



INSARAG Africa, Europe & Middle East (AEME) Regional Meeting 2025 – Day 1

6-7 October 2025
Prague, Czech Republic



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Welcome and Official Opening



Opening Statements



Mr. Vit Rakušan

Minister of Interior
Czech Republic



Lt Gen Vladimír Vlček

General Director, Fire Rescue
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AEME Regional Chair 2025



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INSARAG Secretary and Chief
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OCHA Geneva



Introduction of participants

Adoption of Agenda

INSARAG AEME Regional Meeting 2025 – Agenda for Day 1

Session 1	Welcome and Official Opening of the AEME Regional Meeting
10.00 - 10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening Statements<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. Vít Rakušan, Minister of Interior, Czech Republico Lieutenant General Vladimír Vlček, General Director of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic AEME Regional Chair 2025- INSARAG Secretariat Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, <i>INSARAG Secretary</i>- Introduction of participants- Adoption of Agenda
10.45 - 11.15	Group Photo and Coffee Break
Session 2	Global and Regional 2025 Workplans and Updates
11.15 - 12.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Global Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, INSARAG Secretary and Ms. Stefania Trassari, INSARAG Secretariat- AEME Regional Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Lieutenant General Vladimír Vlček, General Director of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, AEME Regional Chair 2025

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Session 3 12.05 - 12.30	<p>Presentation of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lieutenant General Vladimír Vlček, General Director of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, AEME Regional Chair 2025
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch

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Session 4 14.00 - 15.00	<p>Updates from the Working Groups (15 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Capacity Building Working Group<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. Sebastian Mocarquer, Co-Chair- Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. José Solla, Co-Chair- INSARAG Guidelines Review Group<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. Martin Evers, Co-Chair- Training Working Group<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Ms. Sólveig Thorvaldsdóttir, Co-Chair
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee Break
Session 5 15.30 - 16.15	<p>Consultations by the Quality Assurance Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Mr. David Sochor, CO-Chair <p><i>Plenary briefing for 10 minutes followed by round robin discussions in three parallel groups</i></p>

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Session 6 16.15 - 16.30	Governance Review Consultations Briefing on the ISG decisions and consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, INSARAG Secretary <i>Reference document: INSARAG Governance Review Concept paper on Thematic Area 2, 3 and 7</i>
Session 7 16.30 - 17.00	INSARAG Global Meeting 2026 Roadmap to the INSARAG Global Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. José Solla, Regional Chair of The Americas region
17.00	End of Day 1
18.30 - 21.30	Official Dinner & Social event (evening cruise on the Vltava River)

Group Photo



Coffee Break



The meeting will resume at 11:15

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Global and Regional 2025 Workplans and Updates

Global Updates



Humanitarian Reset



ISG 2025 Summary
Update



ICMS

Regional Updates



2025 IEC/Rs

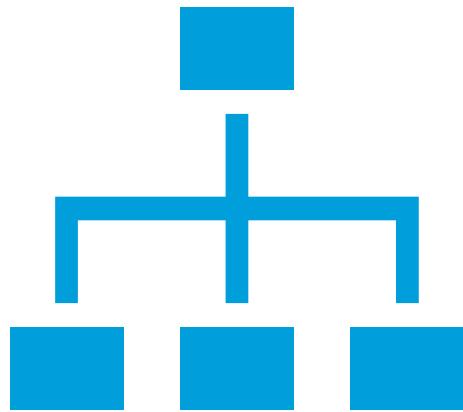


Regional Updates

2.1

Humanitarian Reset

Humanitarian Reset



Restructuring



Travels



Budget

Humanitarian Reset

- The humanitarian field has faced challenges during the past months. The resources available to us are stretched thin, yet the needs continue to grow. Many organizations have been forced to make difficult decisions, scaling back essential programs or delaying critical aid.
- INSARAG as a Network will remain steadfast in our commitment but will also need to adapt to shifting conditions.
- OCHA as an organization is scaling down, and so is the Secretariat. The capacity for the Secretariat to participate in classifications, meetings and other activities has and will continue to change, putting higher demands on the network.
- As a network, we must stay together, as INSARAG's role is more critical now than ever.

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ISG 2025 Summary Update

ISG 2025 Summary Update

- The Secretariat would once again like to thank everyone who participated in the INSARAG Steering Group meeting in Geneva in March.
- During this important meeting the ISG endorsed several items. Among others, an extension of the Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group was endorsed, a new model of funding for the ICMS was endorsed in principle, and the Governance Review reached a conclusion on several areas of Annex I, and on all recommendations of Annex II.
- Three Thematic Areas of Annex 1 are still under process - Area 2: Decision-Making Mandate, Area 3: Accountability and Compliance and Area 7: Localization – that will be further discussed today.

2025 ISG Chairman's Summary

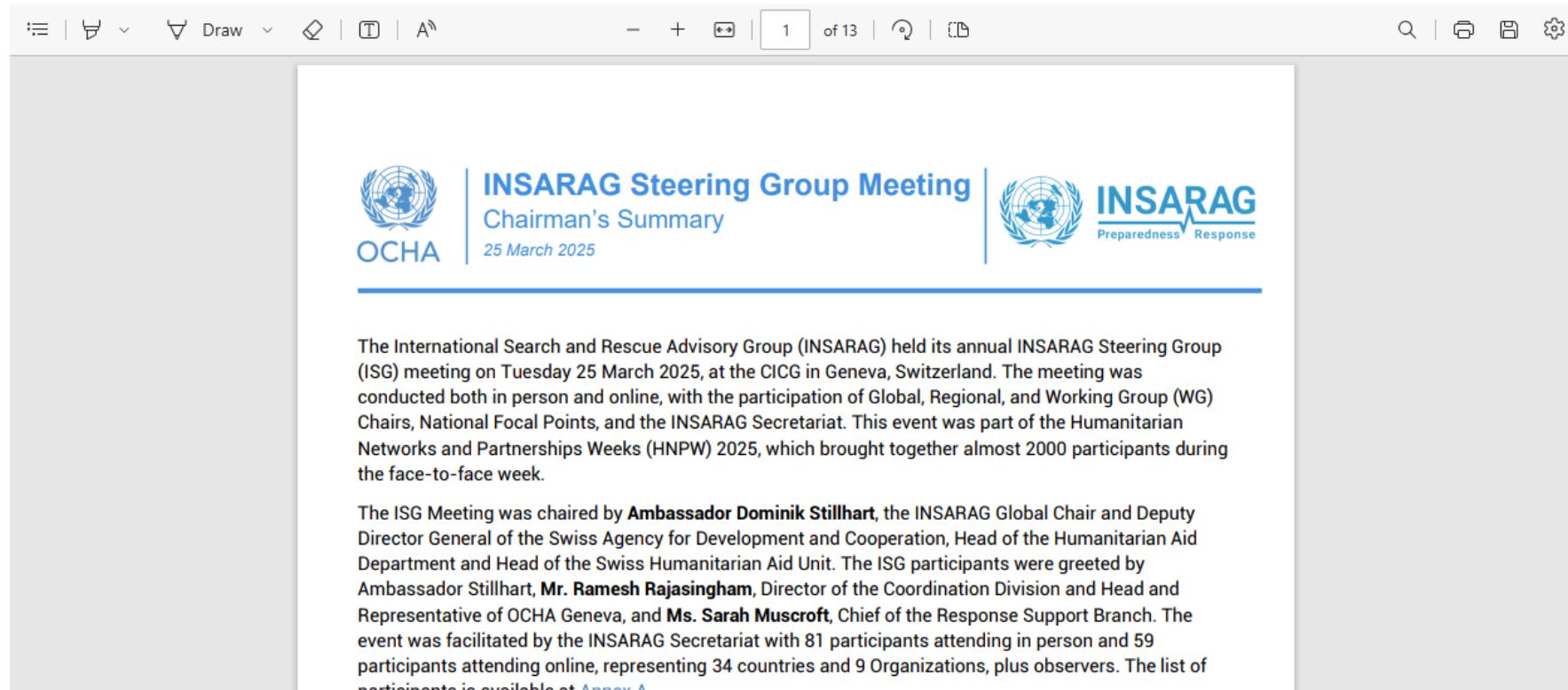
ISG 2025 Chairman's Summary

[Available at INSARAG.org](https://insarag.org)

The INSARAG Secretariat would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all participants of the 2025 INSARAG Steering Group (ISG) Meeting. Your active engagement, valuable insights, and continued commitment to strengthening international urban search and rescue (USAR) coordination have made this year's meeting a success.

The **ISG 2025 Chairman's Summary** is now available. This document captures the key discussions and decisions agreed upon during the meeting. The ISG 2025 Chairman's summary can also be found together with previous years Chairman's summaries [here](#).

Thank you once again for your contributions and continued support of the INSARAG network.

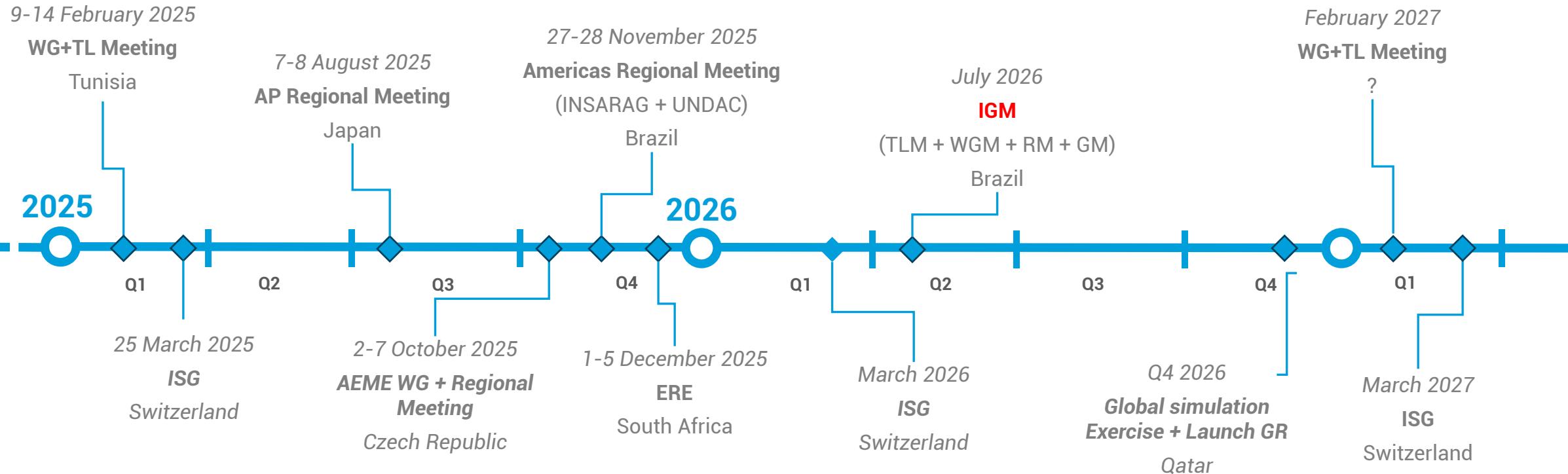


The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document window. The title bar includes standard icons for file, edit, and view. The main content area displays the title 'INSARAG Steering Group Meeting Chairman's Summary 25 March 2025' with the OCHA and INSARAG logos. Below the title, a summary of the meeting is provided, mentioning its in-person and online nature, participation of various groups, and its role in the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) 2025. The text is followed by a detailed description of the ISG meeting's chair, participants, and facilitation.

The International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) held its annual INSARAG Steering Group (ISG) meeting on Tuesday 25 March 2025, at the CICG in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was conducted both in person and online, with the participation of Global, Regional, and Working Group (WG) Chairs, National Focal Points, and the INSARAG Secretariat. This event was part of the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW) 2025, which brought together almost 2000 participants during the face-to-face week.

