

## SUMMARY REPORT of the Mid-Year Teleconference of INSARAG's Global, Regional and Working Groups' Chairs held on 17 June 2020

The INSARAG Mid-Year Teleconference is an annual online meeting that brings together the INSARAG Global, Regional and Working Groups as well as the INSARAG Secretariat to update each other on global and regional activities and to take key strategic decisions on INSARAG matters.

### Participants

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<b>AEME</b>		
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## Meeting Agenda

1. Opening and updates from Global Chair and Secretariat
2. Updates from Regional Chairs and WG Chairs
3. Discussion on INSARAG's Priorities in COVID-19 and recommendations for endorsement
4. AOB and closing

## Summary

### 1. Opening and Updates from Global Chair and Secretary

#### *a. Welcome and Opening Statement by the INSARAG Global Chair, Introduction of Participants:*

The INSARAG Global Chair, **Ambassador Manuel Bessler**, welcomed participants and expressed his appreciation for their attendance and commitment. He stressed the importance of communication, in order to move forward in our decision-making and the implementation of our mandate. Ambassador Bessler also highlighted the flexible approach implemented by the network during the current COVID-19 pandemic, to help people in need, in accordance with the spirit of INSARAG. Furthermore, he informed participants that the new Guidelines version 2020 were shared with the network on 01 June and that they will be valid as of 01 January 2021. The network was encouraged to

professionally translate the guidelines for wider outreach. The Global Chair further informed the participants of the postponement of the INSARAG Global Meeting (IGM) to 2021, due to global COVID-19 restrictions.

*b. Opening Statement by the INSARAG Secretary:*

**Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa**, Secretary of INSARAG and Chief of the Emergency Response Section, welcomed all the participants on behalf of OCHA and thanked them for their efforts in support of national authorities in response to COVID-19 pandemic. He further stated that INSARAG is facing unprecedented challenges: global restrictions are making deployments very difficult, as was the case in Vanuatu. OCHA is working to strengthen localization and support disaster response remotely. The INSARAG Secretariat has been involved in a series of activities such as the OCHA simulation exercise and ECOSOC. The aim of this teleconference is to get updates from all the Regions and Working Groups, but also explore how we can adapt to this new environment. Mr. Rhodes Stampa thanked all the participants for their support and commitment to the network.

## 2. Updates from Regional Chairs and WG Chairs

### Regional Chairs Update:

*a. Asia Pacific (Singapore)*

**Commissioner Eric Yap, AP Regional Chair from Singapore**, informed participants that the AP Region currently aims to enhance multi-level capacity building and protection in humanitarian responses, strengthen effective national and regional response during disasters, and promote engagement with partners in disaster planning and management in 2020. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, and majority of meetings and events are going to be held online or have been cancelled or postponed until 2021.

**Commissioner Yap** also proposed three new initiatives for the Asia-Pacific Region in 2020 including: 1) strengthening national and regional response through National Accreditation Process (NAP) and developing a INSARAG Recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) framework in AP Region; 2) formation of a regional training working group; and 3) conducting remote webinars. He informed those present of that the AP Region were in favor of flexible response, with a majority selecting option 2<sup>1</sup> as a starting point. More details on the region's position will be provided later in the year.

**Commissioner Yap** is planning to hold a regional meeting to discuss the regional work plan 2021-2026, while the format of the meeting is still under discussion.

*b. AEME (Poland)*

**LTC. Michal Langner from Poland**, representing the AEME Regional Chair, briefed participants about the survey on flexible response sent to all AEME countries and mentioned that only 14 countries have replied to the survey. Poland suggested that the INSARAG Secretariat reach out to the countries which haven't given answers about their perception of flexible response. LTC. Langner summarized the preliminary results of the survey as follows: Almost

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.insarag.org/45-en/global-structures/global-news/858-adapt-to-respond-flexibly>

80% of the respondents are not in favor of the flexible the response concept paper shared earlier for consultations, but rather with the “beyond the rubble”<sup>2</sup> concept.

**LTC. Langner** further announced that the INSARAG Global Meeting had to be postponed to 03-08 October 2020 but will maintain the same agenda for the week (WG, TL, Regional and Global Meeting).

**LTC. Langner** also announced the proposal from some countries to share their national experience in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, i.e. Israel and the Russian Federation.

