INSARAG global activities &
Key points from the 2013 Steering Group meeting

XII INSARAG Americas Regional Group meeting
San José, Costa Rica
3-5 December 2013
Global

• Preparations for Global Meeting in 2015: Initiated First Meeting – Feb
• Steering Group Meeting – Feb
• Governance Review – Feb
• Working Groups Meetings
Global

- Guidelines Review
- Team Leaders Meeting 2013 – The Hague, Holland
Regional Groups

- **Africa, Middle-East, Europe (AMEE)**
  - Chair: Germany
  - Vice Chair: Poland

- **Asia-Pacific:**
  - Chair: Singapore
  - Vice Chair: Nepal

- **Americas**
  - Chair: Costa Rica
  - 1st Vice Chair: Peru
  - 2nd Vice Chair: Chile
Key issues in the Regional Groups

Asia-Pacific:

- Governance
- National (and regional) Capacity Building
- IER Review Proposal
Key issues in the Regional Groups

Africa, Middle-East, Europe (AMEE):

- Governance
- Regional Capacity Building
- INSARAG Antenna in Tunisia
- INSARAG Awareness Mission
  - Planned for a series of East European Countries
Outcomes of governance discussions – INSARAG SG meeting 2013
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Chairmanship

• **Global Chair:**
  • Ambassador or equivalent; access to political level; 4 years with possibility of two re-elections

• **Regional Chairmanship:**
  • Troika approach (Americas model recommended), 1. Jan. – 31. Dec

• **Working group chairs:**
  • Proven subject matter expert; selected by members of the WG, in consultation with INSARAG Secretariat;
  • Tenure for continuous WG: 3 years with re-election not recommended unless requested by ISG
  • Tenure for ad hoc WG: until completion of project, max 3 years
Outcomes of governance discussions
– INSARAG SG meeting 2013

Membership

• **Globally:**
  • Countries and organizations with interest in the matter and dedicated Focal Points

• **Steering Group:**
  • Remain as is; Global Chair, Regional Chairmanship Group; Focal points from IEC member countries, incl NGOs and agencies

• **Regional Group:**
  • Global and Regional Chair and Vice-chairs; INSARAG Focal points of member countries and organizations, IFRC, OCHA – observers as decided by Regional Group
Outcomes of governance discussions – INSARAG SG meeting 2013

Membership

• Working group:
  • WG chair, 2-3 members per region, temporary associated experts if required; supported by INSARAG Secretariat

• Team leaders meeting:
  • Open to all Team Leaders of USAR teams registered in the IEC directory (national/international teams) or their representatives; INSARAG operational focal points, members of the WGs
Outcomes of governance discussions – INSARAG SG meeting 2013

Decision making

- **Meeting cycle:**
  - INSARAG SG: February
  - Regional Group meetings: Sept-Dec
Outcomes of governance discussions – INSARAG SG meeting 2013

Methodology

• **INSARAG Guidelines:**
  • Next revision for 2015
  • Keep IEC/R Handbook separate but synchronized with Guidelines

• **Technical Guidance Notes**
  • Updated when required; prepared by INSARAG WG; endorsed by TL meeting

• **IEC/IER Handbook**
  • Revision cycle of every 5 years, synchronized with Guidelines
INSARAG Team Leaders Meeting
16 – 18th September – The Hague

- Welcomed the USAR Coordination Methodology
  - Requires fine-tuning and testing and will gradually evolve and be incorporated in Guidelines 2015.

- Welcomed the INSARAG Guidelines Review Process & GRG to follow up on their feedback

- 2 TLs (NZ and NL) selected to be part of the GRG

- Technical Experience Sharing Workshops
Other key INSARAG Events

- **INSARAG Americas Regional Exercise**, 1-4\(^{th}\) October, Peru

- **INSARAG Asia-Pacific Earthquake Response Exercise**, 6-9\(^{th}\) November, Malaysia

- **INSARAG Regional Group meetings:**
  - *Asia Pacific*, Singapore, Sept 2013
  - *Africa, Europe, Middle East*, December 2013, Germany
Upcoming

• **INSARAG Steering Group meeting**, 13-14 February 2014, Geneva, Switzerland

• **Ongoing Guidelines review**