The ISG Meeting was chaired by **Ambassador Dominik Stillhart**, the INSARAG Global Chair and Deputy Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Head of the Humanitarian Aid Department and Head of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit. The ISG participants were greeted by Ambassador Stillhart, **Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham**, Director of the Coordination Division and Head and Representative of OCHA Geneva, and **Ms. Sarah Muscroft**, Chief of the Response Support Branch. The event was facilitated by the INSARAG Secretariat with 81 participants attending in person and 59 participants attending online, representing 34 countries and 9 Organizations, plus observers. The list of participants is available at [Annex A](#).

Key Milestones 2025-2026



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INSARAG Coordination Management System (ICMS)



AEME Feedback on ICMS

- Funding model endorsed at INSARAG Steering Group (ISG) on 25 March 2025, and further by Regional Chairs
- A fundraising drive is ongoing within the INSARAG network to support a sustainable funding model
- Teams have received a message from the IM Working Group to proceed with the payment.

Sustainable Funding Model ICMS

The 2025 ISG acknowledged the need for a new model of funding to ensure continued development and operational effectiveness for ICMS 3.0 and, in principle, endorsed the presented funding proposal.

The funding proposal includes each team covering the cost of a five-year ICMS use for EUR 7,500, or EUR 1,500 yearly for five years, covering access, maintenance, training, and support.

The license fee will cover:

- Full access to ICMS and its features
- Development of new versions and maintenance of ICMS
- Online training modules
- Development of Face-to-face training courses
- Operational support from the IMWG Technical Support Team during major deployments

In order to facilitate the license fee payment, NED-01 has been asked by the Secretariat to act as Treasurer of the funds and will coordinate the whole payment process.

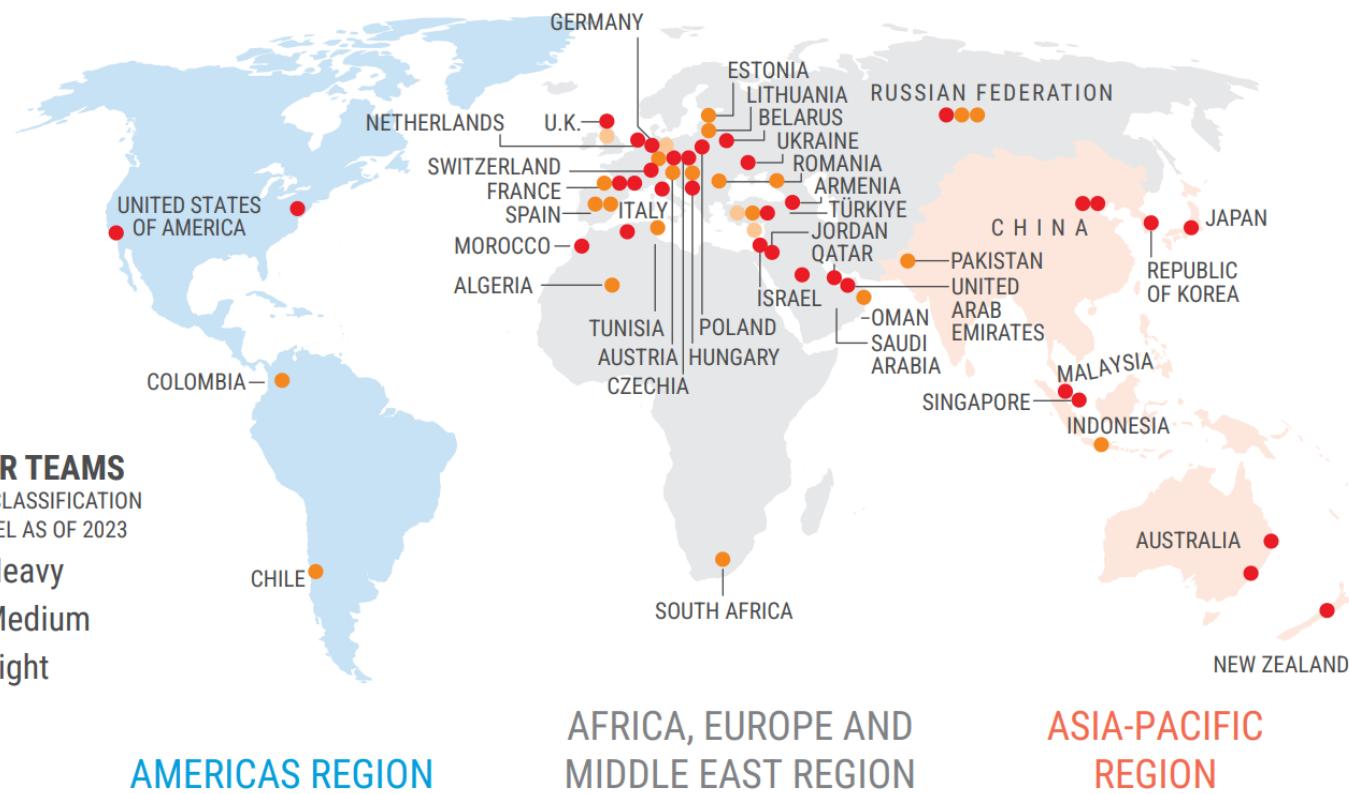
Please reach out to Whitney Veen from the IM WG for follow up

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IEC/Rs 2025-2027

58 Classified teams to date

INSARAG REGIONS



Region	Light	Medium	Heavy	Total
AEME	4	17	22	43
Americas	-	1	3	4
Asia-Pacific	-	2	9	11
Total	4	20	34	58



2025 IEC/Rs in Asia Pacific

1 IECs & 4 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	Level
China (CHN-01)	24-May-25	30-May-25	IER	Heavy
China (CHN-02)	24-May-25	30-May-25	IER	Heavy
Singapore (SGP-01)	19-Aug-25	22-Aug-25	IER	Heavy
Australia (AUS-01)	08-Sep-25	12-Sep-25	IER	Heavy
Thailand (THA-01)	10-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	IEC	Medium

Note: No IEC/ERs in the Americas in 2025



2026 IEC/Rs in Asia Pacific and the Americas

2026 - 3 IECs & 2 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	LEVEL
AMERICAS				
Ecuador (ECU-01)	27-Apr-26	01-May-26	IEC	Medium
Colombia (COL-01)	06-Jul-26	10-Jul-26	IER	Medium
ASIA PACIFIC				
China (CHN-10)	16-Mar-26	20-Mar-26	IEC	Medium
Malaysia (MAS-01)	21-Sep-26	25-Sep-26	IER	Heavy
China (CHN-11)	20-Nov-26	23-Nov-26	IEC	Medium



2027 IEC/Rs in Asia Pacific and the Americas

2027- 2 IECs & 2 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	LEVEL
AMERICAS				
Ecuador (ECU-02)	12-Apr-27	16-Apr-27	IEC	Medium
USA (USA-01)	04-May-27	08-May-27	IER	Heavy
ASIA PACIFIC				
India (IND-01)	22-Feb-27	26-Feb-27	IEC	Heavy
Pakistan (PAK-01)	11-Oct-27	15-Oct-27	IER	Medium



2025 IEC/Rs in AEME

2025 - 3 IECs & 12 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	Level
Netherlands (NED-01)	27-Jan-25	31-Jan-25	IER	Heavy
France (FRA-02)	31-Mar-25	04-Apr-25	IER	Heavy
Poland (POL-01)	14-Apr-25	16-Apr-25	IER	Heavy
Belarus (BLR-01)	11-Aug-25	15-Aug-25	IER	Heavy
Ukraine (UKR-01)	01-Sep-25	06-Sep-25	IER	Heavy
Türkiye (TUR-02)	13-Oct-25	17-Oct-25	IER	Heavy
Jordan (JOR-01)	19-Oct-25	23-Oct-25	IER	Heavy
Georgia (GEO-01)	04-Nov-25	08-Nov-25	IEC	Light
Türkiye (TUR-01)	17-Nov-25	21-Nov-25	IER	Heavy
Oman (OMA-01)	07-Dec-25	11-Dec-25	IEC	Medium > Heavy



2026 IEC/Rs in AEME

2026 - 6 IECs & 6 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	IEC LEVEL
France (FRA-03)	26-Jan-26	30-Jan-26	IER	Heavy
UAE (UAE-01)	09-Feb-26	13-Feb-26	IER	Heavy
Algeria (ALG-01)	13-Apr-26	17-Apr-26	IER	Heavy
Italy (ITA-01)	18-May-26	22-May-26	IEC	Medium
Italy (ITA-02)	18-May-26	22-May-26	IEC	Light
Egypt (EGY-01)	10-Aug-26	14-Aug-26	IEC	Medium
Lithuania (LTU-01)	07-Sep-26	11-Sep-26	IEC	Light
Austria (AUT-01)	05-Oct-26	09-Oct-26	IER	Heavy
Germany (GER-01)	05-Oct-26	09-Oct-26	IEC	Medium
Romania (ROU-01)	19-Oct-26	23-Oct-26	IEC	Heavy

2027 IEC/Rs in AEME

3 IECs & 8 IERs

Country	Start Date	End Date	IEC/R	Level
Morocco (MAR-01)	18-Jan-27	22-Jan-27	IER	Heavy
Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ-01)	08-Mar-27	12-Mar-27	IEC	Medium
Suisse (SUI-01)	26-Apr-27	30-Apr-27	IER	Heavy
France (FRA-01)	13-May-27	17-May-27	IER	Medium
Germany (GER-03)	24-May-27	28-May-27	IER	Light
Moldova (MDA-01)	7-Jun-27	11-Jun-27	IEC	Medium
Russia (RUS-03)	21-Jun-27	25-Jun-27	IER	Medium
Croatia (CRO-01)	05-Jul-27	09-Jul-27	IEC	Medium
Germany (GER-02)	23-Aug-27	27-Aug-27	IER	Medium
South Africa (RSA-01)	04-Oct-27	15-Oct-27	IER	Medium
Türkiye (TUR-03)	11-Nov-27	15-Nov-27	IER	Medium

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AEME Regional Updates

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Objective 1.1 – Action Plan: Contribute to the improvement of INSARAG Guidelines

Objective 1.2 – Action Plan Translate the guidelines into their national disaster preparedness and response plans

Objective 1.3 – Action Plan Participate in IEC/R and review of the IEC/R Roster

Objective 1.4 – Action Plan: Countries adopt and apply the INSARAG Recognised National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) and establish and train a pool of expert

INSARAG
Strategic Plan 2021-2026
Endorsed 27 January 2021



The Strategic Plan of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) presents the vision, overarching goals and strategic objectives of the network, endorsed by its Global and Regional chairs, for the period 2021-2026.

Our Vision and Mission

OUR VISION is to save lives by promoting efficiency, enhanced quality and coordination amongst national and international Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams based on adherence to common guidelines and methodologies.

OUR MISSION is to prepare for, mobilize and coordinate effective, principled and flexible international USAR assistance in support of countries affected by collapsed structure emergencies, and to actively support capacity-building at the international, regional, national and local level to ensure a localized and coherent response to emergencies.

Our Mandate and Role

OUR MANDATE is recognized and supported by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 57/150 of 16 December 2002 on "*Strengthening the Effectiveness of International Urban Search and Rescue Assistance*" and recalled in several further declarations such as the INSARAG Hyogo Declaration (2010) on the "*Recognition and Strengthening of International Urban Search and Rescue Operational Standards*" and the INSARAG Abu Dhabi Declaration (2015) on "*Strengthening Preparedness and Response Standards of National and International Urban Search and Rescue Operations*", adopted at the first and second INSARAG Global Meetings, that provide renewed impetus and guidance for our work ahead and put special emphasis on the need for national capacity building. Experiences in recent emergencies and other related platforms such as the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 have recalibrated our focus and resources towards strengthening the national capacity.

