



Training Workshop on Tsunami Evacuation Maps, Plans, and Procedures and the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme for Indian Ocean Member States

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TRRP Discussion Guideline

TRRP G: Discuss Challenges and Solutions on NTRB Establishment

Objective:

This 45-minute group exercise will guide participants through a discussion on the challenges associated with establishing a **National Tsunami Ready Board (NTRB)** in their country. The group will also brainstorm potential solutions to these challenges, focusing on the **functions, roles, and responsibilities** of the NTRB as outlined by the **UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme**. The participants will also identify stakeholders that should be part of the NTRB and assess whether existing coordination mechanisms in the country could adopt these functions, or if a new entity is necessary.

Group Work: Identifying Challenges and Solutions

Divide the participants into **6 groups (WIO, IO-SIDS, WIO, and 3 NWIO)**, each focusing on different aspects of the NTRB's functions. Each group will have to discuss the challenges related to their assigned function and propose potential solutions. Groups will also identify which stakeholders are essential for the NTRB and assess whether existing coordination mechanisms could be leveraged.

Topic-1: Stakeholders and Coordination Mechanisms.

- **Task:** Identify potential members who would need to be involved in the advocacy and oversight process.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - Would it be effective to establish a National Tsunami Ready Board in the country
 - Are there any current organizations or committees that could handle this responsibility, or would a new entity be necessary?
 - If so, what would be the mechanism to add the function, role, and responsibilities of NTRB to the current organizations or committees

Topic-2: General Oversight of the National Programme and Advocacy

- **Task:** Identify the challenges related to providing general oversight of the National Tsunami Ready Programme, advocating for the programme, and supporting its implementation.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - What challenges exist in ensuring national-level support and commitment to tsunami preparedness?
 - How can the NTRB advocate for the programme across different levels of government?

- How can the NTRB coordinate advocacy efforts with key stakeholders, such as the public, local governments, and the private sector?

Topic-3: Resource Management and Consistency of Guidelines

- **Task:** Discuss the challenges involved in managing resources for the Tsunami Ready Programme and maintaining consistency in the guidelines for the programme's implementation.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - What are the challenges related to securing adequate funding and resources for the National Tsunami Ready Programme?
 - How can the NTRB ensure that the implementation of the programme is consistent across different regions and sectors of the country?
 - What challenges may arise in ensuring that the guidelines are adhered to and updated regularly?

Topic-4: Coordination, Service Improvement, and National Database Oversight

- **Task:** Identify the challenges related to coordinating and liaising Tsunami Ready activities with other organizations, overseeing service improvements, and managing the national Tsunami Ready database.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - How can the NTRB effectively coordinate with multiple stakeholders involved in tsunami preparedness, response, and recovery?
 - What challenges exist in tracking progress and implementing improvements to the Tsunami Ready Programme?
 - How can the NTRB oversee the establishment and maintenance of a national database for Tsunami Ready activities and status?

Topic-5: Tsunami Ready Application Submission and International

- **Liaison Task:** Discuss the challenges related to submitting the Tsunami Ready Application to UNESCO-IOC and ensuring international liaison for recognition.
- **Guiding Questions:**
 - What are the challenges in compiling the required information and documentation for the Tsunami Ready Application?
 - How can the NTRB ensure that the application is accurate, complete, and submitted on time?
 - What role does the NTRB play in ensuring the country's international recognition as **Tsunami Ready**?