*c. Americas (Colombia)*

**Sra. Lina Martinez from Colombia**, representing the Americas Regional Chair, raised some of the obstacles and challenges to the accomplishment of the action plan given that many countries in the region are involved in the response to the pandemic. Colombia has proactively invited 15 additional countries from the region to participate in the regional group, most of which are from the Caribbean. Many countries have held online training sessions for their USAR teams, and Colombia for example has held eight online sessions during the last month for USAR teams through YouTube Live to further strengthen the capacities of the teams. Sra Martinez further informed those present that USAR teams COL1 and CHI1 are currently not able to deploy internationally.

**Sra Martinez** noted that the region has translated the USAR operations guidance note in COVID-19 into Spanish and is currently working on the translation of the INSARAG Guidelines into Spanish and Portuguese. Due to travel restrictions, the two training design workshops planned as part of the regional work plan, and with the aim of designing the IRNAP training for members of the TSG/TRG as well as designing a national USAR coordination course, were held remotely over the past two months.

Regarding INSARAG’s priorities in COVID-19, **Sra Martinez** informed those present that the region will promote discussion on flexible response in the region. On priority 2, the region will promote remote activities and Peru expressed interest in holding the 2021 SIMEX (ERE) remotely. On priority 3, the regional consultation on the new strategy will start imminently.

**Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs Update:**

*d. Guidelines Review Group (GRG)*

**Mr. David Sochor, Co-Chair of the GRG from Switzerland**, thanked all three regions for contributing their expertise to the revised guidelines that were published on 01 June and will be effective on 01 January 2021. He encouraged countries to start translation and further encouraged the incorporation of the revised guidelines into training programs, as mentioned by Colombia.

**Mr. Sochor** thanked Singapore for organizing a series of webinars on the new guidelines in November 2020. With regards to the Transitional GRG that will be working for the next 2 years, Mr. Sochor informed those present that the group will be of approximately ten persons is foreseen, and that the names will be provided to the secretariat for consideration.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.insarag.org/images/stories/Annex\\_C4 - Concept paper - Beyond the Rubble.pdf](https://www.insarag.org/images/stories/Annex_C4_-_Concept_paper_-_Beyond_the_Rubble.pdf)

**Mr. Anwar Abdullah, GRG Co-Chair from Singapore**, noted that a video about the Guidelines will be launched later in the year. He announced that the story board proposal for the video has been shared for feedback by the end of the month. Mr. Abdullah thanked all WG members for their work, and Switzerland for funding the update of the [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org) website.

*e. Training Working Group (TWG)*

**Dewey Perks, Chair of the TWG from the USA**, informed those present that the TWG is currently looking at organizing remote trainings. He further noted that the national USAR coordination training being developed in the Americas region is a foundation piece for the USAR coordination courses. The TWG will promote it in other INSARAG regions once it is tested in the Americas Region. Depending on travel restrictions, the TWG will determine the implementation of future training on USAR Coordination.

*f. Information Management Working Group (IMWG)*

**Mr. Peter Wolff, Co-Chair of the IMWG from Germany**, reported that most of the trainings are cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the WG has designed a short remote training course, as a foundation for the ICMS training. A proposal has been sent to the TWG and Secretariat, and once it is approved, the training is planned to start in July. Mr. Wolff further informed the group that the ICMS handbooks are published on [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org) in English, Italian and Spanish.

**Jeff Maunder, Co-chair of IMWG from New Zealand**, informed the group that the IMWG is currently working on restructuring the WG to ensure better collaboration and communication with other WGs.

*g. Medical Working Group (MWG)*

**Mr. Dewey Perks**, representing the **MWG Chair, Mr. Anthony Macintyre**, said that most of the MWG members are heavily involved with the COVID-19 response, so there is no update from the MWG at this stage.

*h. Light Team Working Group (LTWG)*

**Mr. Arjan Stam, LTWG Chair from the Netherlands**, informed those on the call that the LTWG is in the final stage of the classification process of the light team @fire which had to be postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. The IEC will take place in November 2021, at the exercise organized by Switzerland in Geneva.

Following the round of global and regional updates, the participants discussed key INSARAG issues requiring endorsement.

### 3. Discussion on the “INSARAG’s Priorities in COVID-19: Fit for Purpose” paper 2.0 and Recommendations for Endorsement

The participants discussed and endorsed the following:

#### Priority 1 – Response and Preparedness

While the COVID-19 response is the current focus of the international community with much of the available resources dedicated to fighting the pandemic, major disasters such as earthquakes and weather-related disasters continue to occur, therefore there is a need to assess INSARAG’s capacity to respond in the current context.

