



# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2024 – Day 1

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28-29 October 2024  
Islamabad, Pakistan



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## Official Opening

# Opening Statements



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# Introduction of participants

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# Adoption of Agenda

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# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2024 - Agenda

## Agenda Day 1 Monday 28 October 2024

<b>Session 1</b> 09.00 -09: 50	<b>Welcome and Official Opening</b> Opening of INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks by Chairman NDMA, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Chair 2024</li><li>• Remarks by UN Resident Coordinator</li><li>• Remarks by INSARAG Secretariat, OCHA</li><li>• Remarks by the chief guest</li><li>• Introduction of participants</li><li>• Adoption of Agenda</li><li>• Administrative announcement</li></ul>
<b>09:50- 10.30</b>	<b>Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session 2</b> 10.30 – 11:15	<b>Global and regional 2024 Workplans and Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INSARAG Global Update:</li><li>• Report of IRC and APERE 2024</li><li>• INSARAG Asia-Pacific regional update</li><li>• Q and A</li></ul>

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<b>Session 3</b> 11.15-11.55	<p><b>Governance Review Consultations Part 1 – Setting the stage</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haruka Ezaki, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point</li><li>• Winston Chang, INSARAG Global Lead,</li><li>• INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Chair</li></ul> <p>Introduction of Breakout session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alan Toh</li></ul>
<b>Session 4</b> 12:00-12.40	<p><b>Governance Review Consultations Part 2 – Regional Consultation</b></p> <p>Breakout consultations on the eight thematic recommendations and the Working Groups Recommendations to establish a Regional Position.</p> <p>The breakout session will update the audience on the current discussions on the recommendations held within the Working Groups, help set up the priorities and seek ideas and feedback, leading to a regional position on the 8 thematic recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group A: Leadership and Governance &amp; Decision-Making Mandate and Responsibilities</li><li>• Group B: Global Meeting, Accountability and Compliance &amp; Classification</li><li>• Group C: Global Strategy 2026-2030, NGOs and Partners &amp; Localization</li></ul>

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12.40-13.40	Lunch
Session 5 13.40-15.00	<b>Governance Review Consultations Part 2- Continued</b>
15.00-15.30	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 6 15.30-17.00	<b>Governance Review Consultations Part 3 – Reporting of 4 breakout discussions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Summary of each breakout discussion</li><li>2. Summary of AP position</li><li>3. Statement by the Regional Chair 2025</li></ol>
17:00	<b>End of Day 1 – Wrap Up and Announcement on the Evening's programme</b>
18.00-21.30	<b>Official Dinner</b>

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## Agenda Day 2 – Tuesday 29 October 2024

<b>Session 7</b> 09.00-09.15	<b>Recap of Day 1 and the review of Day 2 Program</b>
<b>Session 8</b> 09.15-10.00	<b>Reflect Turkiye response AAR to AP regional planning and priority</b> Reflection of Türkiye AAR to AP regional strategy and priorities based on the global AAR and regional meeting outcome 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional readiness to receive international USAR assistance</li><li>• Receiving/host country support to arriving international USAR teams</li><li>• Importance of first responders and IRNAP</li><li>• Partnership with UNDAC and other relevant stakeholders in earthquake response</li></ul>
<b>Session 9</b> 10.00-11.00	<b>INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and application into the AP workplan 2025</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards (Strengthening IEC/R)</li><li>2. Strategic Objective 2: Localization – funding issues (supporting countries for IRNAP)</li><li>3. Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response</li><li>4. Strategic Objective 4: Partnerships</li></ol>

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11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>Session 10</b> 11.30-12.30	<b>INSARAG Strategic Plan and application into the AP workplan 2025 - Continued</b>
13.00-1400	Lunch
<b>Session 11</b> 12.30-13.00	<b>Reporting back - Summary of the AP Workplan 2025 and development of AP regional calendar 2025</b>
<b>Session 12</b> 14.00-14.15	<b>Member States Announcements</b>
<b>Session 13</b> 14.15-15.00	<b>Key Regional Meeting Outcomes, Presenting the new Troika 2025, AOB &amp; Closing Address.</b> Announcements and Invitation for the Regional Chair 2026 and host of APERE 2025 Remark by Regional chair 2025 Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outgoing regional chair (video):</li><li>• AP regional chair/host:</li><li>• Head of OCHA ROAP</li><li>• INSARAG Secretariat</li></ul> Exchange of tokens

# Admin Info to be added



# Group Photo



# Tea/Coffee Break



The Meeting will resume at 10.30

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## Global and Regional 2024 Workplans and Updates

# Global Updates 2024

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## 2024 Global Events Overview

# Global Events Overview - Completed

## IEC/Rs in 2024:

- **United States** – Los Angeles County Fire Department, California Task Force-2 (USA-02) **Heavy IER**, 13-19 May
- **New Zealand** – Fire and Emergency New Zealand (NZL-01) **Heavy IER**, 26-31 May
- **Chile** – Bomberos de Chile (CHI-01) **Medium IER**, 30 May - 2 June
- **Russian Federation** – Central Airmobile Rescue Team of EMERCOM (RUS-01) **Heavy IER**, 24-28 June
- **Azerbaijan** – International Search and Rescue Team of Azerbaijan (AZE-01) **Medium IEC**, 23-26 September
- **Hungary** – Hungarian National Organization for Rescue Services – HUNOR (HUN-01) **Heavy IER**, 23-27 September.
- **Australia** – New South Wales Task Force (AUS -02) **Heavy IER**, 14-18 October.





