

Issues (from ISG 2018)	ISG Recommendations								
<p>1. Progress Report on:</p> <p>a) INSARAG National Accreditation Process (NAP)</p> <p>b) USAR Coordination (UC)</p> <p>c) Information Management (IM/KoBo) Implementation</p> <p>d) International Light Team (L-USAR) IEC</p>	<p>i) The ISG encouraged Regional Chairs to take ownership and to actively support and advocate for more disaster-prone countries (and NGO teams) to establish INSARAG NAPs as the first step to Capacity Strengthening.</p> <p>ii) To date, Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Malaysia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and the USA are considering this.</p> <p>i) The ISG is pleased to note the positive progress made by teams in adopting UC methodology courses. To date 81% or 42 out of 52 IEC Teams have trained personnel, and 2 more UC training are planned in 2019 (Russia Federation and United States). The ISG urged all INSARAG Teams preparing for upcoming IEC/R to plan for and/or participate in the UC trainings.</p> <p>ii) USAR Teams to continue strengthening the pool of UC trained members regularly and to respond to earthquakes with their teams or independently as UC Teams, when called upon.</p> <p>iii) The ISG encouraged the Regional Chairs and Troika to promote the adoption of the INSARAG USAR Coordination System at national level as part of their National Disaster Management and Response Plans.</p> <p>i) The ISG is pleased to note the positive progress made by INSARAG teams in training members in IM. To date all 3 regions have more than 450 qualified IM Trained Members from 38 Teams. The ISG urged all INSARAG Teams preparing for upcoming IEC/R to plan for and/or participate in the IM trainings if they have not done so.</p> <p>ii) The ISG directed the IM WG to provide technical guidance, training and an implementation plan, including proposals for funding new platforms in order to keep pace with technological developments.</p> <p>i) The ISG endorsed the Light Team USAR (L-USAR) IEC Checklist 2019, following extensive consultations with the global network.</p> <p>ii) France, Spain, Switzerland from the AEME region, agreed to support the first 1 or 2 Light Team IEC preparations, and will report the progress during 2019 INSARAG meetings.</p> <p>iii) The ISG encouraged Member States and NGO Teams to consider downsizing or demonstrate the capacity to do so, from Medium and Heavy to Light, should the international request for assistance require such capacities.</p>								
<p>2. Strengthening the INSARAG and IEC/R Quality Assurance System</p>	<p>i) The ISG supported the following guidance aimed to provide the IER Classifier Team with more predictability and flexibility when engaged in IERs – The table below reflects the consolidated issues suggested at the 2019 regional and TL meetings:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1713 1308 2087"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="336 1713 829 1747">Guidance</th> <th data-bbox="829 1713 1308 1747">Evidence during IER:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1747 829 1892">Demonstrate active participation in INSARAG exercises, training, meetings, actual deployment and etc</td> <td data-bbox="829 1747 1308 1892">Records of annual representation and participation at Regional and TL meetings and INSARAG Exercises, nominating IEC/R classifiers, to be counted.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1892 829 1993">Improvements made to the “yellows” and Advisory notes-</td> <td data-bbox="829 1892 1308 1993">Follow-up reports from the Mentor and Site evidence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1993 829 2087">New improvements and new updated technologies and equipment added</td> <td data-bbox="829 1993 1308 2087">Application of these technologies and equipment.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Guidance	Evidence during IER:	Demonstrate active participation in INSARAG exercises, training, meetings, actual deployment and etc	Records of annual representation and participation at Regional and TL meetings and INSARAG Exercises, nominating IEC/R classifiers, to be counted.	Improvements made to the “yellows” and Advisory notes-	Follow-up reports from the Mentor and Site evidence.	New improvements and new updated technologies and equipment added	Application of these technologies and equipment.
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		<p>Manpower changes, and evidence of leadership/skills continuity</p> <p>36-hour Exercise – <u>No Change</u></p> <p>Pre-Greening Item 1-6 - Mentors responsibility;</p> <p>Advisory note as opposed to colours</p>	<p>Personnel records and training records in the updated Team PoE submission.</p> <p><u>No Change or Compromise to the Exercise Duration.</u></p> <p>Mentors will report this during the consultations with the IER Team.</p> <p>GRG/TWG will consult and review this at the TL Meeting in 2019.</p>	<p>ii) The ISG further noted that: Regional ownership and contributions are critical to sustain the ever increasing IERs and Training Courses are necessary for the EXCON Planning Group of the IER. These will be new areas for future working group tasks.</p> <p>iii) The ISG welcomed the IEC/R Team Leaders and Mentors’ Trainings in 2019/20 including a refresher workshop for trained mentors/Team Leaders. From 2020 onwards, only trained mentors and Team Leaders will be recognized to support the IEC/R process. Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate suitable candidates who will be obliged to represent the network in classifications for the next 2 years or for up to 2 IEC/Rs next year. The candidates should be fully supported by their respective governments.</p> <p>iv) The ISG is pleased to note the strong contributions of Member States and Teams by providing classifiers in 2018 and in 2019, a total of 76 classifiers to the IEC/R system.</p> <p>v) A formal feedback system will be implemented by the Secretariat from 2019 to improve the system.</p>
3.	<p>Global INSARAG Strategy 2020-2025 - “Strategic Directions 30 years on”</p>	<p>i) The ISG directed the Regional Chairs to continue in-depth discussions on the three strategic objectives of the INSARAG Strategy for 2020-2025. Following the decisions each region will <u>take ownership</u> on one of the issues and be assigned to lead global discussion on the issue. These will be consulted as Lead-Up to the 3rd INSARAG Global Meeting in Warsaw, Poland, in 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reinforcing Quality Standards – led by the Americas Region b) Advancing Flexible Assistance – led by the Africa-Europe-Middle East Region c) Enhancing Preparedness Efforts and Bolstering Partnerships – led by the Asia-Pacific Region <p>ii) The ISG recommends that Regional Troikas take the lead regarding funding and participation of NDMO representatives from disaster-prone countries in their regions.</p>		
4.	<p>INSARAG Guidelines Review Version 2020- Next Steps</p>	<p>i) The ISG is pleased to note that consultations are ongoing and a draft paper on the Establishment of a Technical Reference Library for INSARAG is in circulation for recommendations. The Secretariat will announce a platform at https://insarag.org for sharing of technical information after agreement at the Team Leaders meeting in the second half of 2019.</p> <p>ii) The ISG strongly encourages the INSARAG policy and technical/operational focal points to share constructive feedback in 2019.</p>		

