

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks 2023

INSARAG Steering Group

25 April 2023
CICG, Plénière A
Geneva



Moment of Silence in Commemoration of the Victims of the Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes

AGENDA – Part 1: Opening, Technical and Operational Updates

Master of Ceremonies-- Mr. **Clement Kalonga**, Africa Focal Point and Ms **Ana Maria Rebaza Delgado** Americas Focal Point

Session	Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
Session 1	09:00 – 09:45	Opening Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Turkiye• Mr. Güven Begeç, Permanent Representative of Türkiye• Ambassador Manuel Bessler, INSARAG Global Chair• Ms. Edem Wosornu, Chief, Response Support Branch• Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, Chief, Emergency Response Section, INSARAG Secretary
Session 2	09:45 – 10:30	Adoption of the Agenda, Introduction to ISG and Global Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Winston Chang, INSARAG Unit Head• Ms. Haruka Ezaki, RFP Asia Pacific
Coffee Break	10:30 – 11:00		

AGENDA – Part 2: IGM Outcomes and Issues for ISG's Decisions and Endorsement

Session	Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
Session 3	11:00 – 11:45	Breakout Rotation 1	
Session 4	11:45 – 12:30	Breakout Rotation 2	
Lunch Break	12:30 – 14:00	Eat, mingle, and visit the INSARAG stand!	
Session 5	14:00 – 14:45	Breakout Rotation 3	
Session 6	14:45 – 15:30	Breakout Rotation 4	
Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00		
Session 7	16:00 – 17:00	Endorsements, Announcement by Member States, Closing Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regional Chairs and Secretariat</i> • <i>Ambassador Manuel Bessler, INSARAG Global Chair</i> • <i>Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director, OCHA Coordination Division</i>



SESSION 1: Opening statements



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SESSION 1

Opening Statements

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SESSION 2: Global Updates



SESSION 2

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Global Updates

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**New Year
Teleconference
Outcomes**

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**Key Takeaways
from Team
Leaders Meeting
Hotwash on the
EQs**

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**2023 INSARAG
Moving Forward**

01 Global Updates

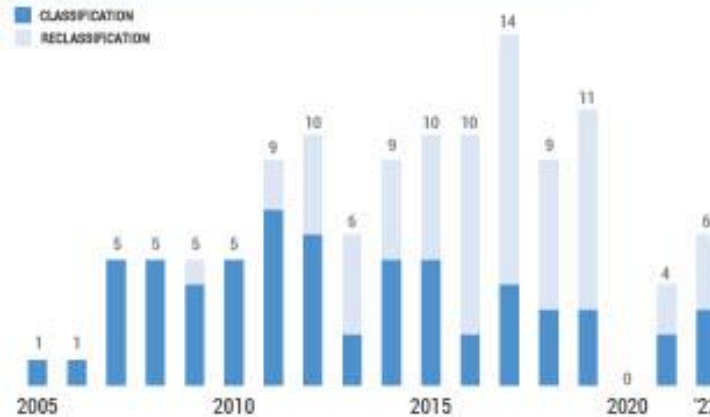
- IEC/R Plan
- IRNAP Status
- Flexible Response



The primary intention of the INSARAG External Classification (IEC) system is to provide better understanding of the individual abilities of USAR teams making themselves available for international assistance.

Having teams classified according to a standard will enable disaster affected countries to prioritise acceptance of international response support from USAR Teams who can add proven value to their national capacity. The IEC is an independent, verifiable, voluntary process that has received unanimous acceptance through the INSARAG.

IEC CLASSIFICATIONS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS by year



IEC: OVERVIEW by country



IEC CLASSIFICATIONS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS by year and level

2005: 1 CLASSIFICATION



2006: 1 CLASSIFICATION



2007: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS



2008: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS



2009: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS



2010: 5 CLASSIFICATIONS



2011: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS



2012: 10 CLASSIFICATIONS



2013: 6 CLASSIFICATIONS



2014: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS



2015: 10 CLASSIFICATIONS



2016: 10 CLASSIFICATIONS



2017: 14 CLASSIFICATIONS



2018: 9 CLASSIFICATIONS



2019: 11 CLASSIFICATIONS



2020: 0 CLASSIFICATIONS (COVID-19)