OUR ROLE is to:

- Develop and promote globally recognised standards for USAR assistance, coordination methodologies and tools.
- Mobilize and coordinate information exchange protocols between relevant stakeholders for rapid response.
- Promote cooperation and share experience with partners at local, national, regional and international levels with National Disaster Management Agencies from Member States, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), the private sector, academia and other relevant networks.

Our Values and Operational Norms

- **Adherence to common standards and methodology:** Members of the INSARAG network commit to adhere to the INSARAG Guidelines and methodology as globally accepted and independently verifiable minimum operational standards and procedures, based on experts' knowledge and evidence-based experience. The INSARAG network continues to develop these standards and procedures through shared and continued learning.
- **Inclusiveness:** INSARAG brings together governments, governmental organisations, NGOs and disaster preparedness and response professionals. INSARAG particularly encourages disaster-prone countries to join the network, as well as any country or organisation with USAR response capacity. INSARAG emphasises the importance of gender awareness and considerations while working in disaster-affected areas.

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Objective 1.1 – Action Plan:

Contribute to the improvement of INSARAG Guidelines

Updates:

- Good engagement of AEME region in INSARAG Working groups
- Each WG has provided new material and updates to the new G/L as well as Technical Reference Notes
- Participation and hosting of INSARAG events (e.g Team Leader Meeting in February in Tunisia, Regional Meeting in October in Czech Republic)

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Objective 1.2 – Action Plan:

Translate the guidelines into their national disaster preparedness and response plans

Updates:

- Engagement at national level through capacity building of national teams
- Training and Exercises encouraging peer learning (EU Modex)
- International USAR Exercise in Romania, SIMEX Switzerland

Updates from the floor ?



Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Objective 1.3: Action Plan:

Participate in IEC/R & review Roster

Updates:

- AEME countries continues to mentor countries for IER/C (10 out of 12 current mentors are from the AEME) as well as interested countries (e.g Russia for Iran, Switzerland for Lebanon)
- Strong commitment to the classification process with AEME providing the largest quota of classifiers (77% or 132 out of 172)
- AEME teams represents 74% of the classified teams (43 out of 58)
- 10 IEC/R in AEME in 2025
 - o **IECs:** GEO-01, OMA-01 (Medium → Heavy)
 - o **IERs:** NED-01, FRA-02, POL-01, BLR-01, UKR-01, TUR-02, JOR-01, TUR-01

Classifiers by Country	
UK	12
Russian Federation	11
France	10
Germany	10
Hungary	8
Türkiye	8
Poland	6
Spain	6
Austria	5
Czech Republic	5
Jordan	5
Norway	5
Belarus	4
Estonia	4
The Netherlands	4
Oman	4
Switzerland	4
Algeria	3
Italy	3
Qatar	3
Ukraine	3
UAE	3
Azerbaijan	2
Lithuania	2
Romania	2

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Objective 1.4 – Action Plan:

Countries adopt and apply the INSARAG Recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) and establish and train a pool of expert

- **Updates:** Host technical Meetings and trainings such as IEC/IER Leadership Course, Qatar, UC Courses Italy and France, ICMS course Russia, UC Course ToT in Germany.
- Ongoing IRNAP process for France (due in 2027)
- A call for the establishment of those groups will be issued, and we welcome your contribution with experts.

Updates from the floor ?

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Objective 2.1 – Action Plan: Countries incorporate the principle of USAR Coordination into preparedness, response plans and trainings.

Objective 2.2 – Action Plan: Regional Groups support disaster prone countries in exploring ways to implement the NAP and the INSARAG First-Responders Training Package for communities

Objective 2.3 – Action Plan: In situations where global travel restrictions are in force, regional teams provide bilateral support and guidance to disaster prone countries.

Objective 2.4: Support the creation and/or articulation of relevant networks and cross-collaboration of good practices through meetings and exercises to test national response plans as well as the INSARAG and the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) system.

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Objective 2.1 – Action Plan:

Countries incorporate the principle of USAR Coordination into preparedness, response plans and trainings

Note: Similar objective as Quality Standard 1.2 ("Translate Guidelines into National Plans")

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Objective 2.2 – Action Plan:

Regional Groups support disaster prone countries to implement the NAP and the INSARAG First-Responders Training Package for communities

Updates:

- Note: Algeria offer to host an IRNAP course could not materialized for lack of funding for facilitators
- Ongoing IRNAP process for France (due in 2027)
- Note: There is no AEME Technical Support Group (TSG) or Technical Recognition Group (TRG).

Updates from the floor ?

Objective 2.3 – Action Plan:

Regional teams provide bilateral support to disaster prone countries.

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Objective 2.4 – Action Plan:

Support the cross-collaboration of good practices through meetings and exercises to test national response plans as well as the INSARAG and UNDAC

Updates:

- International USAR Exercise in Romania, SIMEX Switzerland, USAR K9 exercise in Czech Republic
- Annual Earthquake Response Exercise (South Africa, December)

Updates from the floor ?

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response

Objective 3.1 – Action Plan:

Explore the potential development of flexible response operations in disaster relief activities, e.g. floods

Updates:

- Developments are driven by the Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group
- Strong engagement of AEME in the WG with 10 members from United Kingdom, Algeria, Estonia, European Union, France, Italy, Romania, Russia, South Africa, United Kingdom
- Contributed to the development of a new Flood Response Directory and a Technical Guidance Note

Updates from the floor ?

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response

Objective 3.2 – Action Plan:

Explores and further develops new ways of working, such as remote opportunities in support of response operations, meetings and trainings

Updates:

- AEME members are committed to online meeting modalities, this increasing the efficiency, transparency and inclusiveness in the region
- Vast majority of meetings are held online or in hybrid format
- Use of Whatsapp group to support Working Groups

Note: Virtual OSOCC is an essential tool for INSARAG and might need to be updated. Similarly, the INSARAG.org hosting requires support

Updates from the floor ?

Regional Workplan

Strategic Objective 4: Partnership

Objective 4.1 – Action Plan: Strengthening ongoing partnerships (IFRC, EMT, UNDAC, UNDRR) through annual meetings, technical working groups consultations and joint training exercises (INSARAG Earthquake Response Exercises), to help strengthen the capacity and resilience of local communities

Objective 4.2 – Action Plan: Establish mutual technical partnership arrangements with local and regional partners, agencies, administrations, NGOs, private sector entities and networks of first responders, together with the national disaster management authorities

Updates:

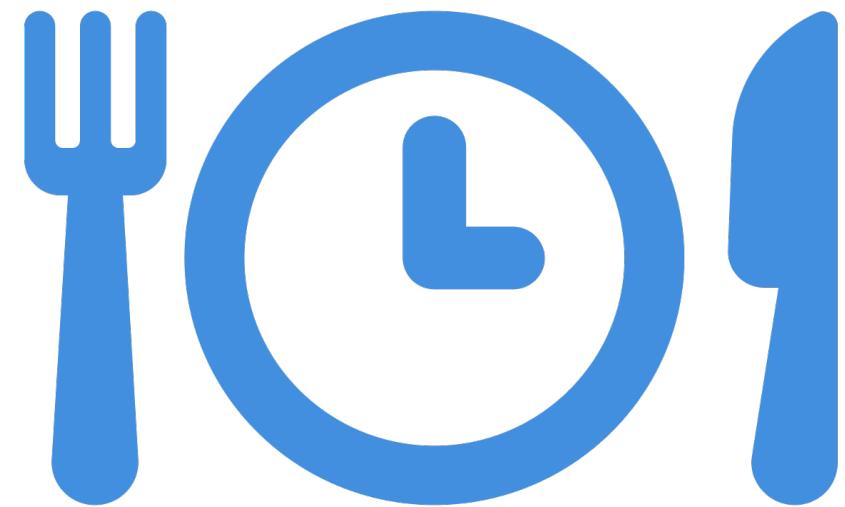
- EMT in the ERE in South Africa
- Continuous support to European Civil Protection Modex exercises

Updates from the floor?

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Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic

Lunch Break



The meeting will resume at 14:00

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Updates from Working Groups

4.1

National Capacity Building WG

National Capacity Building Working Group (NCBWG)

Expected outcomes

Topic	Outcomes
1. Support the INSARAG Guidelines review and update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manual A: Capacity building• Volume 1: Policy
2. IRNAP training delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TSG/TSG training course delivery• Awareness activities
3. Host nation support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host Nation Support Guidance Note• Training material
4. National USAR coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National USAR Coordination Guidance Note• Training material
5. Community based response training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy activities

National Capacity Building Working Group (NCBWG)

Workplan update

Volume II: National Capacity Building

New structure: holistic capacity-building approach

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Overview of the National Capacity Building Process**
- 3. Urban Search and Rescue Response Capacity Building**
 - a. Community-based response
 - b. First responders
 - c. Technical rescue
 - d. USAR Teams
 - e. Multi-hazard response
- 4. National USAR Framework**
 - a. Developing National USAR Management and Administration Infrastructure
 - b. National USAR Coordination
- 5. Receiving International Assistance**
 - a. Host Nation Support
 - b. Request for international assistance
 - c. Integration of international response to the national system
 - d. Host nation logistical support to international USAR operations
 - e. End of international USAR operations
 - f. Donations
 - g. Post mission review
- 6. National Quality Assurance**
 - a. National Accreditation Process (NAP)
 - b. INSARAG Recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP)
- 7. Annexes**

Note: In blue, new content or heavily revised



Volume II: National Capacity Building

Guidance notes

Topic	Volume II chapter	Release date
Urban Search and Rescue Response Capacity Building	Chapter 3	Draft version in 2025, endorsement in 2026
National USAR Coordination	Chapter 4	Draft version in 2026 endorsement in 2027
Receiving International Assistance	Chapter 5	Draft version in 2026 endorsement in 2027
Quality Assurance - IRNAP	Chapter 6	Updated Draft version in 2025 endorsement in 2026

