

**Tsunamis and Coastal
Hazards Warning System for
the Caribbean and Adjacent
Regions
(ICG Caribe EWS)**

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Presentation Overview

- **To highlight the Structure, Goals, Operations, Programmatic focus of the ICG for Tsunamis and other Coastal Hazards in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions**

AUTHORITY

- **23RD Assembly of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) by Resolution XX111-13 created the Tsunamis and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System FOR the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions**

OBJECTIVE

- TO WORK WITH EXISTING ORGANISATIONS, FUNDING AGENCIES **at national, regional and international levels** TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR TSUNAMIS AND OTHER COASTAL HAZARDS

MEMBERSHIP

**29 Member States of the
Caribbean, Latin America
and Adjacent Regions**

**All countries washed by the
Caribbean Sea including
United States, Venezuela,
Member States of CDEMA
and CEPRENDERNAC**

STRUCTURE

- **ICG/CARIBE Chair presently held by Barbados 2010-2012**
- **3 Vice Chairs represented by United States, Venezuela and France**
- **IOC Secretariat in Geneva**

Working Group STRUCTURE

- **WG 1: Monitoring and Detection System & Warning Guidance**
- **WG 2: Hazard Assessment**
- **WG3: Warning, Communication and Dissemination**
- **WG 4: Preparedness, Readiness and Resilience**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Sets out the activities and timelines being pursued by the Working Groups who report programme achievement to the annual meetings of ICG .

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Establishment of the CITIC (Caribbean Intergovernmental Tsunamis Information Center 2010 to be hosted by Barbados**
- **The Design and implementation of The Caribe Wave Tsunamis Exercise, March 23, 2011**
- **Establishment of Caribbean Tsunamis Warning Center (USA being considered)**

Programmatic Examples - CDEMA

- Partner with CDEMA in the development of Communication Protocols for Tsunamis
- Implementation of an earthquake readiness Public Education and Awareness Programme

Critical issues

- Full participation in Meetings of the ICG
- Working group function and membership

Free exchange of DATA

- Execution of and Updates to the Implementation Plan