A physical response in the event of a sudden onset emergency is highly unlikely during the current pandemic environment, due to global access impediments and the engagement of USAR teams in COVID-19 national responses. INSARAG needs to identify how it can respond with a specific focus on strengthening localization.

The recommendations are:

#### A. Maintain the Network’s Capacity to Respond to Major Emergencies

As of 19 June 2020, 22 classified out of 56 USAR teams have stated that they are available, albeit with some limitations before a GO for international deployment. 54 INSARAG teams are currently involved in national responses to the pandemic, as shown in the two surveys conducted by the INSARAG Secretariat on 3 April 2020 and in the Virtual OSOCC: <https://vosocc.unocha.org/VODiscussions.aspx#t6783>.

The INSARAG network should position itself to provide remote support in case of sudden onset emergencies, in collaboration with local partners and private sector entities (as was the case during the response to Tropical Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu). However, in order to remain fit for purpose and continue to save lives effectively, the network must strive to maintain its capacity to deploy if the scale and severity of a disaster outweighs COVID-19 concerns and requires a response.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>1.a. International deployment</b>	That teams regularly update their operational status for international deployment, while noting their respective constraints, in the Virtual OSOCC ( <a href="http://vosocc.unocha.org">http://vosocc.unocha.org</a> ).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team Focal Points regularly update status on Virtual OSOCC.</li> </ul>
<b>1.b. Remote support</b>	That INSARAG will work closely with governments and partners to provide remote support in case of a sudden onset disaster.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFPs to discuss with Regional Chairs and to reach out to support disaster prone countries in their respective regions.</li> </ul>

#### B. Localisation - Strengthening Frontline Responders, Bolstering Partnerships

With pandemic imposed travel restrictions challenging international deployments, localisation is key. The INSARAG network must strengthen community preparedness through the INSARAG’s First Responders Program and the National Accreditation Process (NAP). It should also continue to enhance regional coordination and work closely with the WHO EMT partners to share experiences and approaches.

Moreover, INSARAG must broaden its outreach, building and strengthening local and regional partnerships. It should harness the collective synergies of national expert members from UNDAC and Environmental and Technical Partnerships networks to coordinate and respond more effectively.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>1.c. First Responders Program</b>	That Regional Chairs approach disaster prone countries in their regions and, together with OCHA to explore ways to strengthen community preparedness through the INSARAG’s First Responders Program (FRP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chairs discuss their outreach plans with RFPs.</li> <li>Details on the FRP are available here: <a href="https://www.insarag.org/capacity-building/first-responder-training">https://www.insarag.org/capacity-building/first-responder-training</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>1.d. National Accreditation Working Group (NAWG)</b>  → <b>NAWG approved list in Annex A.</b>	That the regional group nominations for the National Accreditation Working Group (NAWG) on 17 June 2020, with 5 members per region. Technical Support Groups (TSG) will be established at the regional level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat will inform the members selected and invite those not selected to consider their engagements in the Technical Support Groups (TSG) for their region. These individuals can be later invited to the NAWG meetings and/or contribute to/update the NAWG, as needed.</li> <li>The NAWG will organize its first remote meeting <u>in July 2020</u>.</li> </ul>

### C. Adapt to Respond Flexibly

As discussed during the INSARAG Steering Group meeting in February 2020, the INSARAG network will consider adopting a flexible response approach in order to be fit for purpose.

The INSARAG Secretariat seeks the support of the Regional Chairs to lead discussions on the concept in 2020, to propose an agreed flexible response position for INSARAG, and to promote the development of relevant regional initiatives.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>1.e. Flexible response</b>	That Regional Chairs will lead discussions on the flexible response concept and its implementation for INSARAG in their regions and prepare a regional position paper, for final endorsement at the ISG 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chairs will lead respective regional consultations <u>until the 30 Oct 2020</u></li> <li><u>The Secretariat will consolidate the inputs from 01-10 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>Presentation of regional position papers at the end of year call <u>on 19 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>Presentation of global position paper at ISG preparatory call <u>in March 2021</u></li> <li>Endorsement of final recommendations at the ISG <u>in 21 May 2021</u></li> </ul>

**Priority 2 - Maintaining Quality Standards and Establishing a New INSARAG Calendar 2020/2021/2022**

Many of this year’s scheduled INSARAG meetings and trainings have been cancelled or postponed to 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendations for a new draft INSARAG Calendar are as follows:

**A. The Extension of Classification Validity for Two Years, Prioritisation of IECs, and a New Draft INSARAG Calendar 2020/2021/2022**

On 26 May 2020, the Global, Regional and Working Group Chairs, unanimously endorsed the extension of the classification validity of teams for two years. Teams will start to plan for their IERs as soon as they are able to do so safely. The Guidelines currently offer teams with valid justifications (e.g. country hosting Olympics) an extension of their classification status for up to one year. The extension to two years provides an opportunity to protect the system’s quality standards from dilution, while also considering the finite resources and uncertain development and duration of global travel restrictions.