2021: 4 CLASSIFICATIONS



2022: 6 CLASSIFICATIONS



***Third reclassification

IEC/R Quality Assurance and Updates – Current Situation

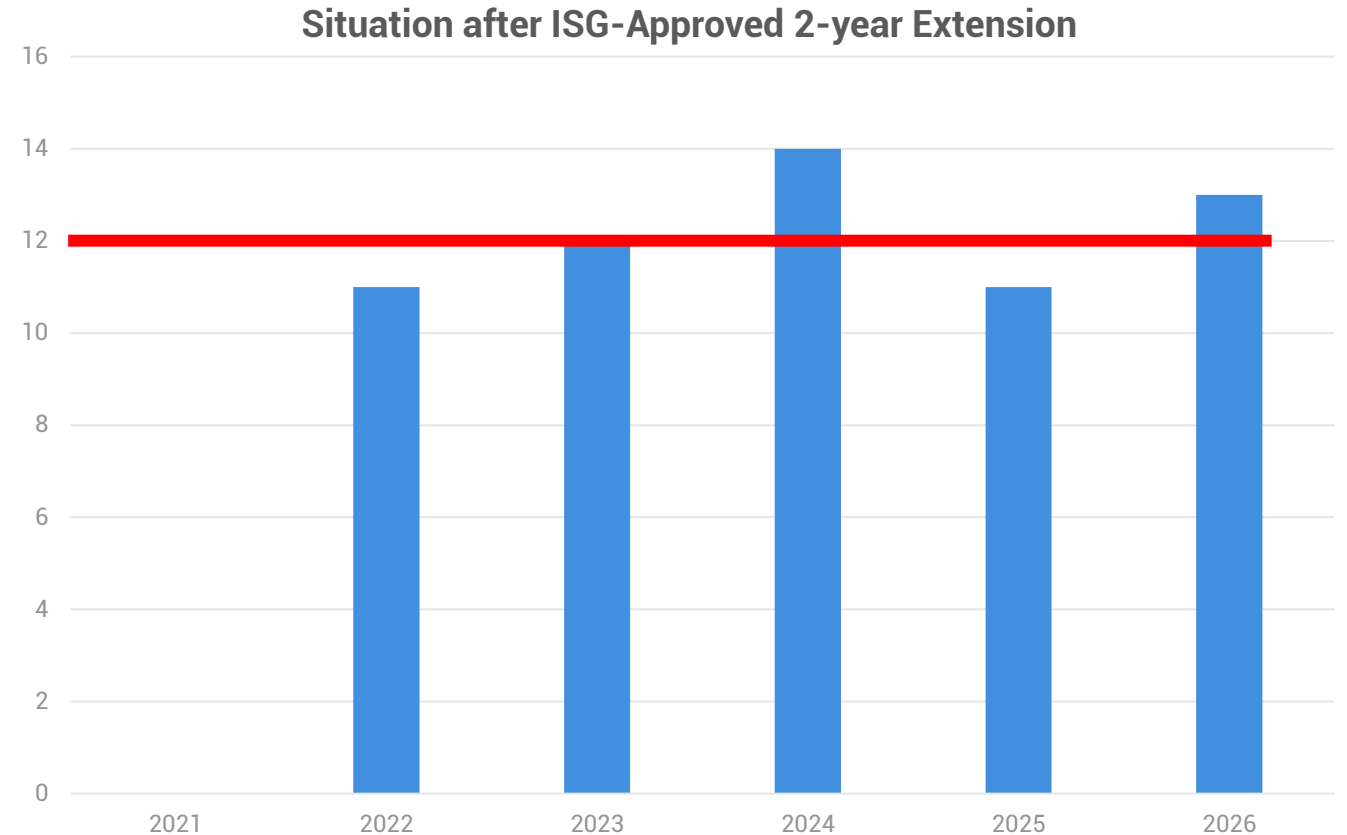
- 57 IEC Teams, 48 countries, and 6 NGO Teams
- Largest International USAR Network
- Backlog from pandemic



Management of IERs from 2022 onwards

Recommendations from the ISG and the IEC/R WG:

- Post EQ, Some teams given deferment and/or received NO GO. **6 teams given extensions of 1 or 2 years maximum.**
- TWG will organize an IEC/R Leadership Training in the Netherlands in June 2023. **>>(registrations are still open!)**
- WGs will address a revised system for IERs- (discussions in Breakout 1)



7 Countries

France (2, 2017)

Türkiye (2017)

Colombia (2018)

Guatemala (2018)

Chile (2022)

Cyprus (2022)

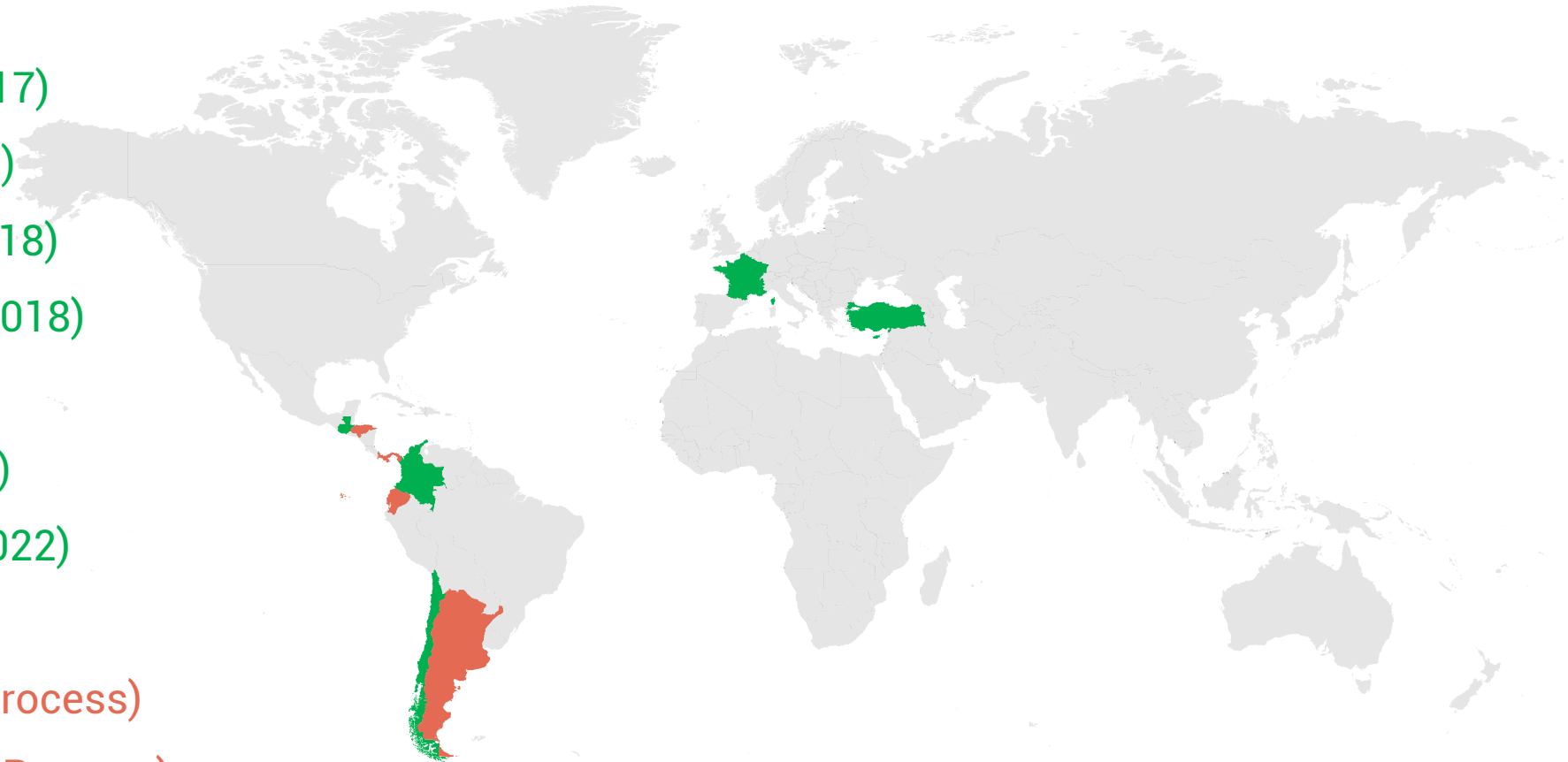
Singapore (2022)