DRAFT 2019 POLICY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES FOR DISCUSSIONS AT REGIONAL AND TEAM LEADER MEETINGS

Proposed issues		
1.	Policy issues (Led by Regional Chairs and Troika)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Assistance arrangements in sudden onset emergencies - (At which point and what types of international assistance could affect government ask for) 2. Institutionalise the Ownership Model to the Regional Troikas (e.g. representing the INSARAG Secretariat in IERs) 3. Engaging and supporting the INSARAG Global Meeting 2020 in Warsaw, Poland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead a session – Goal 2020-2025 - Funding of participants - Translation 4. Beyond operations in collapsed structures - Dual-use concept - Explore and adapt response to all types of disasters
2.	Operational issues (Led by Working Groups Chairs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INSARAG Guidelines Review Version 2020 – (GRG Co-chairs to lead) 2. Training of suitable IEC/R mentors, Team Leaders Exercise Control Team Leads (EXCON) and commitment to 2 years availability to support the network training events. (TWG Chair to lead) 3. Implementing New Technologies and Information Management - (IMWG Chair to lead) 4. First International Light Team Classification (Light-USAR IEC) – (LTWG Chair and AEME Member Countries to lead) 5. Ongoing operational arrangements with WHO EMTs – (MWG Chair to lead)