Urban Search and Rescue Response Capacity Building

Main changes to the existing contents

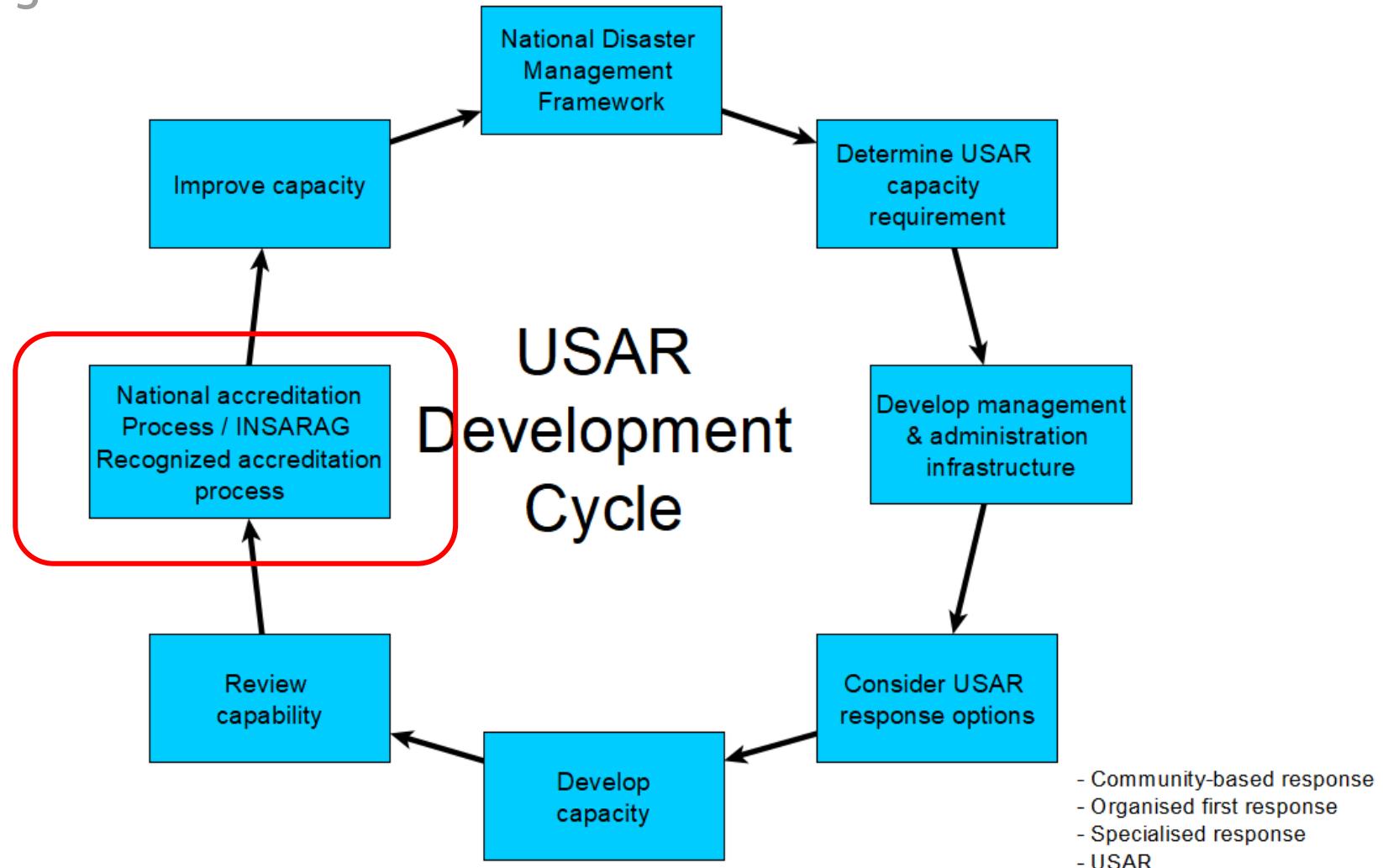
1. USAR Medium team's canine search requirement
2. Multi-hazard response
 - Flexibility and efficiency
 - Modular approach
 - Integrating shared emergency management elements across all hazard types, supplementing these common elements with hazard-specific sub-components to address gaps only as necessary
 - Flood response as an example



National USAR Framework

Main changes to the existing contents

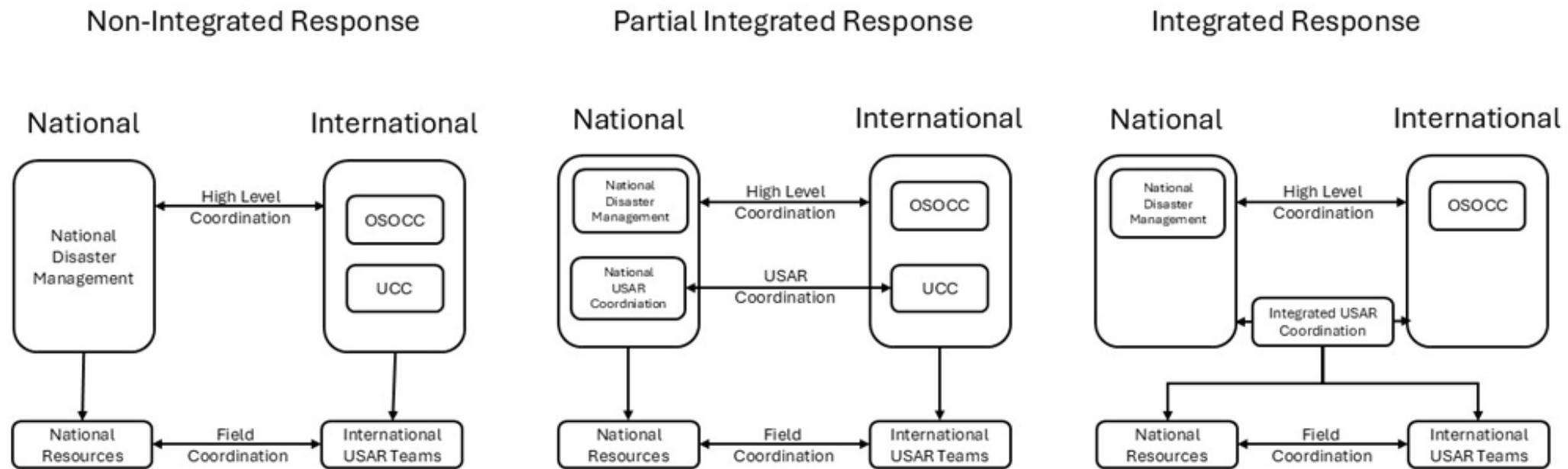
National Quality assurance was added to the USAR Framework (NAP/IRNAP)



National USAR Coordination

Main topics that were developed

1. USAR Coordination Key Actors
2. USAR Coordination at National Response Cycle
3. Elements of National USAR Coordination
4. Integration of International Response to National Structures



Receiving International Assistance

Main topics that were developed

1. Host Nation Support (HNS)
2. Request for International Assistance
3. Integration of International Response to the National System
4. Host nation logistical support to international USAR operations
5. End of International USAR Operations
6. Donations
7. Post-Mission Review



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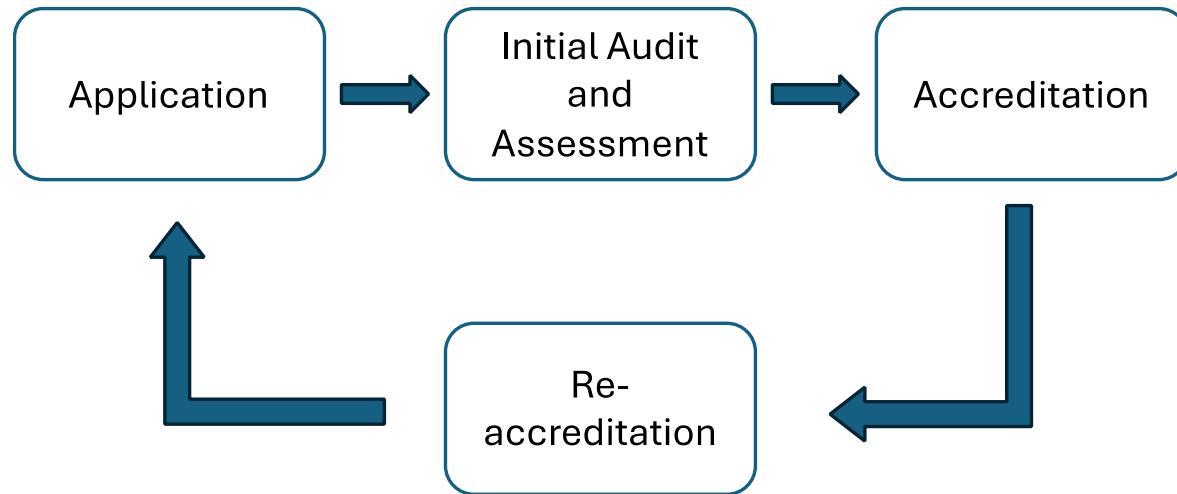
Source: INSARAG AFTER ACTION REVIEW
2023 Turkiye and Syria Earthquakes

National Quality Assurance

Main changes to the existing contents

1. NAP concept expanded

- NAP Objectives
- NAP Implementation
- NAP Stakeholders
- NAP Assessment Objectives
- NAP Evaluation Process
- National Responsibilities



2. IRNAP process streamlined and to be expanded in future updated Guidance Note

3. Colour code – orange eliminated

4. Duration of IRNAP recognition added – 10 years

5. NAP Field exercise set at a minimum of 36 hours

IRNAP Leadership Training

Leadership training for regional experts



Ecuador 2023



South Korea 2024

- Pilot course delivered in Ecuador in April 2023
- AP Region course delivered in Korea in September 2024
- Americas course delivered in April 2025 hosted by Canada
- ~~AEME Course planned for 2025 Q3~~



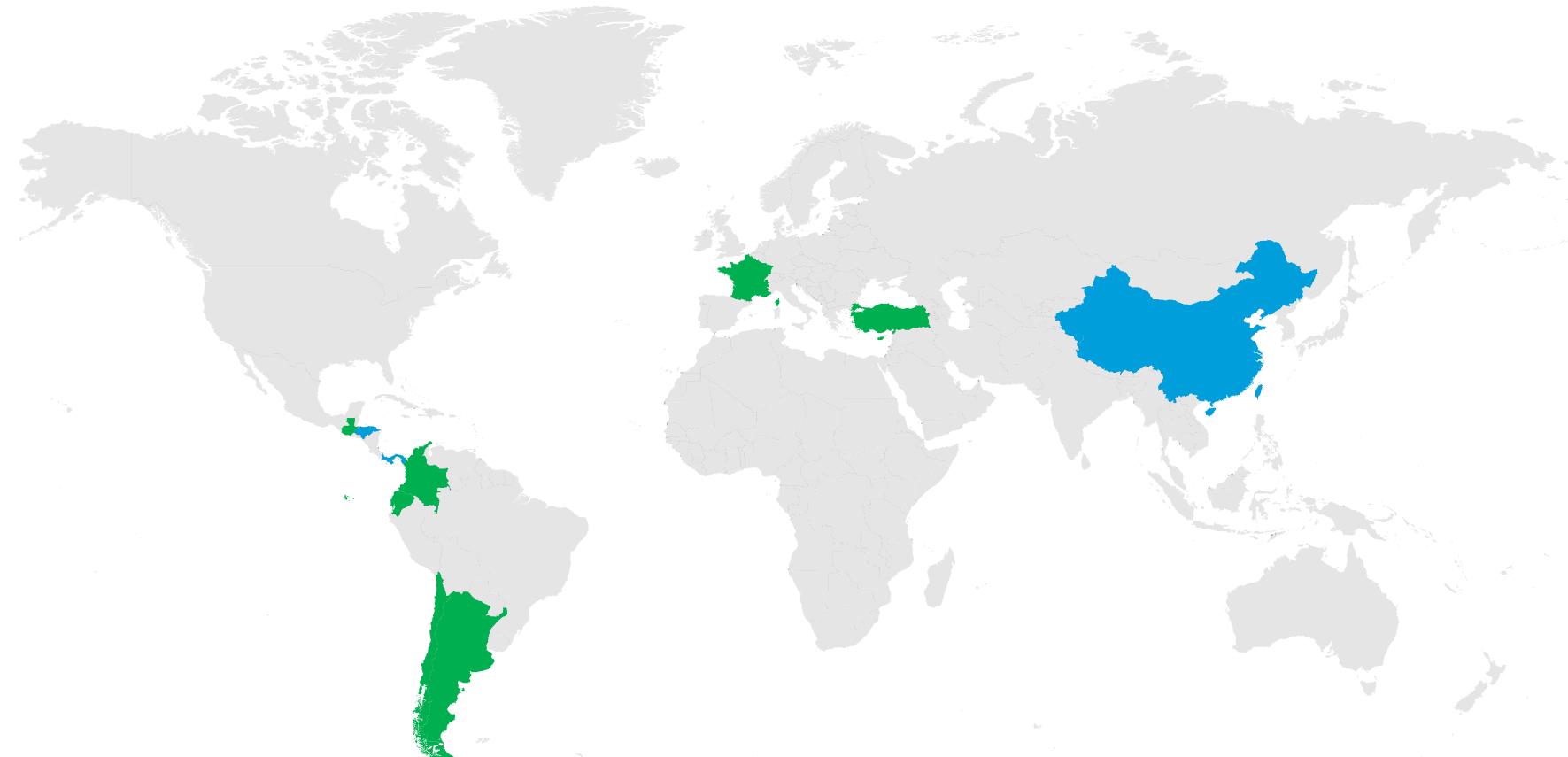
Canada 2025

Global IRNAP update

Updated to September 2025

IRNAP completed process

1. France (2017)
2. Türkiye (2017)
3. Colombia (2018)
4. Guatemala (2018)
5. Chile (2022)
6. Cyprus (2022)
7. Singapore (2022)
8. Argentina (2023)
9. Ecuador (2023)



