



**Concept Note**  
**Tsunami United 2025**  
**“Be Tsunami Ready: Investing Today for a Safer Tomorrow”**

**Registration Deadline, Thursday, 26 June 2025**

**I. Background**

While tsunamis occur infrequently, they remain one of the most lethal natural disasters on the planet. It causes massive loss of life, destruction of infrastructure, and long-term socio-economic disruption, particularly to coastal communities who are at-risk. To mitigate these devastating impacts in the future, investing in today's preparedness is indispensable. Investing today's preparedness means taking proactive various steps to enhance community capacity and resilience through education, developing evacuation plan, building early warning systems, and strengthening infrastructure.

Youth, positioned strategically with great potential, could make valuable contributions to strengthen and enhance community resilience. As future leaders, young people bring creativity and adaptability to spreading risk awareness through formal and informal networks. Considering their promising potentials and the largest number of demographics in the region, ensuring youth well-prepared and ready to face challenges is essential to harness their capacities in the tsunami preparedness and mitigation. Furthermore, youth-led initiative in tsunami preparedness holds significant roles to drive community engagement, improve early warning systems, and foster innovative solutions that invest in today's preparedness for a safer and more resilient tomorrow.

Following the success of [Tsunami United initiative in 2024](#) that gathered 263 students, 117 teachers, 59 schools from 19 countries across Indian Ocean region, Tsunami United initiative is back to empower youth through youth-led initiative to collaborate, engage in interactive discussion, and develop innovative solutions for the future resilience. Notably, 109 students from 26 schools in 13 countries received special recognition for their creative efforts to preserve the memory of the 2004 tsunami and promote tsunami awareness and preparedness through the [Tsunami United Campaign](#). The 2024 initiative also [linked the students to ISS Astronaut](#), Mrs Sunita William in space.



Tsunami United 2024  
Website



Tsunami United 2024  
Campaign



Tsunami United 2024  
Sessions

Aligning with the 2025 World Tsunami Awareness Day theme in Be Tsunami Ready- Investing Today for a Safer Tomorrow, UNESCO- In collaboration with UNDRR, BMKG, U-INSPIRE, and Pacifico- will host the 2025 Tsunami United event to amplify youth

voices and strengthen their capacity as proactive and resilient agents within their communities. Additionally, UNESCO will invite students to participate in a social media awareness campaign, encouraging them to advocate for the importance of investing in preparedness today to ensure a safer future.

The Tsunami United 2025 will consist of 5 sessions of discussion, coaching, and campaigning, covering the following topics:

**a. Session 1: Tsunami Scenario Challenge**

The participants are invited to engage in online virtual simulation activity on what to do upon receiving warning information from the official authority (National Tsunami Early Warning Centre). In addition, the participant will engage on interactive discussion on how to protect themselves, their families, schools, and communities.

**b. Session 2: Tsunami Ready School**

In the second session, the participants will engage on conversations about the tsunami resilience, tsunami-ready school, and the roles of students, teachers, and families in the lens of youth. Furthermore, they will be invited to participate in the online one-page infographic competition on Tsunami Ready School.

**c. Session 3: Tsunami Ready, Youth Voices**

In this session, the participants will involve in online youth talk panel as the speaker on investing in a safer tomorrow and the reason why do we need to invest in Tsunami Preparedness.

**d. Session 4: Wave of Change: Your Voice, Your Ideas, and Your Solution**

The participants are encouraged to develop youth-led and innovative solutions on creating a safer tomorrow in the context of tsunami preparedness and youth contribution to tsunami preparedness.

**e. Session 5: One Message for a safer tomorrow**

The participants are invited to engage on global campaign on conveying one message for a safer tomorrow through social media – Instagram, TikTok, or any other platforms.

**II. Objectives:**

- Improving youth understanding of the topics of the tsunami and preparedness.
- Generating youth-led ideas in tsunami preparedness and mitigation.
- Establishing strong international network and collaboration of Tsunami Ready Programme on safe ocean of the ocean decade.
- Fostering youth contribution to the achievement of the UN Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, particularly on Tsunami Ready Programme / safe ocean

**III. Output**

- a. Approximately 390 students from 78 schools across the Indian Ocean Member states engaged in tsunami awareness and preparedness through conversation and discussion among high school students on tsunami hazard, awareness, and preparedness.
- b. Approximately 4 participants from 4 region will present their social media awareness on one message for a Safer tomorrow on World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- c. Established connections and networks between schools situated in tsunami hazard areas on enhancing awareness and understanding on tsunami related information and preparedness
- d. Number of ideas developed by youth on tsunami preparedness
- e. Numbers of social media postings on “One Message for A safer tomorrow”