The decision to extend the validity of classifications for two years enables the Secretariat, with the support of the Training Working Group and together with the regional groups, the opportunity to conduct a thorough review of the INSARAG training and events calendar, including IEC/Rs, all other related trainings and Earthquake Response Exercises (ERE).

Extending the classification validity also enables the prioritization of IECs to enable greater capacity and coverage of disaster-prone regions. For greater efficiency, the possibility of clustering classifications (such as was planned in Geneva for Swiss Rescue, PUI and @Fire) will be explored, as will opportunities from regional initiatives such as the ‘Trans-Tasman Bubble’.

Regional Chairs and teams are requested to flag similar regional opportunities and other flexible ways to run the exercises, without compromising the established standards.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>2.a. IEC/Rs</b>	(i) The extension of the classification validity of teams <sup>3</sup> due for IEC/R in 2020-2021 for two years on 26 May 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat and RFPs will reach out to teams that have postponed and/or are due for IEC/R in 2020/21/22 to indicate their proposed new dates, following consultations with their mentors <u>by the end of July 2020</u></li> <li>The Secretariat will work with the TWG on a process for teams to report and show evidence on their operational status and present a proposal at the end of year call <u>on 19 Nov 2020</u></li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> Teams will need to provide evidence to the Secretariat that they are operational and constantly training to be operationally ready and justify their classification status during this time.

<p>(ii) That the Secretariat will prioritise IECs over IERs, to enable greater capacity building and coverage in disaster-prone regions. If travel restrictions allow teams can proceed with IEC/Rs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new draft calendar 2020-2022 is now published on <a href="http://www.insarag.org">www.insarag.org</a> and will be updated every week. Regional and WG Chairs can propose changes and new events through the Secretariat.</li> </ul>
<p>(iii) That the possibility of clustering IEC/Rs will be explored and encouraged. Such regional initiatives will be prioritised and maximised. The IEC/R cadre will have to be flexibly managed to support this process as opportunities arise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCHA Regional Offices and INSARAG Focal Points will work closely with the Regional network and will flexibly draw upon a pool of available regional classifiers when the opportunity arises</li> </ul>

## B. The Development of Remote Meetings and Trainings

The INSARAG Secretariat continues to support and encourage activities that can be implemented remotely. The Secretariat, with advice from the Regional and Working Group Chairs, is currently exploring different approaches and tools for remote meetings and training.

The Regional Chairs and the Working Group Chairs and members are strongly encouraged to continue sharing good practices and platforms that have worked well, with the rest of the network. For instance, the Americas Regional Group decided to explore the feasibility of setting up a regional training calendar that would include the following elements:

- (i) Virtual experience exchange sessions where teams can share their own experiences or invite other participants from the region to their virtual training courses.
- (ii) Specific regional sessions moderated by the INSARAG Secretariat on regional or global priorities.
- (iii) Virtual training sessions on the INSARAG Guidelines prepared and implemented by the GRG/TWG.

Given the current travel restrictions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the INSARAG Global Meeting, planned to take place in Poland in October 2020, will be postponed.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>2.b. Remote events</b>	<p>That the Regional Chairs and Working Groups, together with the Secretariat, explore different remote learning approaches and meeting platforms for engagement and evaluate their effectiveness. Countries with good practices and training platforms are encouraged to share these with the network.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The Global Chair strongly encouraged Regional Chairs to organize remote Regional Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Chairs and RFPs will discuss and draw up their plans for remote meetings, trainings and exercises to start in <u>June 2020</u>. This includes the annual Regional Meetings to be led by the respective regional Chairs and supported by their RFPs.</li> <li>Technical Working Groups will organize remote training events in</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> The INSARAG Working Groups will consult and plan for relevant remote technical sessions for the network which will be announced by email and on [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org).