IRNAP in progress

1. Panama
2. Honduras
3. Guatemala
4. China

Way forward

- Continue with the current work plan until the end of 2026
- Request for a three-year extension at the 2026 ISG
- Review NCBWG membership and call for new participants



4.2

Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group

MEETINGS

- Liverpool, UK, December 5 - 6, 2024 (AEME Region)

- Tunis, Tunisia, February 8 - 9, 2025

ISG Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, March 25, 2025

- Virtual, September 17, 2025

- Prague, Czech Republic, October 4 - 5, 2025

ISG Meeting in Geneva, March 25, 2025

The Co-Chairs of the SAR-FR WG presented the group's progress:

- alignment with the 2021-2026 INSARAG Strategic Plan: flexible response and localization
- flood response Directory, available on the INSARAG website
- Flood Response Capacity Building Technical Reference Note

CO-CHAIRS

AEME, Russell Gauden (UK); ASIA-PACIFIC, Jeremy Stubbs (Australia); AMERICAS, José Solla (Brazil)

MEMBERS

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Estonia: Gert Teder

France: Emmanuel Chappeau

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Romania: Stefan Elisei

Russia: Grigory Korolkov

South Africa: Jannie

Lengoabala

United Kingdom: Alex Kerr

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Bilotta

AMERICAS

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Ílcario Gabriel

Greinert, Robson Mitsuo

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Ecuador: Esteban
Cárdenas, Gabriel
Rodriguez

USA: Sean Findlay

ASIA-PACIFIC

India: Nerendra Singh
Bundela

New Zealand: Rob
McDowall

Pakistan: Raza Iqbal

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (September 17, 2025)

- **Training and Capacity Building**
- **Flood Response Directory**
- **Interoperability and Regional Cooperation**

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Training and Capacity Building

a) Water rescue and vehicles

- Practical exercises with submerged cars
- Victim extraction techniques
- Safety protocols for rescuers

a) Flood scenario management

- Types of floods:
 - Still water: lagoons, flooded urban areas
 - Swift water: rivers, ravines, flash floods
- Self-rescue and assisted rescue techniques

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Training and Capacity Building

c) Physical and technical skills

- Swimming training focused on rescue
- Basic rope skills (knots, anchor systems, zip lines)
- Training in the handling and operation of rescue boats (row and motor)

d) Technical support capabilities

- Basic topography course applied to floods (map reading, contour lines, evacuation routes)
- Communication standards (radios, protocols, manual and acoustic signals)
- Operation of aerial and aquatic drones for search, localization, and logistical support

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Training and Capacity Building

e) Establish Common Operational Priorities

Priority 1 – Rescue/Recovery

- Coordination with LEMA
- Location and extraction of live victims
- Search and recovery of bodies

Priority 2 – Humanitarian Assistance

- Establishment of temporary shelters
- Psychosocial support and community first aid
- Distribution of food and safe water
- Mitigation of secondary risks (epidemics, contamination)

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Flood Response Directory in the INSARAG Website

a) Need for updating records

Update the team sheet and directory list to ensure that all information regarding members, positions, training, and operational availability is current. This process will allow:

- Verification of active personnel and their certified competencies.
- Identification of gaps in training and equipment
- Search and recovery of bodies.

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Flood Response Directory in the INSARAG Website

b) Comparison between current Directory and actual capacities

A comparative evaluation should be conducted between the current directory and the actual operational capacity of each team. This includes:

- Verifying personnel's active status and availability.
- Validating training certifications (water rescue, boat handling, drone operation, etc.).
- Assessing equipment conditions and operational readiness.
- Identifying strengths, weaknesses, and needs for capacity-building

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Interoperability and Regional Cooperation

Effective response operations require interoperability and cooperation between all participating teams, institutions, and international partners. To achieve this, the following elements must be established and maintained:

a) Common standards (NFPA, EU, UK NATIONAL STANDARDS...)

Safety standards, equipment certification, PPE (personal protection equipment), operator licenses and permits (boats, drones, etc), vaccination, medical and veterinary protocols

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Interoperability and Regional Cooperation

b) Common protocols – standard operational procedures (SOP)

Safety protocols, boats maneuvers, search and rescue patterns, geolocalization, rescue prioritization, local culture dead body recovery procedures, common documentation, BoO (Base of Operations) common rules

c) Common language

English as lingua franca, hand signs, light signals and whistle communication. Create an international signal common language for a rescue reference guide.

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Interoperability and Regional Cooperation

d) Management, coordination centre

Management and coordination center, a FRCC - Flood Response Coordination Center similar to the USAR Coordination Center, similar procedures, standard organigram similar to USAR teams

e) Ability to share resources

Adaptors for different equipment, compatible equipment, specialized personnel as engineers, HAZMAT, mechanic, medical (for the team members) etc.

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (October 4 - 5, 2025)

Interoperability and Regional Cooperation

f) Common Training (personnel Exchange)

Minimum basic training requirements and ongoing training programs similar to USAR international training programs. Exchange rescue personnel programs, experience, training, observation.

g) Joint Exercises

Strongly recommended at least one per year.

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4.3

INSARAG Guidelines Review Group

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International Search & Rescue Advisory Group

Guideline Review Group

2026 Edition - Summary of Changes



GRG Co-Chairs
John Cawcutt Australia
Martin Evers the Netherlands

Guideline Review Group

- The INSARAG Guidelines are reviewed every 5-years to facilitate continuous improvement.
- Large number of recommendations from the Türkiye/Syria AAR and the INSARAG Governance Review so an extension of 12 months was approved by the ISG (2025-2026).
- The GRG has 12 members represented by all regions including two NGOs.
- The 2026 revision of the INSARAG Guidelines has been developed in accordance with the direction set by the Team Leaders and the INSARAG Steering Group.
- The 2026 Guidelines will be ready for approval at the 2026 ISG.

2026 Guidelines revision

Strategic Agenda

- Team Leaders Meeting
- INSARAG Steering Group

Reviews

- Governance Review
- Turkiye / Syria After Action review

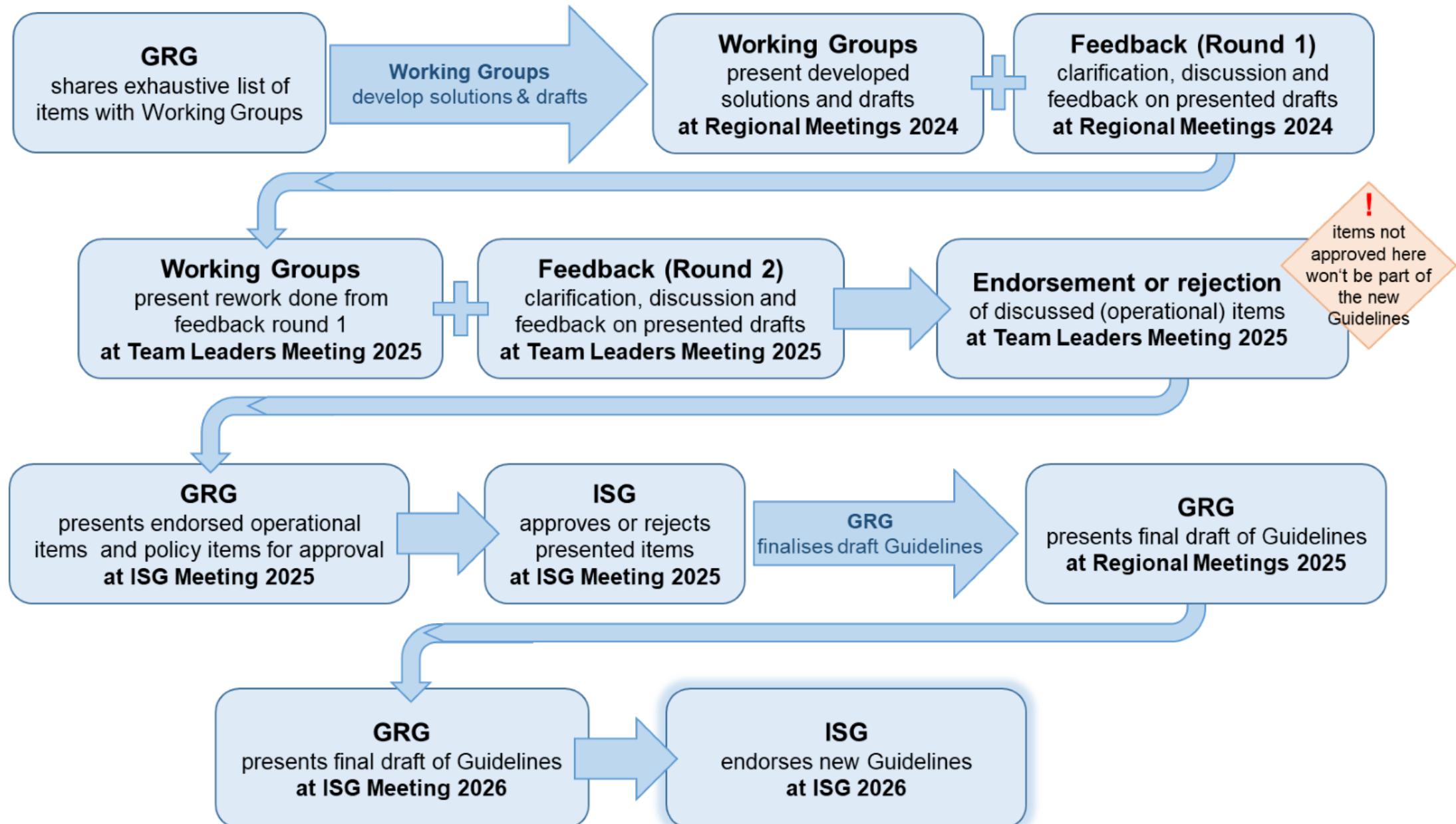
Technical - Working Groups

- Training Working Group
- Medical Working Group
- Information Management Working Group
- National Capacity Building Working Group
- Quality Assurance – IEC/R Working Group
- Flood Response Working Group



Input into Guidelines c.a.

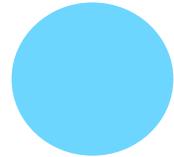
Timeline and Feedback loop



Volume numbering



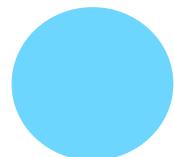
Volume 1 – Policy (formerly Vol I)



Volume 2 – National Capacity Building (formerly Vol II A)



Volume 3 – Operations (formerly Vol II B)



Volume 4 – IEC/IER (formerly Vol II C)



Volume 5 – Field Operations Guide (formerly Vol III)

Volume 1 - Policy



Gender neutral text – all volumes



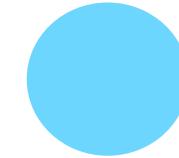
Restructure of volumes



Add explanation of document structure (Binding or Non-binding)



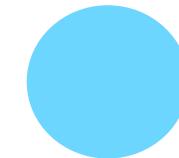
Warsaw Declaration and Humanitarian Principles added



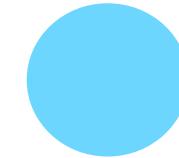
Speed of Activation – further explanation



New procedure for approval for medical practice



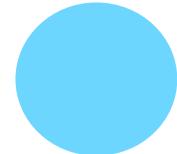
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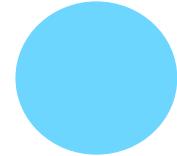
Include quarterly induction for new focal points.