Panama (In Process)

Honduras (In Process)

Ecuador (In Process)

Argentina (In Process)



Flexible Response

- ❑ INSARAG continues to promote agility and flexibility of rescue teams in response operations across other disaster relief activities.
- ❑ The secretariat continues to be the “emergency contact point in OCHA” especially in major flooding. ERS assists to link up the affected countries with our extensive network of INSARAG teams and we did so in 2022 in Pakistan and Australia, and just last month in Malawi.
- ❑ The ISG will consult you on Flexible Response in a dedicated breakout group.

UKISAR Malawi Flood Response 2023



NY Teleconference 2023



02 New Year Teleconference Outcomes

***Regional Workplans are all aligned to the 4
Priorities in INSARAG's Strategic Plan 2021 –
2026***

- Quality Standards
- Localization
- Flexible Response
- Bolstering Partnerships



03 Key Outcomes and Takeaways from Team Leaders Meeting Hotwash on the EQ Response



TL Meeting 7 Proposals - *Issues will be tabled for the Breakout Sessions later today.*

1) FRWG:

a)The WG will recommend to the ISG on the creation of a new **Flood Response WG**.

b)The **Cultural Heritage Guidance** for the Technical Reference Library, is finalised and ready for endorsement by the INSARAG Steering Group in April 2023. Both the Sub WGs will complete their work.

c)The **Damage Assessment Coordination Center(DACC) manual** is still undergoing consultation.

2) IEC/R WG :

The **IER process must be reviewed** to ensure the INSARAG network can meet the demands of current and future IERs, while concurrently maintaining the quality standards of the process.

TL Meeting Recommendations:

Recommendation 3:

The IMWG is currently **reviewing** the building identification labelling system with the intention of streamlining the current process. The IMWG is **reviewing current INSARAG forms** to see what elements were used to reduce non-time critical information collection.

Recommendation 4:

The MWG will conduct a detailed review of technical guidance notes on **crush syndrome** and field amputations. They will develop a technical guidance note to address team member well-being.

Recommendation 5:

The NAWG will be renamed the Capacity Building WG and focus on **localization** by introducing the INSARAG coordination methodology and concepts tailored to country contexts, promoting capacity development at the national and local levels, and encouraging sharing of expertise and good practices amongst countries and organizations.

TL Meeting Recommendations:

Recommendation 6:

The INSARAG **First Responders Training Package is finalised** and is ready for INSARAG Steering Group endorsement in April 2023.

The IEC/R Leadership Course is postponed. This course will now take place in 05 – 08 June 2023.

Recommendation 7:

The WG will transition to the Guidelines Review Group 2023-2025 and include some current TGRG members. All WGs will nominate a liaison member to the GRG.

Response Support Branch, Emergency Response Section

TL Meeting discussions on the EQs



RSB's Response Timeline - USAR

6 Feb
0217
GMT+1

Day 1

+ 1 hour

+ 2 hours

+ 20 hours

USG and RC meet Turkish
Vice President

Day 2 - 13

1st Earthquake

Phones ring

VO Open

First on the ground

International USAR
Coordination

Full scale USAR operations

Magnitude: 7.8M
Depth 17.93 Km

SRS, AFAD
One call – done deal

203 Teams monitoring
**UNDAC M1 out at 0559
UTC**

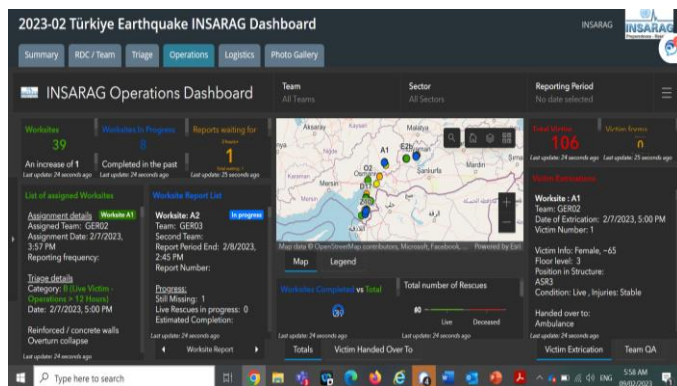
- AFAD National
Crisis Centre
- UNDAC TL with
Swiss team

Two RDCs, one UCC, 10
SCCs established
across the five affected
provinces (up to 200 Km
apart)

- 11000+ internationals from 100 countries
- 300 lives saved
- **Largest INSARAG response ever**
- 30 EMTs deployed
- 24000+ national responders
- 9000 lives saved
- 160,000 collapsed buildings
- **8 teams redeployed to Syria**

1st GDACS Alert

1st wave of 60 members
including op. partners
respond



“How can we help?”



