

Meeting Summary

Teleconference INSARAG Global, Regional Chairs & Working Group Chairs

Time: 24 January 2017, 15:30-16:30 (CEST)

Participants:

Global Chair	Ambassador Manuel Bessler
A Regional Chair	Mr. Jorge Martines L
A Regional Vice-Chair	(Mr Carlos Ivan Marquez Perez) represented by <i>Margarita Arias</i>
AEME Regional Chair	Mr. Fatih Ozer
AEME Regional Vice-Chair	(Mr. Carlo Post) represented by Martin Evers
AP Regional Chair	Mr. Abd Rahim Aziz, Mr. Muhamad Fauzie Bin Ismail
AP Regional Vice-Chair	Mr. Zhao Ming
TWG	Mr. Dewey Perks
MWG	Mr. Anthony Macintyr
LTWG	Mr. Arjan Stam
Kobo	Mr. Peter Wolff
Beyond the Rubble	Mr. David Sochor
INSARAG Secretariat	Jesper Lund and FCSS colleagues

Jesper and Manuel welcomed participants and the agenda was agreed on. The following 7 areas were discussed and agreed among the participants:

1. INSARAG Strategy 2017-2020

All meeting participants support the draft [INSARAG Strategy 2017-2020](#)

- The Chair and Regional Chairs agreed to recommend the strategy 2017-2020 at the ISG 2017
- The Chair and Regional Chairs agreed to recommend that each Regional Group should develop the regional strategy based on the Global Strategy as a guide for.
- Next strategy (2020-2025) will be discussed at part of the lead-up to the 2020, planned Global Meeting.
- Dewey suggested that UCC and Kobo language be added into the strategy – and share this with FCSS.

2. IER Revision

The meeting agreed to:

Recommend the endorsement of the "greater ownership model" for IERs. It was clarified that only the administrative processes is lighter, not the IER itself. The quality needs to be maintained, and not be risked by changes.

3. National Accreditation

Colombia briefed on the various meetings and developments of the initiative.

It was agreed that the National Accreditation Process is a useful tool that can give valuable guidance for national capacity building, and offer national teams who adopt INSARAG methodology, recognition for their work.

- i. Affirm the importance of national USAR team accreditation processes as a key component in the national capacity development process and part of the INSARAG methodology and strategy
- ii. Welcome the orientation and the tools developed by the Working Group and recommend that this be considered for inclusion in the next revision of the INSARAG Guidelines in 2020
- iii. Give green light to the Americas Regional Group to establish and pilot the support process through the establishment of the Technical Support Group at regional level. The Working Groups informs in this context that Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica are considering to offer themselves as pilot countries for the support process. Also, the Working Group considers the holding of an initial workshop of the Technical Support Group necessary in the first half of 2017; and several countries are currently considering to offer hosting arrangements for this workshop.
- iv. Request the Secretariat to support the process in terms of facilitating the conformation of the Technical Support Group and the management of the requests.
- v. the Secretariat - on the basis of the recommendation from the Technical Support Group – will issue a memo/ certificate to the national system on the achievement of minimum standards in their national USAR team accreditation process based on the INSARAG methodology.

4. International Light Teams

Arjan briefed the achievements of the LTWG, and the way forward after 2017...

- Recommend the endorsement of the definition, operations and Tactical concept for “International light teams” and included in the guidelines 2018/20 revision;
- Acknowledge the need further discussions are the process of recognition (i.e. quality insurance by INSARAG) and possible linkages with National Accreditation. The “policy” and strategic level” discussions is necessary. (how go forward w quality assurance in general);
- Recommend that representative of the LTWG, with institutional knowledge, and an existing working group (e.g. TWG) or a new working group be tasked to look into this and discuss with the regional groups and TL in 2017.

5. USAR Coordination

Dewey provided briefing on the status of the UC –“USAR Coordination” Concept and progressing well are the roll out trainings for IEC teams as top priority (AP region training completed last November)...

- The UC manual be endorsed at the ISG 2017, and added as part of the INSARAG Guidelines
- Mandatory for all current 47 classified teams to participate, and to contribute trained personnel to the RDC/UC in operations.
- Will be a mandatory point in IEC/R from January 2018
- Countries strongly encouraged to translate the UC manual and host the UC course.

6. Beyond the Rubble

David briefed the concept of the “beyond the rubble” and DACHL groups contributions to the document. With global consultations in 2016...

- ISG 2017 should welcome the guidance document and share this as part of INSARAG Guidances and also uploaded on the INSARAG web page. The concept will be part of the guidelines revision in 2018/20.
- Teams deploying with such capability can voluntarily indicate this in the VO prior to deployment.

7. KoBo

Peter briefed on the Kobo developments...

1. The meeting welcomed and Supported use of Kobo as a complimentary tool to support effective USAR Operations.
3. It is recommended to be a mandatory IEC/R checklist item in IEC/R from 1 January 2018.
4. Establishment of a "KoBo Working Group (KWG)" in 2017 to oversee full implementation and operationalised in trainings and actual operations. KWG will develop with OCHA and Technical Partners, a manual including information for IM at USAR team management and UCC levels.
5. Already a feature in INSARAG earthquake exercises, USAR teams will adopt this in their training programmes in 2017. A full summary spreadsheet capturing the above key discussion outcomes from the various regional and TL meetings in 2016 are attached for reference.

Jesper and Manuel thanked all the participants for joining the teleconference, particularly colleagues staying up to midnight in Asia (Thanks to China and Malaysia!).

All the Regional Chairs are requested to meet for a morning coffee meeting on Thursday 9 February at 08:10am, CICG Level 1- C for any final preparations or questions.

The Teleconference ended at 16:40 hrs CET