Volume 2 – National Capacity Building

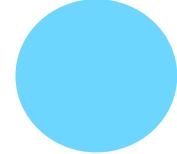
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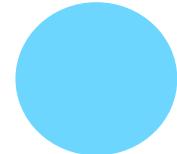
Renamed Vol 2 (Manual B) to - National Capacity Building



Introduced Chapter 2 - Overview of the National Capacity Building Process



National USAR Framework to include guidance on coordination



USAR Response Capacity Building

- Include multi-hazard or modular approach
- Medium National (NAP-IRNAP) USAR teams to have both search dog and technical search

Volume 2 – National Capacity Building

(Formally Volume II Manual A)



Receiving International Assistance

- Expanded how affected country receives international assistance
- Guidance on requests, integration, logistical support, donations etc

Host Nation Support (HNS)

- Role of the host national government and integration to national system

National Quality Assurance

- NAP process updates (ex: Field Exercise set to 36 hours)

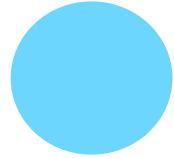
IRNAP

- Reduced description of IRNAP process to avoid duplication
- Incorporated lessons learned from IRNAP in Americas and AP regions
- Eliminated “orange” from IRNAP checklist
- 10 year duration recognition to be included

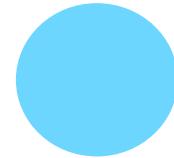
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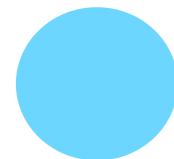
Triage categories removed and directed to UC Handbook



Add VOSOCC status to response cycle



MWG changes as directed



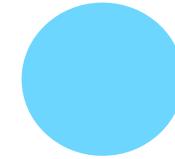
Add relevant ICMS information and align with UC Handbook



Incorporated the related Türkiye and Syria AAR findings



Information Management Section moved to UC Handbook



Emphasis on post mission reports, including analysis and coordination



Changed Survey123 to QuickCapture



USAR Response Capacity Building

- Add work area definition
- Add sector and sub-sector to glossary

Volume 4 – IEC/IER (Formerly Volume II Manual C)



INSARAG network obligations of classified teams to be reviewed and enhanced



Flexible duration of IEC/R (possible 36-48 hour)



IER application clarified



Inclusion of enhanced care to trapped live victims.

- Increased and more specific requirements for medical scenarios
- Added medical personnel to be involved with EXCON when developing scenarios for IEC/R

Volume 5 – Field Operations guide (Formerly Volume III)



Incorporated the related Türkiye and Syria AAR findings



ICMS 3.0: Result of the Türkiye AAR and workshops/consultations:

- Simplification – Data collection reduction
- Flexibility – coordination Layers
- Worksite ID – Delinking from sectors – (NZL01-0107)
- Alignment of terminology across all INSARAG platforms (VOSOCC, ICMS)
- Updates and simplified paper forms
- Persona based information displays

Other Items



Flood Response on VOSOCC (voluntary basis for classified USAR teams)

- Countries affected by extreme flooding can request international assistance

Development of a Technical Reference note on S&R in flood response

- Reference for INSARAG members
- Possible future expansion



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THANK YOU!



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4.4

Training Working Group



Training Working Group

Past 12 months

1. Monthly online meetings. On-site meetings: UK and Tunisia.
2. IEC/R Leadership course Jan 2025
3. Dewey Perks resigned as co-chair, Sólveig Thorvaldsdóttir new co-chair.
4. Guideline Review on Manual B, and associated forms and UC handbook. Cooperation with IMWG.
5. Updated mission phases on VO.
6. Initiated network triage consultation.

Next 12 months

1. Monthly online meetings. Next on-site meetings: Iceland, Sept.
2. Triage consultation in progress. Triage Summary report due 15 Jan, 2026.
3. Finish review on UC Handbook after consultation and ICMS 3.0 are ready.
4. Continue to work on recommendations from the After Action Analysis report.
5. Work through suggestions from the TLM in Tunisia.

Coffee Break



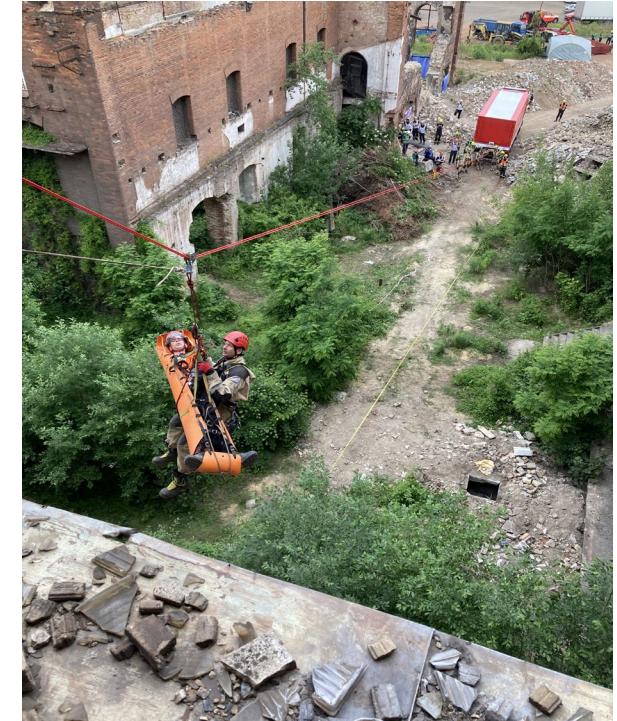
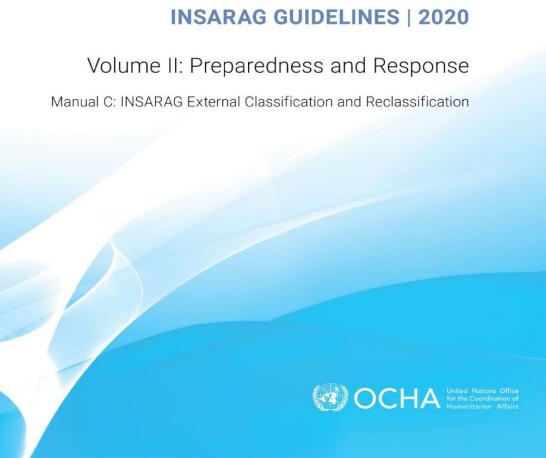
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Consultations on Quality Assurance

20th Anniversary of the INSARAG IEC/R System

Reflecting on Two Decades of Quality Assurance in USAR



Commemorating 20 Years of IEC/R

- A milestone in urban search and rescue (USAR)
- Unique globally recognized Quality Assurance
- Ensuring effectiveness and reliability in disaster relief by quality assurance
- Strengthening global preparedness and response for the responders and the receiving LEMA
- Peer Review-learning from each other
- Enhancing interoperability worldwide



Global Impact

- Growth of INSARAG - 58 Classified USAR Teams Worldwide
- Ensuring quality humanitarian assistance
- Strengthening international cooperation in disaster response
- Developing flexible response
- Other organizations are following the example



Key Achievements - Advancing Standards & Readiness

- IER all 5 years – 2 years process (INSARAG Guidelines Vol II, Manual C)
- Standardization of USAR capabilities and coordination
- Standardization of the IEC/R process
- 36-42hrs Field-Ex from Mob – Deployment - Demob
- Standardization and objective IEC/R Checklist (Focus n WHAT and not the HOW)
- Fostering cooperation and mutual support – Mentorship (peers)
- Continuous improvement through 5 year reclassification process

Preparedness	How to Column that is not required		How to Column that is not required		How to Column that is required	
	Right	Medium	Wrong	Unprepared	Prepared	Compliant
1. Identify Local Point	Definition					
1. The local team have an Identified Policy Point in the Identified Local Point	The Policy Point is the central point of contact between the local team and the broader, MELCO, community. The Policy Point is the point of contact for the local team and the MELCO, and is responsible for ensuring that appropriate information is communicated to the local team.					
2. Does the local team have an Identified Operational Point	The Operational Point is involved with operational issues related to the team, and represents the team's point of contact for operational issues. MELCO designates Operational Points and requires them to be clearly identified and to be available.					
3. Does the local team have an Identified Child Team Point	The Child Team Point is the point of contact for the child team, and ensures that the MELCO, behaviours and accountabilities are implemented, including preparedness and response (including RCF).					
4. Identify MELCO	Definition					
4. Do we have an effective communication system between the child team and the MELCO, and does the child team work with the MELCO, to support the child team's role in the community?	The person in the authority is authorising the Child team to discuss and file with the MELCO.					
5. Identify Local Point	Definition					
5. Do we have an effective communication system between the child team and the local point of contact?	As the team consider its Identified Policy Point, regarding the appropriateness to respond or not. Consider: - Is there sufficient resources in the affected county? - Sufficient resources already deployed? - Is the affected area a priority for the county? - Security status? - Current environmental conditions?					
6. Does the local team have a home-based support system to assist with communication and the co-ordinating what happened?						
7. Does the local team have a system to identify and respond to child protection issues?						
8. Do we have a system to identify and respond to child protection issues in the affected county?	Refer to the Procedure on Practice Child Welfare document, provided on www.MELCO.org					
9. Does the local team have a system to identify and respond to child protection issues in the affected county?						
10. Does the local team have a system to identify and respond to child protection issues in the affected county?						
11. Identify MELCO	Definition					
11. Do we have an effective communication system between the child team and the MELCO?						
12. Is the local team registered in the MELCO?	The local team must be registered in the directory of internal child teams on www.MELCO.org					
13. Is the local team registered in the MELCO?	The local team should have people trained to access and use the site and codes.					

Challenges

- Intensity of resources for planning, preparation and conduct for the USAR Teams
- Shrinking resources of INSARAG Secretariat
- Future of ICMS-Coordination
- Quality of classifiers and mentors



IEC/R Quality Assurance WG



The WG is now staffed (9), well balanced and operational



Review of INSARAG Guidelines Vol II, Manual C



Review of INSARAG IEC/R Checklist within the 5 year cycle



IEC/R Checklist to focus on capability (WHAT) more than on method (HOW and Equipment)



Flexible duration of IEC/R (possible to plan 36 – 48hrs) → Light, Medium, Heavy → on request by team and coordination with IEC/R Cadre



Review of PoE → Format and content



Review IEC/R application clarified



Discuss how to support the INSARAG Secretariat during IEC/R Process – from Application on

Commitment to the Future: INSARAG's Vision Moving Forward

- Continued focus on preparedness and response
- Strengthening cooperation among USAR teams of the three regions
- Enhancing quality assurance to save more lives
- Enhancing the quality of Classifiers
- Mentoring future USAR practitioners - Preparing the Next Generation
- Adapting to evolving disaster challenges and changing humanitarian landscape
- Strengthening the global humanitarian network

Conclusion

- Recognizing 20 years of excellence
- 58 IEC/R classified USAR Teams able to work and perform together
- Reaffirming dedication to professionalism and humanitarian aid
- A future where the global response is stronger than ever



Thank You!

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Governance Review Consultations

Thematic Area 2: Decision-Making Mandate

INITIAL QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM THE REGIONS

Questions	AEME	AP	Americas	Global
2. Decision-Making Mandate and Responsibilities				
2.1 Consensus is when nobody eligible to vote objects.	Yes	50-50	Yes	
2.2 If consensus cannot be reached, defer to Global Chair, Regional Chairs and Secretary?	Yes	Yes	No	

The initial Governance review report provides on page 42 that 'A pragmatic view may say that with limited time to make decisions, consensus should be the objective, but allowances made for when consensus cannot be reached.' It would appear that the initial questions have been amended during the consultation process, which has led to differing views and results within the network.