Key Numbers

49

INSARAG Classified
Teams

90

Countries
Represented

199

International
"USAR" Teams

396

Rescue Dogs

300

Lives Saved!





Martin Griffiths ✓

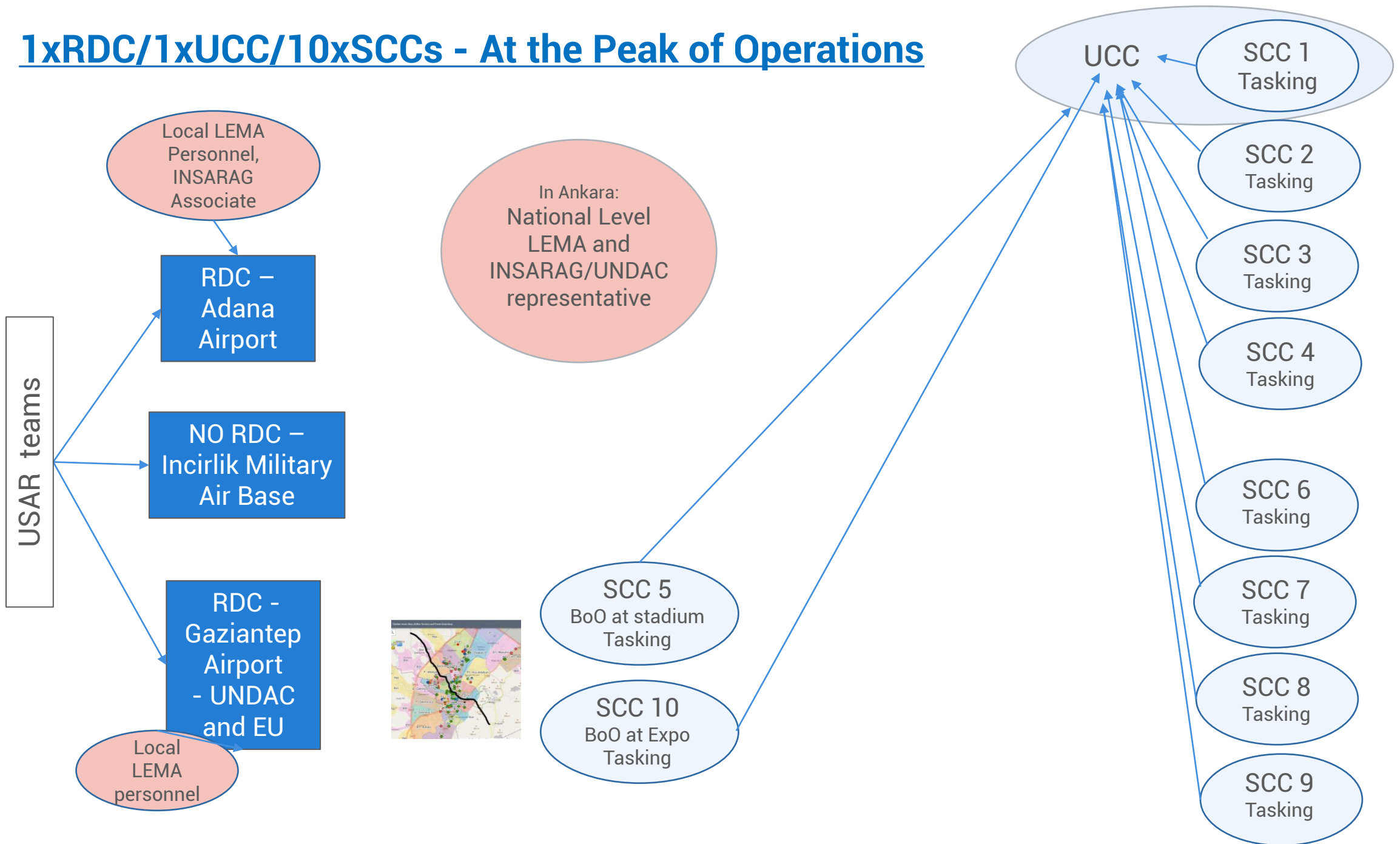
@UNReliefChief

The first 72 hrs after a disaster are critical.

We have coordinated the deployment of over 4,948 search & rescue experts and #UNDAC emergency response teams soon after the earthquake shook #Türkiye and #Syria.

We'll continue to support every effort to save lives.