# Global Events Overview

## - Completed

### Trainings, Exercises, Meetings in 2024:

- **Working Group Meeting & Team Leader Meeting,** Brazil, 12-17 April
- **INSARAG Steering Group,** Geneva, 7 May
- **UC Courses:**
  - Doha, Qatar, 7-11 January
  - Nogent le Rotrou, France, 12-16 February
  - Valabre, France, 15-19 April
  - Istanbul, Türkiye, 22-26 April
  - China, Beijing, 3-7 June
  - Dombóvár, Hungary, 26-30 August
- **IRNAP Leadership Course,** Korea, Seoul, 2-5 Sept.
- **GRG Meeting,** Türkiye, Marmaris, 5-7 September
- Visits to the INSARAG Secretariat



# **Overview – *Upcoming in 2024***

## **Upcoming Global IEC/Rs:**

- **Qatar Search and Rescue Team (QAT-01)** – Heavy IER, 25 – 28 November

## **Upcoming Global Trainings and Exercises:**

- Americas EXCON ERE Workshop, Ecuador, Quito, 28-30 October
- Americas International Earthquake Response Exercise, Ecuador, Quito, 2-5 December

## **Upcoming Global Event**

- Americas INSARAG and UNDAC Regional Meeting, Ecuador, Quito, 9-11 December

## **Upcoming Regional Event**

- Environmental Emergency Training (EET) in the Asia, Thailand, Hua Hin, 3-8 November
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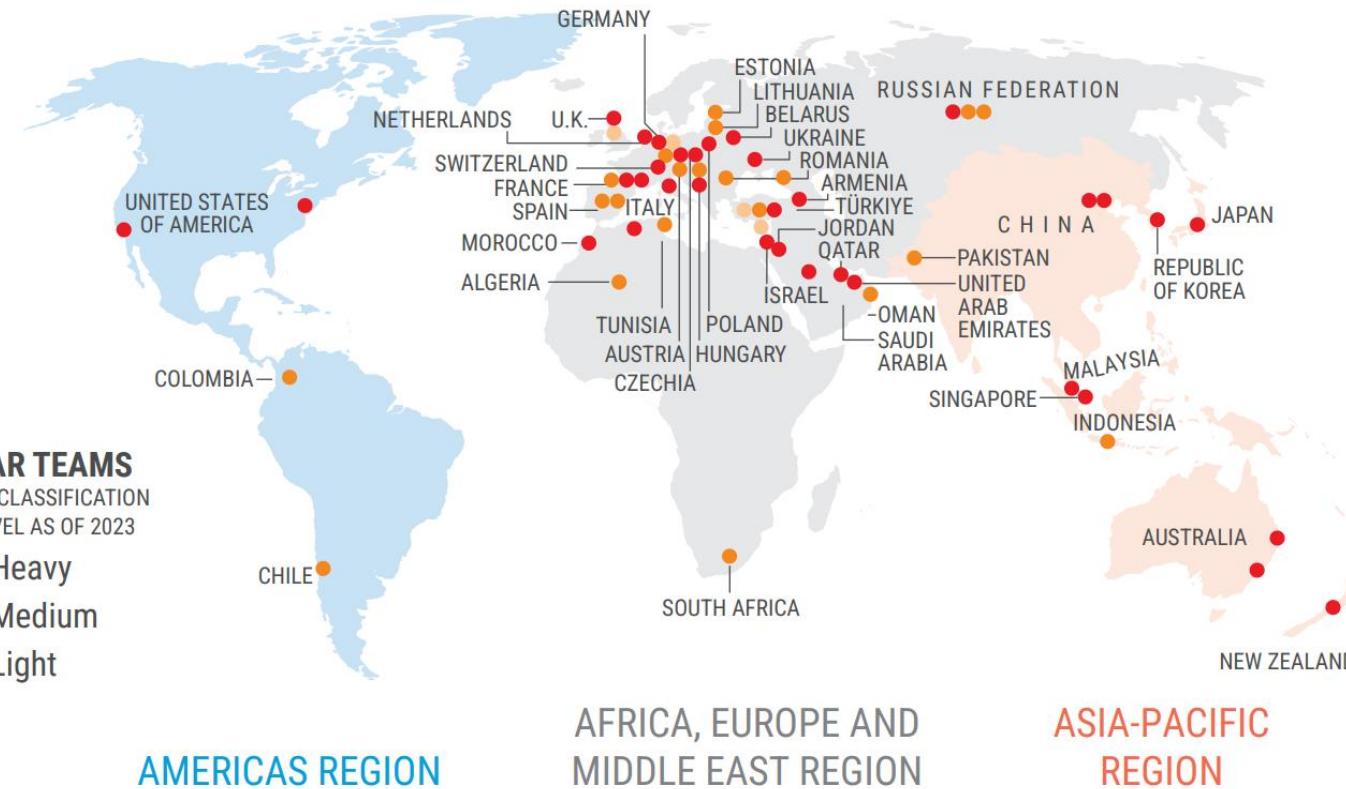
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## IEC/R 2024 & 2025 Report

