

1. Background

Over the past 28 years, INSARAG has **constantly adapted** its globally recognized and accepted quality standards and methodology to save more lives. INSARAG has become a model **much in demand** that over 100 states and organisations are proud to be part of. The INSARAG Global Meeting (IGM) is organised every five years to discuss the interoperability of the global network and its way ahead. With the signature of the Hyogo Declaration (2010) and the Abu Dhabi Declaration (2015), substantial progress in **quality assurance and effective coordination** of national and international USAR preparedness and response has been made. In 2020, INSARAG is celebrating **30 years of success** having 53 international USAR teams successfully passed the INSARAG External Classification.

2. "INSARAG Strategic Objectives 2020-2025" at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW)

The INSARAG annual Steering Group meeting (7th February 2019) will introduce the initial strategic objectives, which will be the main points to discussion during the IGM 2020 Warsaw, Poland. The INSARAG regions will take ownership of these objectives and will be working towards their achievements. These will serve as primary pillars of the INSARAG Strategy 2020-2025 and are as follows:

- 1) Reinforcing Quality Standards:** The INSARAG will focus on improving global quality assistance standards at all levels of response (local, national, as international as necessary) that can make a difference in the initial lifesaving response phase.
- 2) Advancing Flexible Assistance:** INSARAG has proved to be creative, thinking beyond the direct rescue to the wider needs of the community. The example of Sint Maarten (Hurricanes in 2017) has shown that by expanding its role to more flexible responses (e.g. floods, tsunamis)
- 3) Enhancing Preparedness Efforts and Bolstering Partnerships:** Strengthening the capacity building at all levels is a fundamental framework to be adopted to assure effectiveness in saving lives during sudden onset disasters. Collaborating with partners and providing them ownership can improve overall preparedness and coordination in the regions.

3. "INSARAG Strategic Objectives 2020-2025" session - Outcome, Format and Programme

The HNPW, jointly organised by OCHA and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation will take place from 4-8 February 2019. The event provides a unique forum for humanitarian partnership networks to meet and address key humanitarian issues. The HNPW is organised in the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG).

During the HNPW, Mr. Jesper Lund will moderate the session on "INSARAG Strategic Objectives 2020-2025", which will take place on Thursday, 7th of February from 11:45 -12:30 hours in room 2 at the CICG. The event will provide a panel discussion with the Regional Chairs and the host of the Global Meeting 2020 – Poland.

This session will provide the platform to discuss the strategic planning of regional activities and keep abreast of USAR related issues that will guide INSARAG towards building global strategy for 2020-2025. Furthermore, the significant recommendations from the 1st Recce mission that took place in Poland from 15 – 16 January 2019 will be shared and discussed. The session will collect additional feedback, ideas and reviews from the INSARAG member countries from all regions, on thematics as staying relevant, quality assurance, INSARAG Governance, improvement of the emergency response and any USAR issues, that will guide INSARAG in the next 5 years.