1xRDC/1xUCC/10xSCCs - At the Peak of Operations



This is what helped:

Speed, Solidarity

Partnerships

Effective Methodology

Effective Coordination

Decisive Response



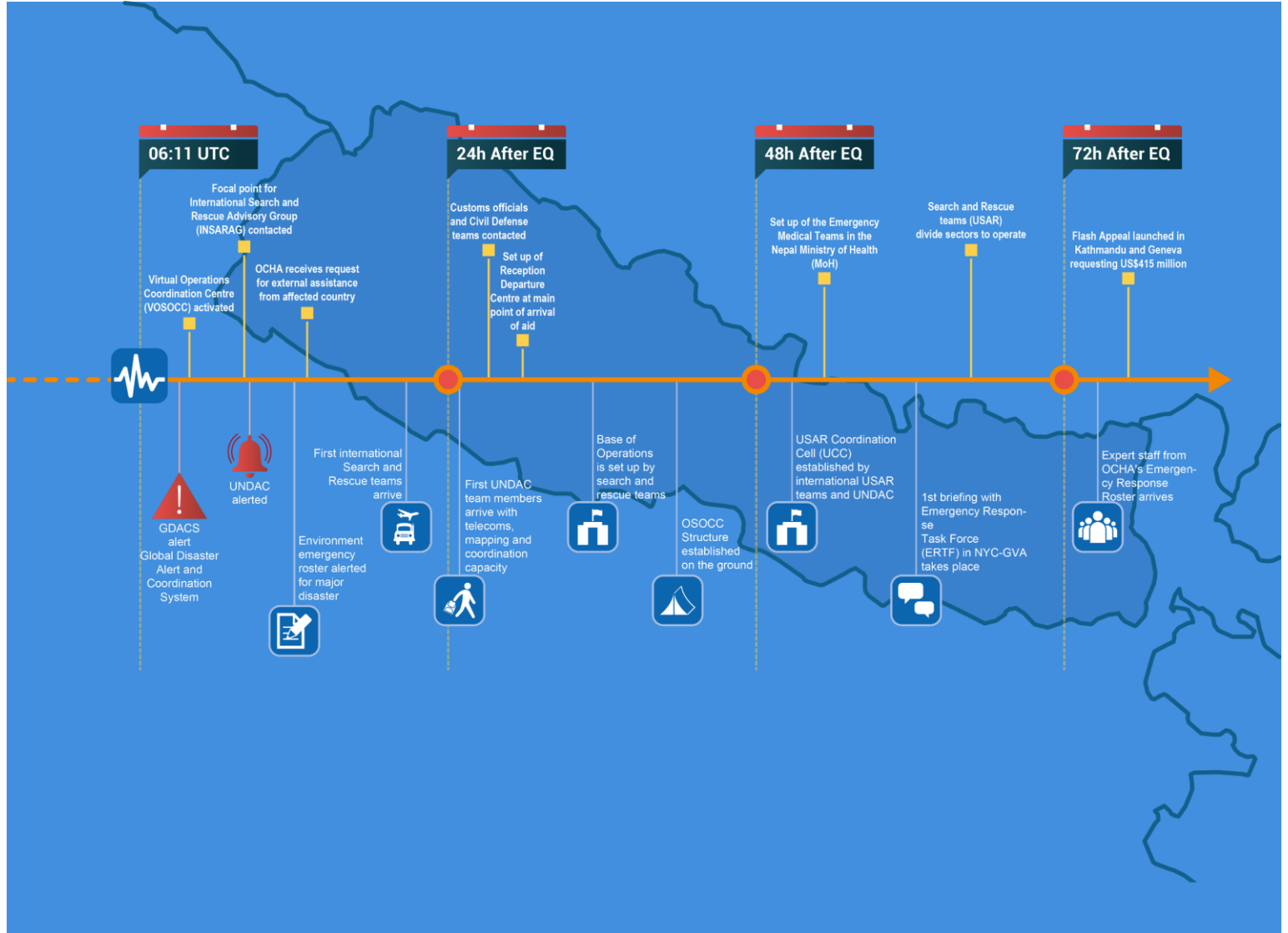
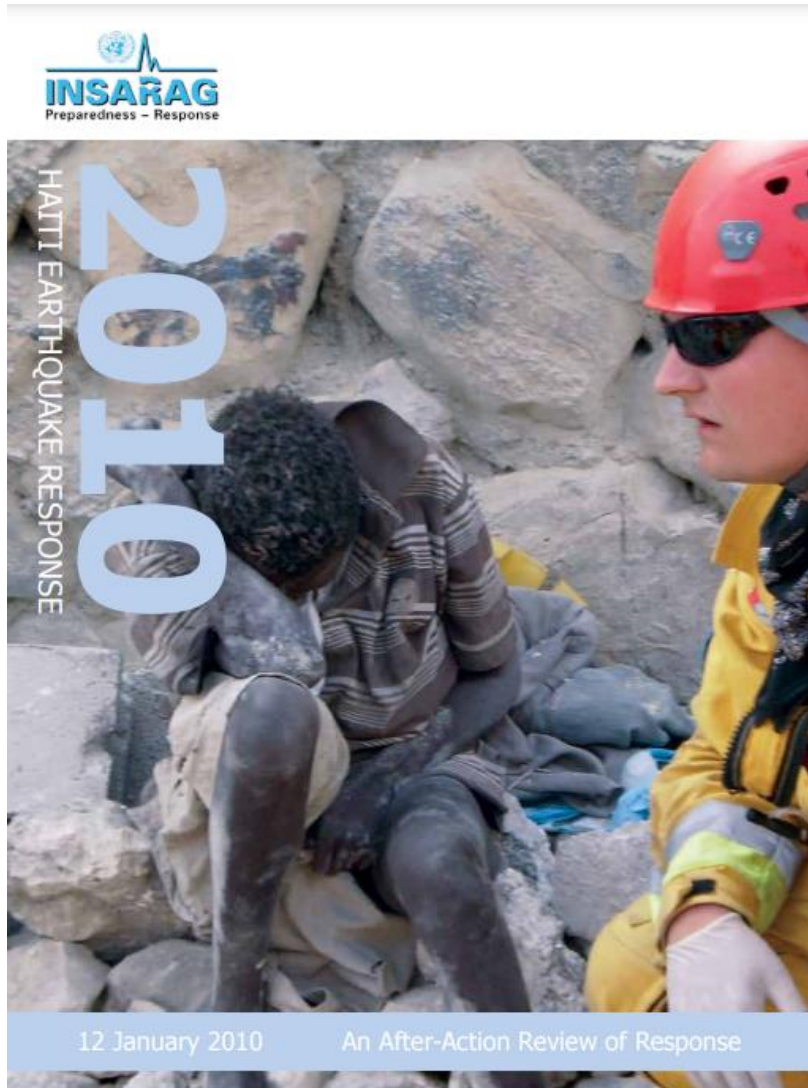
TL Meeting Feedback: (Join us on Wed am session)