	<p>in 2020 to engage their regions in ongoing discussions on regional workplans.</p>	<p>2020, with the support of the Secretariat and other Working Groups, as needed.</p> <p>The GRG and IMWG have confirmed that remote training will be planned and delivered in the regions (and where needed, in Spanish) as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSARAG Guidelines Sessions by GRG in Nov 2020.</li> <li>ICMS Training and ESRI System in Jul/Aug 2020.</li> <li>TWG and other WGs will advise on suitable trainings to be done remotely.</li> </ol>
<p><b>2.c. INSARAG Global Meeting (IGM) and Warsaw Declaration (WD)</b></p>	<p>That the INSARAG Global Meeting is postponed to <b>03-08 October 2021</b>. The Working Groups, Team Leaders and Regional Meetings will take place during that week in Warsaw.</p> <p>Given that the HNPW/ISG 2021 is now confirmed for May 2021, the end of year call will take place on 19 November 2020 to agree on the issues discussed in the remote Regional Meetings 2020.</p> <p>That the Warsaw Declaration (WD) is to be revised to include new challenges and initiatives to be fit for purpose.</p> <p>That South Africa will be the AEME Regional Co-Chairs with Poland in 2021. Other Regional Chairs will rotate as planned. i.e. 1-year tenure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poland and the Secretariat will discuss and propose a new IGM timeline at the end of year call on <u>19 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The draft IGM programme and revised WD will be presented for approval at the ISG in <u>May 2021</u></li> <li>The WD will be signed at the IGM in <u>Oct 2021</u></li> <li>Co-Chairmanship agreed in the AEME region in 2021. ToRs for the Co-Chairs will be drafted in consultation with the GRG, and Poland and South Africa, and a draft will be shared by the Secretariat with Global and Regional Chairs in <u>July 2020</u> for their consideration, comments and endorsement at the end of year call on <u>19 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The INSARAG Guidelines which were to be launched in Warsaw in Oct 2020, have already been shared globally on <u>01 June</u> and a video is currently being prepared by the GRG. The Guidelines version 2020 will come in force on <u>01 January 2021</u>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.d. DRAFT New Calendar 2020/2021/2022</b></p>	<p>That the current situation requires the network to develop a new INSARAG calendar 2020/2021/2022. The TWG has offered to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RFPs engage with Regional Chairs and teams to prioritize regional events by <u>10 July 2020</u></li> </ul>

work on a draft proposal for consultation and to support this process.

**In the exceptional circumstances that we are in, the network must adopt a high level of flexibility in the execution of the planned events.**

- Remote (and physical) meetings and training events from August-Dec 2020 to be confirmed to the Secretariat by end of July 2020
- The new draft calendar 2020-2022 is now published on [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org) and will be updated every week. Regional and WG Chairs can propose events and make changes through the Secretariat.
- Feedback from Regional and WG Chairs on the draft calendar to be submitted by 01 Nov 2020
- The Secretariat will present the final calendar at the end of year call on 19 Nov 2020

### Priority 3 - Ongoing System Reviews and Development of the INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026

The third action for the INSARAG network is to collectively review, reflect and recalibrate many of the ongoing systems in a way that INSARAG can be more effective despite the challenges the pandemic currently poses and may pose in the future. The INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-26 will set a new direction for INSARAG to be fit for purpose. The IEC/R global system can be further strengthened following the IEC system review of roster cadre members including Team Leaders and mentors, while reflecting on lessons learned from past IEC/Rs. Remote refresher trainings could be offered for this cadre. The INSARAG Earthquake Response Exercise review currently underway will result in opportunities for more inclusiveness and will strengthen the way the network has been organising activities and events throughout.

#### A. The INSARAG External Classification (IEC) Roster Review

A review of the IEC/R system based on lessons learned over the past five years, is in progress to identify good practices and gaps in the system. This review will be shared in mid-June and will serve as a starting point for the IEC/R analysis to be completed in consultation with the Regional and Working Group Chairs. It is proposed that the Secretariat with support from the WGs and selected members from the TL cadre are closely involved in the reorganisation and review of the classifier roster planning and the list of existing nominated classifiers. This will be aligned and contribute to the coherent development of the new draft INSARAG calendar, considering the need for compulsory training and refreshers for the IEC/R cadre.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>3.a. IEC/R roster review</b>	The strengthening of the global IEC/R process, with a comprehensive review of the IEC/R cadre roster, with support from the Regional Chairs and Working Groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretariat will identify a global team of experienced TL and mentors with Dewey Perks, the TWG Chair, leading the process. An invitation to these members from the three regions will be shared with their respective focal</li> </ul>

