In 2018, the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) network focused on:

- **The strengthening of national and regional capacity** by sharing best practices and training opportunities via the National Accreditation Process (NAP)
- Preparing the New INSARAG External Classification (IEC)/INSARAG External Reclassification (IER) checklist more actively effective
- **Leveraging technology for better response** through implementation of data collection / information management
- Implementation of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) coordination improved with new tools and concepts
- **Ensuring global standards for all**, including light USAR teams

### THE INSARAG NETWORK

**AMERICAS REGION**
- Troikas 2018: Mexico (Chair), Argentina, Dominican Republic

**AFRICA, EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST (AEME) REGION**
- Troikas 2018: France (Chair), Italy, Turkey

**ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**
- Troikas 2018: Japan (Chair), Australia, Malaysia

### QUALITY STANDARDS

**NUMBER OF TEAMS**
- **53** classified teams from **44** countries

**REGION**
- **4** AMERICAS
- **8** ASIA-PACIFIC
- **41** AEME

**CLASSIFICATION**
- **19** medium
- **34** heavy

77% of the teams come from AEME region.

INSARAG welcomed USAR teams from Colombia, Italy and Israel in 2018.

These self-equipped teams provide value-added support to augment national response in lives saving.
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DEVELOPMENTS IN 2018

USAR Coordination Course (UCC)-trained USAR Teams
More than 450 members from 38 USAR Teams trained in data collection / information management
New IEC/R Checklist implemented on 1 July 2018
Greater Ownership by Regional Groups
Active global consultations on Guidelines 2020 and Global Meeting and Strategy in 2020

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2018

JANUARY 2018
- INSARAG External Re-classification (IER) - Finland

FEBRUARY
- Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week - Switzerland
- USAR Coordination Course - Finland
- USAR Coordination Course - USA

MARCH
- INSARAG External Classification (IEC) - Colombia
- IER - Turkey

JUNE
- Global and Regional Chairs Mid-Year Teleconference - Switzerland
- Asia-Pacific Earthquake Response Exercise (ERE) - Philippines

JULY
- Regional KoBo Toolbox Course - Russian Federation

AUGUST
- IER (AUS-1) - Australia
- IER - Belarus
- Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting - Japan

SEPTEMBER
- IER - Singapore
- Team Leaders Meeting - Romania
- USAR Coordination Course - Costa Rica

OCTOBER
- IER - Jordan
- AEME Regional Meeting - France
- USAR Coordination Course - Indonesia

NOVEMBER
- IEC - Israel
- Americas Regional Meeting - Mexico
- IEC - Italy
- USAR Coordination Course - Azerbaijan

DECEMBER
- Africa, Europe and Middle East ERE - Armenia
- TWG - Germany

UPCOMING 2019
- First Light team classification
- 13 classifications offered: 4 IEC and 9 IER
- Ongoing Guidelines Review
- Team Leaders meeting in Chile
- 3 Regional meetings
- 3 Earthquake Response Exercises
- 3 USAR Coordination Methodology Courses