1. USAR Coordination
2. Information Management –ICMS
3. Localisation
4. IEC/R Compliance & **Accountability***
5. Logistics Expectations
6. USAR Operations and
7. USAR Access and Safety in Complex Emergencies



****IASC: Accountability** to affected people is a commitment by humanitarians to use power responsibly: to take account of, give account to, and be held to account by the people we seek to assist.*

A Global USAR Lessons Learnt Forum in Qatar this October



Way Forward – DRAFT :

- 1. Strengthening Localization, Engaging Governments in Disaster Prone Areas**
- 2. INSARAG Guidelines and Methodology Review –(Address the issues earlier)**
- 3. Bolstering Partnerships – UNDAC, WHO-EMTs, Regional Organisations, Technical Partners**
- 4. New Approaches and Technological Advancements –Search, Medical**
- 5. An Energized INSARAG**
- 6. Flexibility is Key –pragmatic, fit for purpose – USAR remains the cornerstone.**
- 7. Global USAR Lessons Learnt –Forum in Qatar in October.**



THANK YOU!

03

SESSION 3: BREAK OUT Sessions Starts after coffee break



Breakout arrangements

- Discussions in 4 corners of this room
- Know your group assignment
- Groups rotate every 45 minutes
- Facilitators of each group will highlight key issues and recommendations for final session (ISG Endorsement)

Breakout Groups Plan (supported by ERS and Regional Chairs)

Coordinators – Winston Chang, Ms Reem Naim

Group	Topic	Facilitators	Working Group Support
1	Quality Standards - compliance of guidelines and methodology	<i>AP Chair Haruka Ezaki</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Guideline Review Group,</i>• <i>Medical Working Group</i>• <i>IEC/R Working Groups</i>
2	Flexible Response	<i>Americas Chair Clement Kalonga & Ana Maria Rebaza Delgado</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible Response Working Group
3	Localization	<i>Sebastian Mocarquer & Kira Chebakova</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible Response Working Group• Training Working Group
4	INSARAG and Complex Emergencies Response	<i>AEME Chair Sebastian Rhodes Stampa & Lucien Jaggi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Management Working Group



Break out Group rotation timings:

