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(Available in English)

12 April 2012

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

cc: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
IOC Officers
Permanent Observers to ICG/CARIBE EWS
Mareographic Service, UNAM, Mexico

Subject: Third Caribbean Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations
June 4–9 2012, Merida, Mexico

Dear Colleagues,

Within the framework of the Project “Strengthening sea-level observation network and coordination activities in the Caribbean”, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO jointly with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Mareographic Service of the Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, is organizing the “Third Caribbean Training Course for Operators of Sea Level Stations,” to be held in Mérida, Mexico 4–9 June, 2012.

IOC of UNESCO is inviting your institution to nominate a sea level station operator/technician to participate in this training course. The person should be responsible for conducting/supporting the maintenance/installation/analysis of the sea level station in your country; have experience with the maintenance or data analysis of observational stations (hydromet, geophysical); electric, electronic, levelling or data processing experience/training/education, and should hold a permanent position with a national agency. Another requirement is that the participants have taken the online courses “Tsunami Warning Systems” and “Tsunami Strike! Caribbean Edition” (https://www.meted.ucar.edu/index.php). The language of the workshop will be in English.

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In partnership with NOAA National Weather Service and IOC Tsunami Unit and in close cooperation with the Tsunami National Contacts (TNCs), a series of technical visits, inspections, installations and maintenance are being carried out to some of the sea level stations installed in the region, aimed to assess their technical capacity to fulfill the requirements of tsunami warning and the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS). In 2012 travel includes Curacao, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cayman Islands, Saint Kitts and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission IOC of UNESCO will cover costs involved for a limited number of technician/operators nominated by the official Tsunami National Contact (TNC). We will appreciate your early confirmation of attendance. Kindly notify the CARIBE EWS (attention Silvia Sermeño s.sermeno@unesco.org copied to: b.aliaga@unesco.org and jzavala@atmosfera.unam.mx) the name and full address of the operator/technician who will attend the workshop, as soon as possible. Priority for sponsorship will be given to participants from Member States which have not attended either of the two previous courses.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary, IOC
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

Enclosure: (1): Registration form
REGISTRATION FORM

"Strengthening sea-level observation network and coordination activities in the Caribbean"

Mérida, Mexico 4-9 June, 2012

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Please send all necessary details to the attention of Ms Silvia Sermeño - s.sermeno@unesco.org - copied to: b.aliaga@unesco.org - Fax - (33) 1 456 85 810.