	<p>points and Regional Chairs for their participation in the Review Group <u>in July 2020</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team will also recommend a process to ensure teams who have taken up the extension of their classification validity of up to two years, show evidence of their operational currency.</li> <li>• With the IEC/R System Review Report completed, the team will also be tasked to review the recommendations from the report. All INSARAG Working Groups will be consulted on the way forward.</li> <li>• The Review Group and the Secretariat will follow up with invitations, review and selection of the of IEC/R cadre for 2021-22, by teams and regions, <u>from July-Nov 2020</u></li> <li>• By <u>mid-Sept 2020</u>, suitable members, i.e. IEC/R TL, Mentors and Secretariat Representatives will be recommended for the next IEC/R TL. There is a Mentors training course planned in the Netherlands back to back with the next HNPW in May 2021.</li> </ul>
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### B. The Earthquake Response Exercise (ERE) Review

A review of the ERE is currently being conducted by the Secretariat, with the support of “Training in Aid” Training Consultancy, in order to enhance the utility of the ERE, making them more inclusive exercises and incorporating the latest guidelines and methodologies. The ERE version 2.0 will be aligned to the emerging humanitarian needs, humanitarian architecture, and will ensure tasks and injects reflect a ‘train as we operate’ approach.

The ERE review process will include continuous engagement with a wide spectrum of government, UN and network members, as well as regional organizations to ensure inclusiveness. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, opportunities to run some parts of the EREs remotely, will be explored.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<b>3.b.i. ERE Review - new point</b>	The review process which includes the conduct of two webinars consulting the Core Design Group on the identity, objectives and implementation of the exercise which are ongoing. Technical consultations with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft ERE version 2.0 to be presented at the end of year call <u>on 19 Nov 2020</u></li> </ul>

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| <p>functional leads e.g. UNDAC, EMTs, on the Timelines, Tasks and Injects will take place during the summer 2020.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final ERE version 2.0 to be tested (physically or remotely, if circumstances permit) and then endorsed at the ISG in <u>May 2021</u></li> </ul> |
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### C. Consultations with the Network on the Issues from the ISG 2020 Meeting

Follow-up issues for consultations and implementation, such as the ongoing analysis of the Governance of Technical Working Groups survey and the establishment of the National Accreditation Working Group (NAWG) with the formation of regional supporting technical groups for this process, and ongoing consultations on the INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026.

Topic	The Global and Regional Chairs endorsed	Next steps and timeline
<p><b>3.b. WG Governance Survey</b></p> <p><b>3.c. refer to 1.d.</b></p>	<p>That the results and recommendations of the survey on the Governance of Technical Working Groups were shared with Regional and WG Chairs on 17 June 2020 for regional consultations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback from Regional and WGs Chairs to be sent <u>by 01 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The Secretariat will share consolidated recommendations <u>on 08 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>Final recommendations will be endorsed by the Global and Regional Chairs at the end of year call <u>on 19 Nov 2020</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>3.d. INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026</b></p>	<p>That the INSARAG Strategic Plan (ISP) is changed to 2021-2026 (instead of 2020-2025) as it will be effective as of 1 January 2021. The ISP version 1.0 was presented on 17 June and will be shared by the Secretariat for feedback by 15 October 2020. The consolidated version will be endorsed at the end of year call on 19 Nov 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback sent from the regions to the Secretariat <u>by 15 Oct 2020</u></li> <li>Consolidated draft shared by the Secretariat <u>on 01 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>Final review to be provided by the Global and Regional Chairs <u>from 01-07 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The Secretariat will share final draft version <u>on 08 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The final version to be endorsed by the Global and Regional Chairs at the end of year call <u>on 19 Nov 2020</u></li> <li>The ISP becomes effective as <u>of 01 Jan 2021</u></li> </ul>

### 4. AOB and Closing

The Global Chair, Ambassador Manuel Bessler, thanked all participants for their attendance and underlined that a certain flexibility is required from the network in the current circumstances. Moreover, Regional Groups are highly encouraged to organize virtual Regional meetings in 2020. The end of year call will take place on Thursday, 19 November 2020. Ambassador Bessler reminded participants that the next ISG 2021 will not take place in February as usual, but from 10 to 14 May 2021.

The **Global Chair** thanked the Secretariat and expressed his appreciation to colleagues from around the world for their engagement and closed the meeting.

### Annexes

- A. Composition of the National Accreditation Working Group (NAWG)
- B. Draft INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026, version 1.0

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