TOWS TASK TEAM ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT & PREPAREDNESS

SUMMARY RE: ICG/CARIBE EWS WG 4 & CTIC
ICG/CARIBE EWS

- Limited financial resources available
- IOC/UNESCO Tsunami Unit (TSU) provided with US$80,000 from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to support CTIC operations and activities
- CTIC operations suspended for 18 months (01 January 2016 – 30 June 2017) awaiting renewal of hosting MOU with Government of Barbados suspension of operations at the Caribbean
- Steady progress made despite challenges
WG 4 - “How to Prepare, Conduct and Evaluate A Community-based Tsunami Response Exercise”

• Working Group 4 recommended to the ICG that the draft guidelines be validated through testing and finalised for ratification at ICG/CARIBE EWS XIII.

• WG4 further recommended translation of the draft guidelines into Spanish and testing it by the largest number of communities particularly at CaribeWave18

• WG 4 further recommended introducing specific metrics about the guideline in the CaribeWave18 evaluation form
WG4 - Public display of tsunamis including maps, signs and symbols

• Webinar discussion convened in April 2017 re: Public display of tsunami including maps, signs and symbols

• WG4 reported on graphics standards of normalized signs and plans of tsunami evacuation for French Antilles developed by the University of Montpellier III using ISO 20712. Working Group 4 recommended that these be used as a guide to develop the ICG guidelines

• WG4 recommended collaboration with WG 2 that is working on the scientific methodology to produce tsunami inundation maps to facilitate production of methodological and technical guidelines for communities.
CTIC - Caribbean Safe School Ministerial Forum

- Forum held 3-4 April, 2017 in Antigua & Barbuda, hosted by national Ministry of Education
- Forum objective - to provide a collaborative and coordinated approach among actors in the region’s education sector, in support of the Action Plan in Support of the Implementation the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools
- Organised with CDEMA, UNIDR, UNESCO/IOC, IFRC etc.
- CTIC supported attendance of 10 Ministers and 4 ICG/CARIBE EWS through funding from Kingdom of the Netherlands
CTIC - Caribbean Safe School 
Ministerial Forum – Key Results

- Forum was platform for launch of Caribbean Safe School Initiative (CSSI) under WISS
- CSSI is vehicle for integration of DRR including tsunamis, implementation led by Ministries of Education supported by international, regional and national partners
- Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety endorsed as political commitment to the CSSI
- Priorities for the Regional Road Map for School Safety identified
CTIC - Caribbean Safe School Ministerial Forum – Key Results

• CDEMA and the CDM sub-committee on Education confirmed support to the CSSI at the regional level as one of their flagship initiatives for the next three (3) years

• Additional Forum-related documents are available at: [http://eird.org/americas/safe-school-forum/](http://eird.org/americas/safe-school-forum/)
CTIC - Tsunami Ready

- CTIC provided support to implementation, promotion and resourcing for Tsunami Ready Community Programme throughout ICG/CARIBE EWS Member States during the review period. Key communities supported to varying levels of were:
- Omoa, Honduras (exercise & sensitisation, formal application is awaited)
- St. Patrick’s, Grenada (support to evacuation mapping & protocols, awaiting further drafts of these)
- Fort Liberte, Haiti (support to evacuation mapping, awaiting revisions)
- Holetown, Barbados (supported launch and national sensitisation, initial discussions on-going, awaiting establishment of Tsunami Ready Board)
CTIC - Tsunami Ready

• Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XII.6 established a new Tsunami Ready Task Team to support Tsunami Ready implementation
CTIC - Regional SOP Training

- Regional Training Workshop on Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) Enhanced Tsunami Products for ICG/CARIBE EWS convened 31 October – 02 November, 2017 in Cartagena, Colombia.

- Hosted by CTIC, funding support from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in association ITIC, UNESCO Headquarters & ICG/CARIBE EWS Secretariat, the Colombian Ocean Commission (CCO), UNESCO/IOC Regional Secretariat for IOCARIBE, Cartagena, Colombia and the Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU), Barbados.

- Workshop facilitated by CTIC, US NOAA Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program (CTWP) and US NOAA PTWC.
CTIC - Regional SOP Training

- Training targeted staff of national agencies, attended by twenty-eight (28) key stakeholders from fifteen (15) ICG/CARIBE EWS Member States of the ICG/CARIBE EWS
- Lessons to be learned from the multi-island impacts of 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season also discussed particularly in relation to communications
- Over 84% of respondents found evaluated training and resource materials, training and support staff, workshop organization and facilities as very effective/very good.
CTIC Website

• Development resumed on 01 July, 2017
• Website reviewed by a select panel
• Website live from 10 November, 2017 and can be accessed via http://ctic.ioc-unesco.org/
• Finalized earmarked by 15 March, 2018
Printing & Distribution:

- 70,000 copies (each) of the CTIC brochure and flyer printed
- CTIC secured an arrangement with the Regional Security System (RSS) to airlift tsunami PAE materials to the seven (7) mutual Member States
- 8000 copies each of the brochure and flyer distributed to St. Kitts and Nevis under this arrangement
- Distribution of PAE materials will be continued
CARIBE WAVE 2018

• CTIC participated in review of CARIBEWAVE 2018 Handbook
• 1st CARIBE WAVE 2018 (English) webinar on 23 January, 2018
• Exercise is scheduled for 15 March, 2018
World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD)

- CTIC supported UNISDR in the web-based activities to celebrate WTAD, 2017
- CTIC participated in the 10th Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Conference in December 2017 to highlight the WTAD and Tsunami Ready
CTIC Sustainability & Resource Mobilisation

- MOU between Government of Barbados and UNESCO/IOC renewed on 01 February 2177 for 3 years
- IOC/UNESCO established a National Officer Staff post for the CTIC Director, procurement to commence by 15 March 2018
- IOC/UNESCO earmarked US $20,000 for implementation of CTIC activities
- IOC/UNESCO leading the resource mobilization efforts with CTIC support