REVISED QUESTIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

In view of the differing views, the following amended questions are recommended in going forward:

2.1 Consensus is reached when all members have agreed to adopt a proposal. Members can agree to adopt a proposal, but still have reservations.
2.2 If consensus cannot be reached, the issue will be deferred to the Global Chair and the Regional Chairs

Thematic Area 3: Accountability and Compliance

INITIAL QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM THE REGIONS

Questions	AEME	AP	Americas	Global
3. Accountability and Compliance				
3.1 Should the INSARAG Guidelines be recognized as standards rather than merely guidelines?	Guidelines	Standards	Standards	
3.2 Should INSARAG have an internal investigations framework within the INSARAG Guidelines?	No	Yes	Yes	
3.3 If yes, should PFPs and TFPs provide internal investigation assurances to the INSARAG Secretariat?	No	Yes	Yes	

The INSARAG Guidelines are silent on ramifications for non-compliance, including who or which organization within the network is empowered to ensure compliance. The status of the non-legally binding INSARAG Guidelines cannot be unilaterally changed by its members under international law. As such, and in view of the fact that a univocal global position has not been achieved, the Secretariat suggests excluding this area from the Governance Review.

Thematic Area 7: Localization

INITIAL QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM THE REGIONS

Questions	AEME	AP	Americas	Global
7. Localization				
7.1 Should Regional Groups map global USAR capacity to identify gaps and agree on priority countries in the network?	Yes	Yes	No	
7.2 Should Regional Groups map vulnerable countries to work with donors & the INSARAG network to develop a capacity-building programme for countries requesting external support?	Yes	Yes	No	

The Americas Region concluded that announcing priority or vulnerable countries could have domestic political implications. Since gaps are already being identified and addressed bilaterally with appropriate assistance, there is no need for regional groups to map vulnerable countries according to the Americas Region. As a result, and in the absence of a univocal global position, the Secretariat suggests applying a regional approach to this area, which is in line with the current practice within the network. Consequently, this area is recommended to be excluded from the Governance review.



IV INSARAG Global Meeting, 2026

Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

6 October 2025
Prague, Czech Republic



PREVIOUS GLOBAL MEETINGS



Japan - 2010



Abu Dhabi - 2015

Poland - 2021 (virtual)

PROGRAM

- **Work Group Meetings**
- **Team Leaders Meeting**
- **Regional Meetings: AEME, AMERICAS and ASIA/PACIFIC**
- **ISG Meeting**
- **Global Meeting**
- **Cultural and Touristic Program**
- **Flood Response Practical Workshops**

FOZ DO IGUACU. BRAZIL



LOCATION AND DATES OF THE MEETINGS

LOCAL: Itaipu Binacional facilities

DATE: July, 2026



ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The International Airports of São Paulo (one hour) and Rio de Janeiro (two hours) have direct flights to Foz do Iguaçu.



ACCOMMODATION

Foz do Iguaçu is one of the most spectacular destinations of Brazil.

The city offers a diverse range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly hostels to luxurious resorts.



LANGUAGE

The official language of the Federative Republic of Brazil is Portuguese.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the IGM 2026.



JULY: THE HEIGHT OF WINTER IN FOZ DO IGUAÇU

July marks the peak of winter in Foz do Iguaçu. The weather during this period is generally dry and pleasant, making it ideal for outdoor activities, though visitors should be prepared for significant temperature fluctuations throughout the day.

With average temperatures ranging from 12°C to 15°C, July is considered an excellent time to explore the region, thanks to its mild climate and lower chance of rainfall.

FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Brazil is a cultural fusion of flavors



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End of Day 1

Social event



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INSARAG Africa, Europe & Middle East (AEME) Regional Meeting 2025 – Day 2

6-7 October 2025
Prague, Czech Republic



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Recap of Day 1 and Agenda of Day 2

Recap from Day 1

1. Global and Regional Updates AEME and IEC/Rs
2. Fire rescue service in Czech Republic
3. Updates from the Working Groups
4. Consultations led by the Quality Assurance IEC/R WG
5. Governance Review – Results from the consultations
6. INSARAG Global Meeting

INSARAG AEME Regional Meeting 2025 – Agenda for Day 2

Day 2: Tuesday 7 October 2025							
Session 8 09.00 - 09.10	Recap of Day 1 and Agenda of Day 2						
Session 9 09.10 - 09.20	AEME Regional Workplan 2026 Consultations <i>(Plenary briefing for 10 minutes, followed by round robin discussions for 30 minutes each)</i> <table><tbody><tr><td>Round 1. 09.20 - 09.50</td><td>- Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Ms. Annika Coll & Mr. David Sochor○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff</td></tr><tr><td>Round 2. 09.50 - 10.20</td><td>- Strategic Objective 2: Localization<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Mr. Sebastian Mocarquer & Mr. Lee Howell○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff</td></tr><tr><td>Round 3. 10.20 - 10.50</td><td>- Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Mr. Carlos Tornquist & Mr. Mark Crowe○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff</td></tr></tbody></table> <i>*Online breakout discussions will be facilitated by Mr. Clement Kalonga and Mr. Lucien Jaggi, INSARAG Secretariat. The note will be taken by Ms. Janet Mwikya Muthama, INSARAG Secretariat</i> <i>Reference document: INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026</i>	Round 1. 09.20 - 09.50	- Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Ms. Annika Coll & Mr. David Sochor○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff	Round 2. 09.50 - 10.20	- Strategic Objective 2: Localization <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Mr. Sebastian Mocarquer & Mr. Lee Howell○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff	Round 3. 10.20 - 10.50	- Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Facilitator: Mr. Carlos Tornquist & Mr. Mark Crowe○ Note taker: CZE USAR staff
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10.50 - 11.20	Coffee Break						

INSARAG AEME Regional Meeting 2025 – Agenda for Day 2

Session 10 11.20 - 11.45	<p>ToT USAR Coordination Course: Empowering Trainers for Effective USAR Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Peter Benz, THW <p>Earthquake Response Exercise in South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. Jappie Lengoabala, Deputy Director of Fire Services for South Africa's National Disaster Management Centre <p>Earthquake in Myanmar – Experience sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Eda Karakas, Team Coordinator, GEA Team, Türkiye
Session 11 11.45 - 12.30	<p>Finalization of the AEME Regional Workplan 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reporting back from breakout discussions
12.30 - 14.00	<p>Lunch</p>
Session 12 14.00 - 15.30	<p>AEME Regional Inputs to the Draft INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030</p> <p><i>Plenary briefing for 10 minutes followed by round robin discussions</i></p>

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Session 12 14.00 - 15.30	AEME Regional Inputs to the Draft INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030 <i>Plenary briefing for 10 minutes followed by round robin discussions</i> Breakout 1: Quality Standards and Bolstering Partnership and Technological advancements Breakout 2: Flexible Response Breakout 3: Strengthening Localization <i>Reference document: Draft INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030.</i> <i>*Online discussions will be facilitated by Mr. Clement Kalonga and Mr. Lucien Jaggi, INSARAG Secretariat. The note will be taken by Ms. Janet Mwikya Muthama, INSARAG Secretariat.</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
Session 13 16.00 - 16.30	Reporting back on the INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030 - Summary of discussions by rapporteurs from each breakout
Session 14 16.30 - 16.50	Member States Announcements and the AEME Troika 2026 - Announcements by Member States - Call for future Regional Chairs - Announcement of 2026 Troika

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<p>Session 15 16.50 - 17.00</p>	<p>Key Regional Meeting Outcomes and Closing Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summary of the meeting outcomes- Statement of outgoing Regional Chair- Statement of Regional Chair 2026 <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lieutenant General Vladimír Vlček, General Director of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic AEME Regional Chair 2025- Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, <i>INSARAG Secretary</i> <p><i>Exchange of tokens</i></p>
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AEME Regional Workplan 2026 Consultations

INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026

OUR VISION is to save lives by promoting efficiency, enhanced quality and coordination amongst national and international Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams based on adherence to common guidelines and methodologies. **OUR MISSION** is to prepare for, mobilize and coordinate effective, principled and flexible international USAR assistance in support of countries affected by collapsed structure emergencies, and to actively support capacity-building at the international, regional, national and local level to ensure a localized and coherent response to emergencies.

INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Strengthen global standards for a high quality of national and international USAR response

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Enhance frontline response coordination by localizing INSARAG methodology and concepts

Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response

Ensure a comprehensive and adaptable humanitarian response by promoting discussions on possible flexible approaches to additional rescue operations, beyond USAR

Strategic Objective 4: Partnerships

Boost and develop partnerships for sustainable participation, ownership and governance

Breakout discussions

Quality Standards

David Sochor

Annika Coll

Algeria

Armenia

Austria

Azerbaijan

Egypt

Estonia

France

Germany

Hungary

Room Bivoj

The group proceeds
to 2, 3

Localization

Sebastian Mocarquer &
Lee Howell

Iceland

Italy

Saudi Arabia

Lebanon

Lithuania

Moldova

Netherlands

Norway

Poland

Room Vlasta

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to 3, 1

Flexible Response

Carlos Tornquist & Mark Crowe

Romania

Slovenia

Spain

Switzerland

Tunisia

Türkiye

UAE

Ukraine

UK

Room Krok

The group proceeds
to 1, 2



Strategic Objectives

1

Quality Standards

Facilitators:

Ms. Annika Coll &
Mr. David Sochor

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Localization

Facilitators:

Mr. Sebastian Mocarquer &
Mr. Lee Howell

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Flexible Response

Facilitators:

Mr. Carlos Tornquist &
Mr. Mark Crowe

Tea/Coffee Break



The Meeting will resume at 11:20

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Regional initiatives

ToT USAR Coordination course

South Africa Earthquake Regional exercise

Experience sharing – Myanmar EQ Response

Training of Trainers USAR Coordination Course

Hosted from 31st August – 6th September in THW's logistic center in Ulm

- 40+ applications
- 17 participants
- 5 UC trainer

- 2 THW media trainer
- 1 UNDAC trained THW volunteer/observer
- 2 THW volunteers for ICMS support
- 2 THW volunteers for logistical support
- 3 person for administrative tasks

32+ people involved

Training of Trainers USAR Coordination Course

DAY 1

- Introduction
- Adult Learning
- ...



DAY 2

- Training Methods
- Learning Environment
- Analysis & Planning
- ...



