://www.hiltonhawaii.com/doubletree-alana-hotel.aspx](http://www.hiltonhawaii.com/doubletree-alana-hotel.aspx)

Note that all hotels offer various discounts, promotions, and packages and that these may be less expensive than the daily rate. Please visit the hotel website for more information, including the hotel's location, features and amenities.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- To/from airport and your home or hotel in Waikiki: Everyone is responsible for their own transportation. We recommend the Airport-to-Waikiki Hotels shuttle bus to/from Honolulu Airport to your hotel. The Speedi Shuttle is available outside of baggage claim at a cost of about $15 booked at [http://www.speedishuttle.com/pickup](http://www.speedishuttle.com/pickup). Alternatively, a taxi cost is about $35-45 to Waikiki.
- To/from ITIC from Waikiki. ITIC will provide transportation each day of the meeting. Alternatively, you may provide your own transportation. Note that we will need to pick you up at the Arizona Memorial parking lot to be able to enter Ford Island, US Naval Base Pearl Harbor on which the NOAA IRC is located.

**VISA TO USA:**
Check to see if you require a visa to enter the United States or if your country is among the 36 participating countries in the US Visa Waiver Program (VWP). The VWP enables nationals to travel to the US for tourism or business (visitor [B] visa purposes only) for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Eligibility and requirements of the VWP can be found at: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html)
If you do require a visa, please start this process immediately. Contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in advance to get information on what paperwork they require.

**ATTIRE:**
The dress code is casual office attire (e.g., coat and tie are not needed). The climate is tropical, usually sunny, and the temperature ranges from 22 during the night to 29 deg Celsius in the day (mid-70s to mid-80s deg F); humidity is usually low compared to that found in southeast Asia and central America.

**INTERNET:**
Wireless internet access and laser printing, as well as photocopying, will be available. If you are bringing a laptop computer, please ensure that your computer has current anti-virus software installed.