



# INSARAG Guidelines Review Group Minutes MS Teams Meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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## 1. OPENING and WELCOME by the CO-CHAIRS

All members logged on, except mr. Fahad Sultan (Qatar) who could not attend because of training.

The co-chairs have introduced themselves and welcomed the GRG members and INSARAG Secretariat Members to the important work to be done by the GRG

INSARAG Secretariat expressed their ability and willingness to support the GRG where needed and shared the ISG decisions taken during last week's ISG, especially the 2 items regarding the GRG:

- We are launching consultations with the regional groups and GRG to review decision-making processes.
- The NAWG transitions to a new working group called National Capacity Building Working Group calling for new members. Its Terms of Reference were agreed.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- The guide on "USAR in Heritage Sites" is endorsed for the Technical Reference Library.
- Both Flexible Response Sub Working Groups 1 and 3 will close. The ISG thanks all WG members and the partnerships with UNESCO and ICCROM.
- The Flood Response Working Group will be established. INSARAG Secretariat will facilitate its organization.
- The INSARAG Network will be consulted on a revised INSARAG External Reclassification (IER) system to tackle the exponential increase of IERs.

The secretariat has already uploaded the members on [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org) and is able to upload relevant information to the GRG-section of this website.

## 2. INTRODUCTION of WG MEMBERS

All working group members introduced themselves and shared their INSARAG and other relevant experiences.

Co-chairs emphasized the importance of bringing together the impressive diversity of experiences, opinions and cultural backgrounds for the benefit of the entire network. They also emphasized that GRG members represent their respective regions first.

Belit Tasdemir kindly offered, on behalf of AKUT, to host a possible extra GRG meeting in Marmaris Turkiye.

### 3. GRG PLANNING and WORKING DOCUMENT

The planning and working document was discussed and endorsed by the members, it will be uploaded on [www.insarag.org](http://www.insarag.org). **ACTION: Secretariat**

The secretariat reported that no co-opted members have yet been appointed, not from UNDAC nor from the other WG's.

GRG members are to file their preferent position and tasks to the co-chairs not later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION: GRG members**

### 4. ANY other BUSINESS

John Cawcutt will forward the exact dates for the face to face meeting in Brisbane in August. This meeting will have the possibility of video conferencing and it will be followed by the AP ERE.

**ACTION: John Cawcutt**

Patricio Fuentes requested to make recordings of virtual meetings. This request was granted by the co-chairs.

**ACTION: Co-Chairs**

### 5. CLOSING of MEETING

Co-chairs closed the meeting and will forward a virtual meeting date in July.

**ACTION: Co-chairs**

#### Working Group Members:

**AP:** Li Li ([China](#)), Safrizan Bin Suhaini (Malaysia) and Wee Keong (Singapore)

**AEME:** Martin Pavek ([Czech Republic](#)), Emmanuel Chapeau (France), Ms Yvonne Gutmann (Germany), Ciro Bolognese (Italy), Fahad Sultan (Qatar), Belit Tasdemir (Türkiye NGO), Ove Syslak (IRO, Search Expert, NGO)

**Americas:** Ms Sara Rathbun (USA) & Patricio Fuentes (Chile)

#### Working Group co-chairs:

Mr. John Cawcutt (Australia)

Mr. Martin Evers (the Netherlands)

#### Working Group secretariat representatives:

Mr. Winston Chang, INSARAG Global Lead

Mrs. Reem Naim, OCHA Panama office

Mrs. Marie Mure, INSARAG secretariat

#### UNDAC representative:

To be identified by OCHA-ERS

#### Working Group co-opted members:

IEC/IER WG: <name>

Information Management Working Group: <name>

Medical working Group: <name>

Capacity Building Working Group: <name>

Training Working Group: <name>

Flexible Response Working Group: <name>

Flood Rescue Working Group <name>