#### IV. Participants:

This initiative is expected to inclusively engage both boys and girls from diverse backgrounds across urban and rural areas, involving 78 high schools (up to 3 per Indian Ocean Member State), 156 teachers (up to 2 per school), and 390 students (up to 5 per school). The schools are the recommendation from the key stakeholders that involved in this initiative such as National Commissions for UNESCO, their Associated Schools Network, UNESCO-IOC Tsunami National Contacts, and UNESCO Field Offices. Target schools span four regions of the Indian Ocean (IO):

- Eastern IO (Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka)
- Northwest IO (India, Pakistan, Iran, Oman, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen)
- IO Small Island Developing States (Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, Singapore, Seychelles, Timor-Leste, and France La-Reunion)
- Western IO (Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Somalia, south Africa, and Madagascar).

## V. Trainers, organizers, and facilitators

- UNESCO-IOC Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre
- The Agency for Meteorological, Climatological, and Geophysics of Indonesia
- Youth and Young Professionals in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Innovation for Disaster and Climate Resiliency / U-INSPIRE Indonesia
- Pacifico Risk Communication

## VI. Schedule

The online session will be conducted from August-September 2025 while the participants will engage in the social media campaign from September-November 2025. Detail of the schedule are as follows:

- a. **Closing of Registration: Thursday, 26 June 2025**
- b. School and Students Participants Announcement: 14 July 2025
- c. Opening and Introduction: Monday and Tuesday, 21 and 22 July 2025
- d. Session 1: Wednesday and Thursday, 6 and 7 August 2025
- e. Session 2: Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 August 2025
- f. Session 3: Wednesday and Thursday, 20 and 21 August 2025
- g. Session 4: Wednesday and Thursday, 27 and 28 August 2025
- h. Session 5: Wednesday and Thursday, 3 and 4 September 2025
- i. Social media campaigns – September – October 2025
- j. World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025 Youth Talk-show: Wednesday, 5 November 2025

No	Activities	MAY III IV	JUNE I II III IV	JULY I II III IV	AUG I II III IV	SEPT I II III IV	OCT I II III IV	NOV I II III IV
1	Registration							
	Partnership, donor, and sponsor							
2	Tsunami United 2025 School and Student Announcement							
3	Series of Zoom interactive sessions							
	Opening							
	1st session							
	2nd session							
	3rd session							
	4th session							
	5th session							
4	Creative awarness campaign							
	Social Media Campaign							
5	World Tsunami Awareness Day 2025							
	Youth Talk Show							

Participants can participate in the online session either on Wednesday or Thursday based on the time schedule below:

#### Session Schedule by Country

No	Country	Wednesday Schedule	Thursday Schedule
1	UTC	08:00	13:00
2	Australia (Sydney)	18:00	23:00
3	Bangladesh	14:00	19:00
4	Comoros	11:00	16:00
5	France La Réunion	11:00	16:00
6	India	13:30	18:30
7	Indonesia	15:00	20:00
8	Iran	11:30	16:30
9	Kenya	11:00	16:00
10	Madagascar	11:00	16:00
11	Malaysia	16:00	21:00
12	Maldives	13:00	18:00
13	Mauritius	12:00	17:00
14	Mozambique	10:00	15:00
15	Myanmar	14:30	19:30
16	Oman	12:00	17:00
17	Pakistan	13:00	18:00
18	Seychelles	12:00	17:00
19	Singapore	16:00	21:00
20	South Africa	10:00	15:00
21	Somalia	11:00	16:00
22	Sri Lanka	13:30	18:30
23	Tanzania	11:00	16:00
24	Thailand	15:00	20:00
25	Timor-Leste	17:00	22:00
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13	Oman	12:00	17:00
14	Seychelles	12:00	17:00
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17	Pakistan	13:00	18:00
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20	Bangladesh	14:00	19:00
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27	Australia (Sydney)	18:00	23:00

## VII. Detail Agenda and Logistics

Further information and detailed agenda will be available. The zoom link will be provided upon the completed registration, and the selected participants will be announced.

**Schools interested to participate in Tsunami United 2025 register here:**

***Deadline for registration Thursday, June 26, 2025***

[Registration Form](#)