1st Cycle : 1100 - 1145

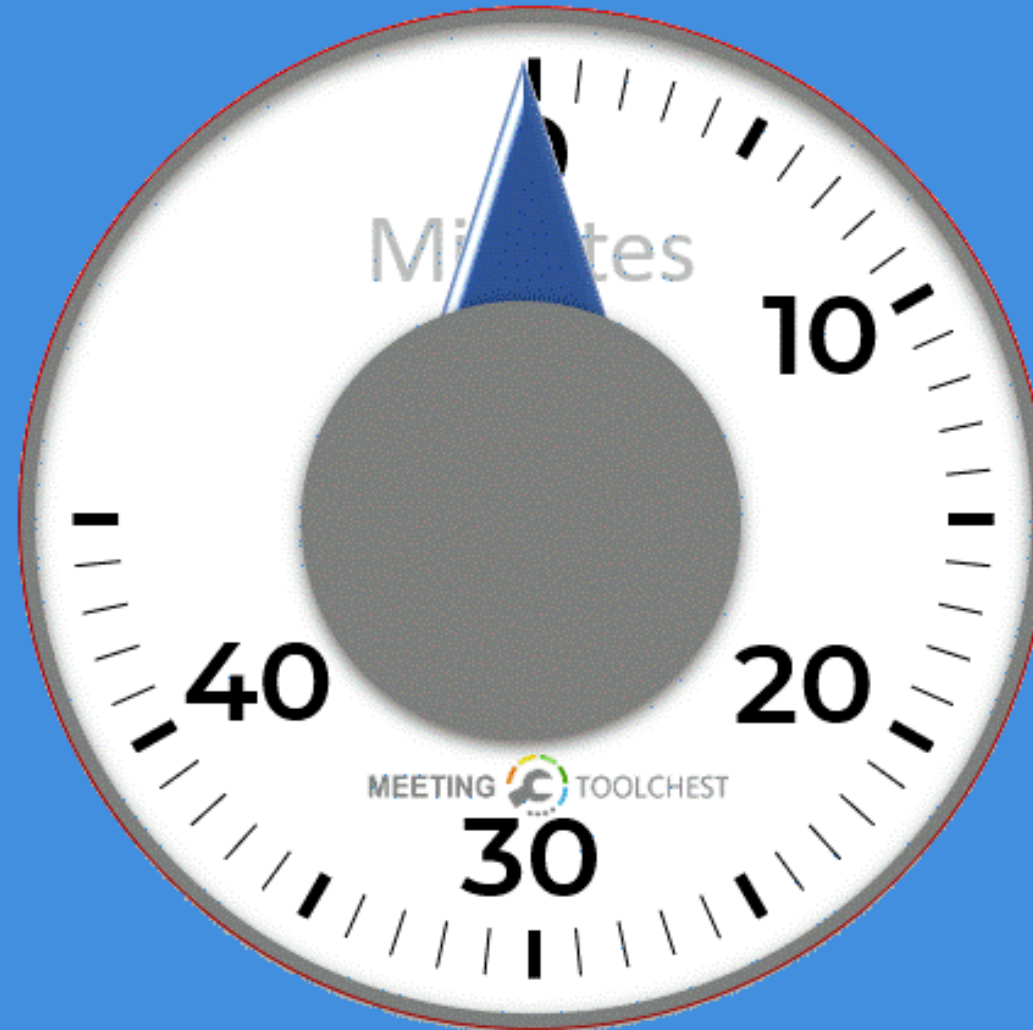
2nd Cycle: 1145 - 1230

Lunch: 1230-1400

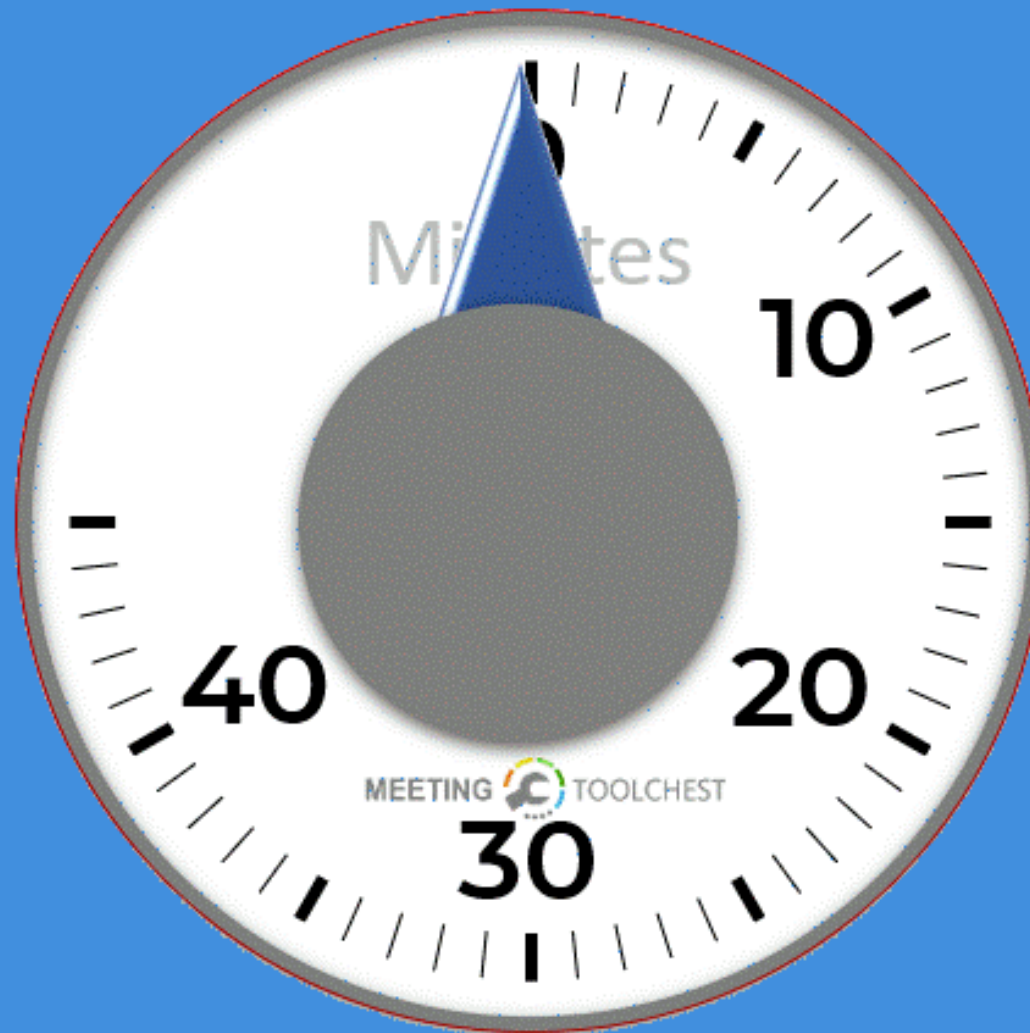
3rd Cycle: 1400 - 1445

4th Cycle: 1445 - 1530

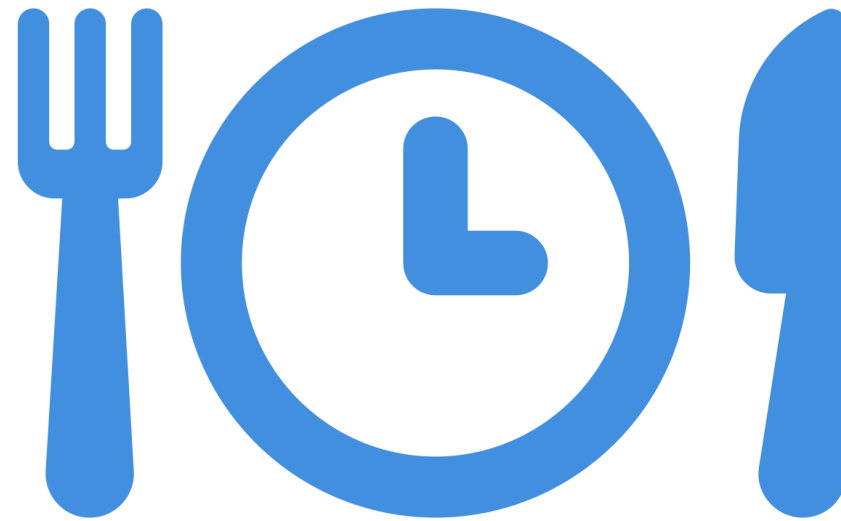
Breakout Session 1



Breakout Session 2



LUNCH BREAK



Meeting will resume at 14:00



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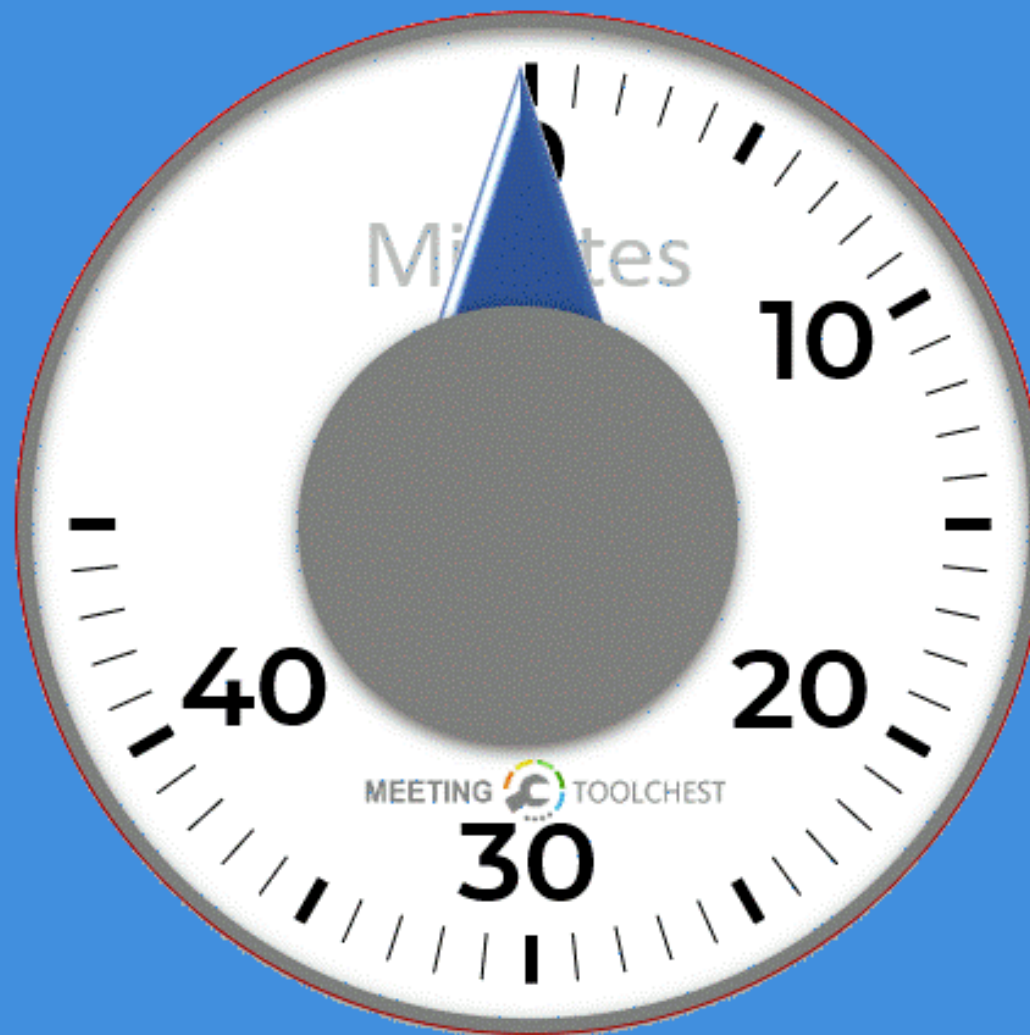
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Breakout Session 3



Breakout Session 4



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SESSION 7 Starts after coffee break



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SESSION 7: Announcement by Member States, Key Decisions, and Closing Statements



Announcements by Member States



Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

1. We are launching consultations with the regional groups and GRG to review decision-making processes.
2. The NAWG transitions to a new working group called National Capacity Building Working Group calling for new members. Its Terms of Reference were agreed.
3. The Secretariat welcomes the INSARAG network's support to learn from the Türkiye EQ response leading to a global USAR lessons learnt meeting in Qatar in October, back-to-back with the AEME Regional Meeting

Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

4. The Guidelines Review Group 2023-25 will engage with the network and plan their first meeting back-to-back with the AP ERE in August in Australia.
5. The First Responders Program V2.0 is endorsed as the Community Responders Program, and the network is encouraged to reference this to strengthen localization efforts in their countries and regions.
6. The guide on “USAR in Heritage Sites” is endorsed for the Technical Reference Library.

Outcomes of the ISG 2023:

7. Both Flexible Response Sub Working Groups 1 and 3 will close. The ISG thanks all WG members and the partnerships with UNESCO and ICCROM.

8. The Flood Response Working Group will be established. INSARAG Secretariat will facilitate its organization.

9. The INSARAG Network will be consulted on a revised INSARAG External Reclassification (IER) system to tackle the exponential increase of IERs.

SESSION 5

Closing Statements

Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director, Coordination Division, OCHA

Ambassador Manuel Bessler INSARAG Global Chair



THANK YOU!