DAY 3

- Participants' Presentations



DAY 4

- Media Training
- Simulation I



DAY 5

- Simulation II
- End of Course



DEPARTURE DAY

ARRIVAL DAY

Excerpt of Received Feedback

Overall satisfaction with the course: **8,21 / 10**

Usefulness of method training: **8,33 / 10**

I feel confident to conduct a UCC Course for others: **26,7 % strongly agree**
66,7 % agree
6,7 % disagree

Room for improvement:

- less power point presentations
- less focus on theoretical content
- more preparation time [for the simulation]
- more practical exercises
- increase ICMS familiarity of participants in advance

Training of Trainers USAR Coordination Course



Breakout Discussions

1. Quality Standards

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
Germany	THW plans to conduct UC Courses		
France	France is planning one internal UC Course/Year		
Azerbaijan, Hungary and Germany	Translation of the revised INSARAG Guidelines in their respective languages		
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE-IRNAP • Possible Regional Pool of Experts? 		
Switzerland	Mentoring for Lebanon and Armenia		
	Discussion of importance of the Leadership course		
	Online Induction Course for Classifiers in Training widely accepted and Coaching of Classifiers in Training by experienced Classifiers		

Breakout Discussions – SO2 Localization

1. Raise awareness of the INSARAG Coordination methodology at a national level

Promote the use of the ICMS at a national level

Participate in experts' forum

Participate in the broader DDR discussions

Promote national-level exercise

2. Foster bilateral support for capacity building, especially outside the EU

ToT at national levels

Initiate supportive conversations with member states that could potentially require support on national capacity building

Provide bilateral to interested member states that are willing to receive it

3. Promote the use of the INSARAG Technical Reference library to facilitate the exchange of best practices for national capacity building

4. Deliver community-based response and first responder training package through bilateral arrangements.

Breakout Discussions – SO3 on Flexible Response

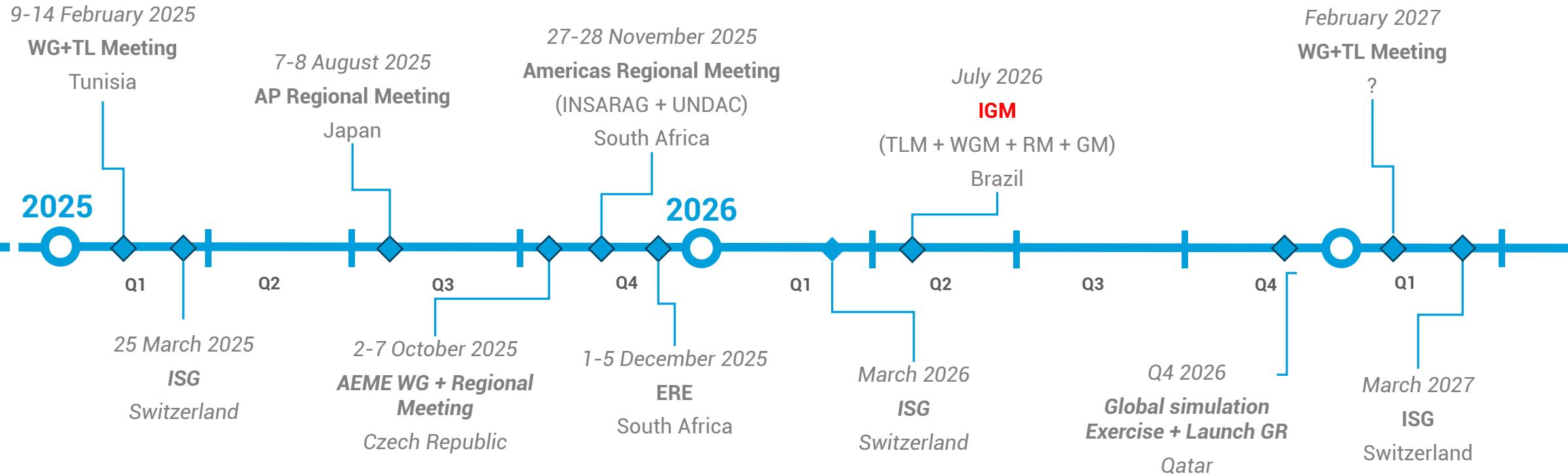
- Flood response mechanisms in EU already robust
- National level capabilities provided to the EU for deployment
- Some teams in AEME already have flexible response capabilities
- Not always the same capability in the USAR teams to provide Flood Rescue. Separate responsibility and capability.
- INSARAG should do more research on who does what in the humanitarian space and be humble rather than thinking they are going to take over areas that are already being serviced.
- Flood response through INSARAG flexible response is not largely supported in the EU.
- Cooperate with the capabilities in country rather than incorporate into their USAR teams
- Use of existing USAR Team Management and coordination structure for rapid deployment and self sustainability could be complimentary for flexible response
- No planned flexible response activities currently planned for the INSARAG AEME region for 2026

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Finalization of AEME Regional Workplan 2026

Reporting back from group discussions

Key Milestones 2025-2026



INSARAG Global Simulation Exercise (2026)

- International simulation exercise under the INSARAG framework (Earthquake Response Exercise) hosted by Lekhwiya at the Qatar Search and Rescue Training center
- Qatar in November of 2026.
- Several teams have expressed interest for the exercise, including Japan, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia
- This exercise will bring together regional and international USAR teams, humanitarian actors, and government agencies under a realistic deployment and humanitarian coordination scenario.

Last EREs in the AEME Region

Country Name	Years
Armenia	2018
Azerbaijan	2019
Türkiye	2022
Tunisia	2024
South Africa	2025

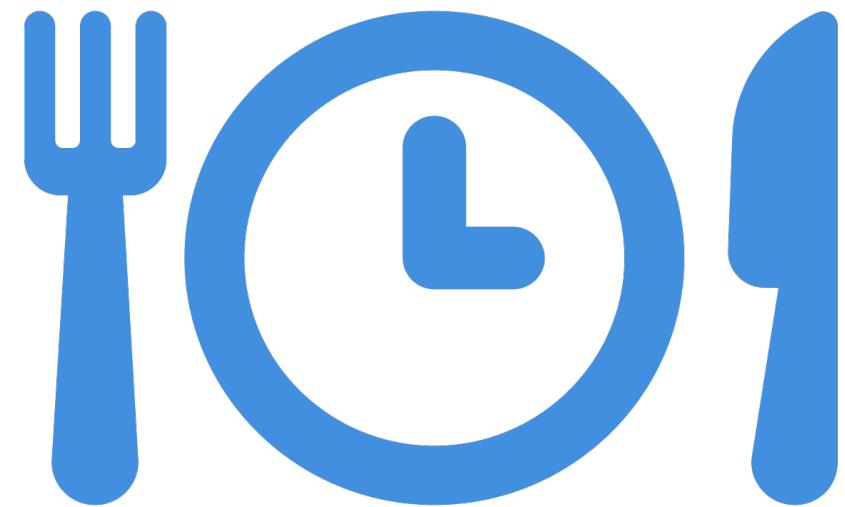
AEME Regional Chairs since 2011

Year	Regional Chair
2026	Russian Federation
2025	Czech Republic
2024	Romania
2023	Qatar
2022	Türkiye
2021	South Africa
2020	Poland
2019	Italy
2018	France
2017	Türkiye
2016	The Netherlands
2015	The United Arab Emirates
2014	Poland
2013	Germany
2012	Russian Federation
2011	Sweden

AEME Training Plan 2025-2026

Timing	Training	Host country
1-5 December 2025	ERE	South Africa
23-27 February 2026	UC Course with EU	Italy

Lunch Break

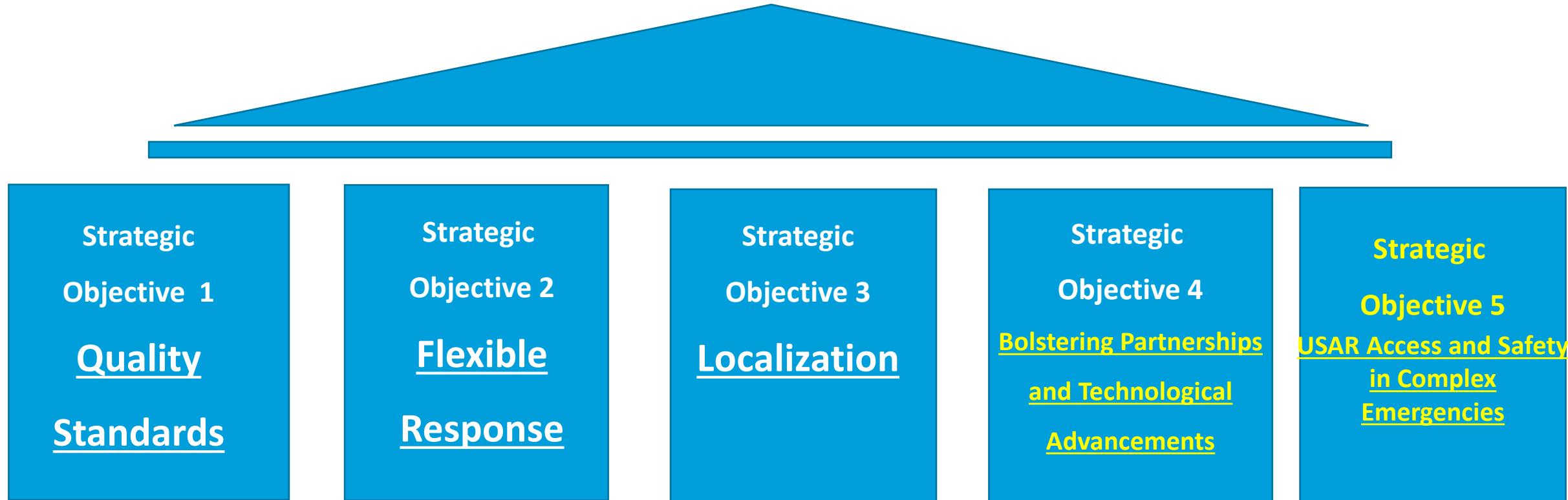


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AEME Regional Inputs to the Draft INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030

INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030 (draft)



The five pillars of the DRAFT Strategy 2026-2030



Breakout discussions

AEME Regional Inputs to the Draft INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030

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Quality Standards

Adam Bradley & Patricio Fuentes

Algeria
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Egypt
Estonia
France
Germany
Hungary
Room: Bivoj

The group proceeds to 2, 3

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Flexible Response

Mark Crowe and Carlos Tornquist

Iceland
Italy
Saudi Arabia
Lebanon
Lithuania
Moldova
Netherlands
Norway
Poland

Room: Vlasta

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Strengthening Localization

Sebastian Mocarquer and Lee Howell

Romania
Slovenia
Spain
Switzerland
Tunisia
Türkiye
UAE
Ukraine
UK

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Member States Announcements & The AEME Troika 2026

AEME Regional Troika 2026



Lt Gen Vladimír Vlček

General Director, Fire Rescue
Service of the Czech Republic
AEME Regional Chair 2025



EMERCOM of Russia

Regional Chair 2026



South Africa (TBC)

Incoming Regional Chair
2026/Regional chair 2027

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Key Regional Meeting Outcomes and Closing Address

Outcomes of AEME Regional Meeting 2025

- Growth of the INSARAG network continues, with 71 classified teams expected by 2027
- Strong commitment from the AEME region through the strong participation in Working Group, provision of Classifiers and Mentors.
- International Cooperation reinforced through regional and global events (ERE in South Africa, global meeting in Brazil and 2026 Global ERE in Qatar and launch of the new guidelines)
- Strong commitment to further develop the INSARAG methodology (e.g. discussions on Quality Assurance IEC/R proposals, updates to the GL)
- A severe funding crisis affecting OCHA and support to INSARAG activities.
- Importance of providing sustained funding for core INSARAG activities (training) and tool (ICMS).

Outcomes of AEME Regional Meeting 2025

Consultations on AEME Regional Workplan 2026 and the INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030 shows a strong support to the current objectives:

- **Quality Standards:** Continued work on guideline improvements, IRNAP adoption, and bilateral support.
- **Localization:** Support for disaster-prone countries, first responder training; Strong commitment to host courses in the region and provide bilateral support is demonstrated.
- **Flexible Response:** Progress on flood response guidance and tools with opportunities for INSARAG to explore its value for multi-hazards responses.
- **Partnerships:** Considered part of INSARAG DNA but not necessarily need to be set as a Strategic Objective per se in the next strategy

Statements of the Regional Chairs



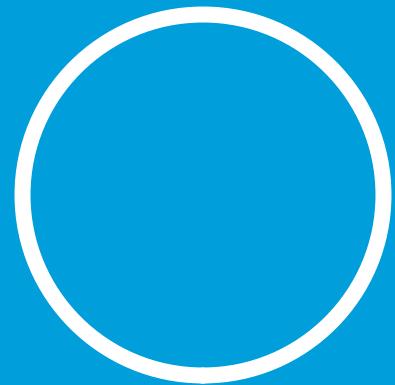
Lt Gen Vladimír Vlček

AEME Regional Chair
2025



EMERCOM of Russia

AEME Regional Chair
2026



Closing Session

Closing Remarks



Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa

INSARAG Secretary and Chief
Emergency Response Section
OCHA Geneva



Lt Gen Vladimír Vlček

General Director, Fire Rescue
Service of the Czech Republic
AEME Regional Chair 2025

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