# 58 Classified teams to date

INSARAG CLASSIFICATION

INSARAG REGIONS



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

## In Asia-Pacific:

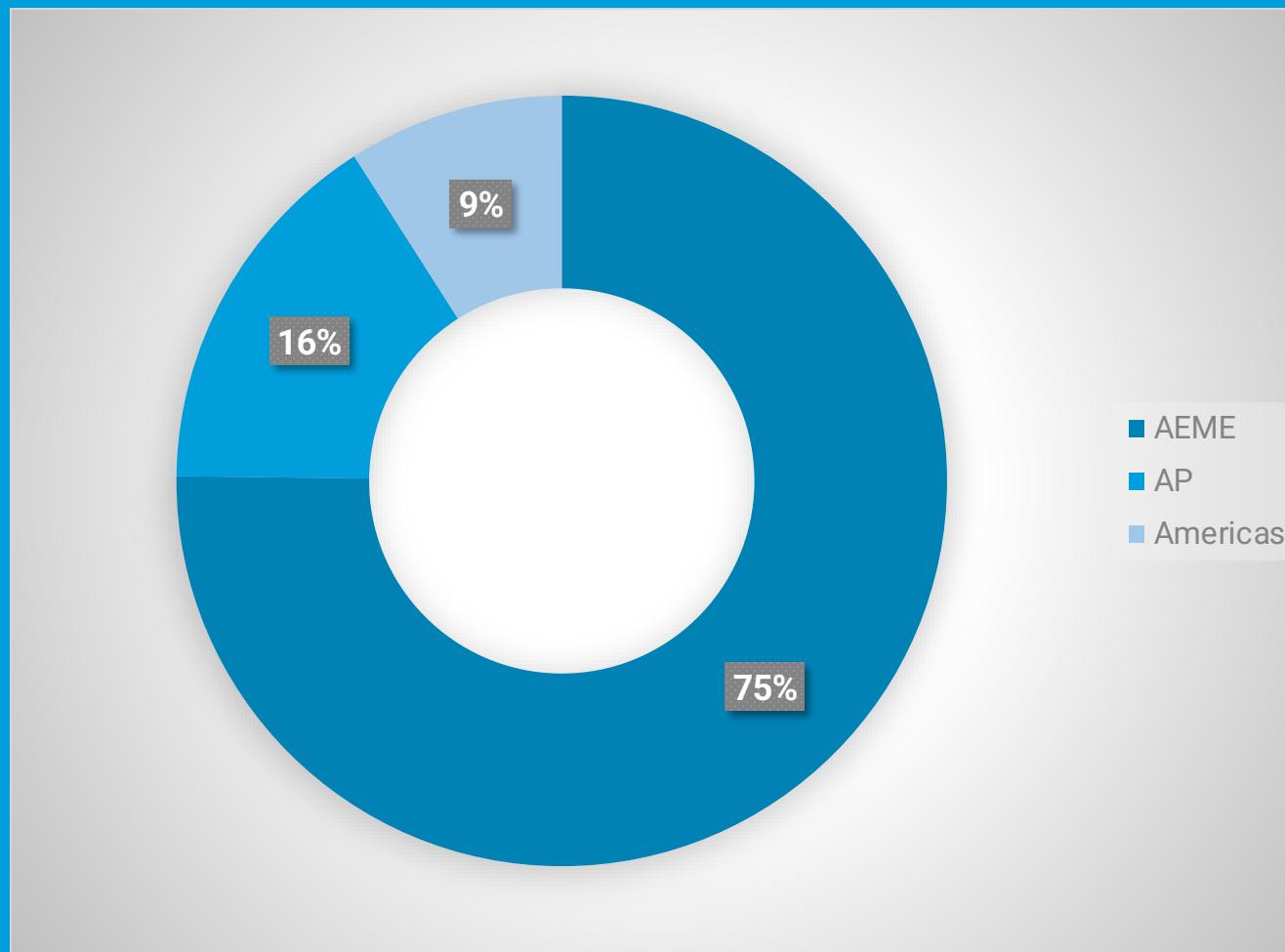
- Heavy: AUS-01, AUS-02, CHN-01, CHN-02, JPN-01, KOR-01, MAS-01, NZL-01, SGP-01
- Medium: INA-01, PAK-01
- Upcoming in 2025: Thailand - Medium
- Upcoming in 2026: China - Hong Kong, NGO "Ramunion" - Medium

# 2025 - 3 IECs & 12 IERs (AP)

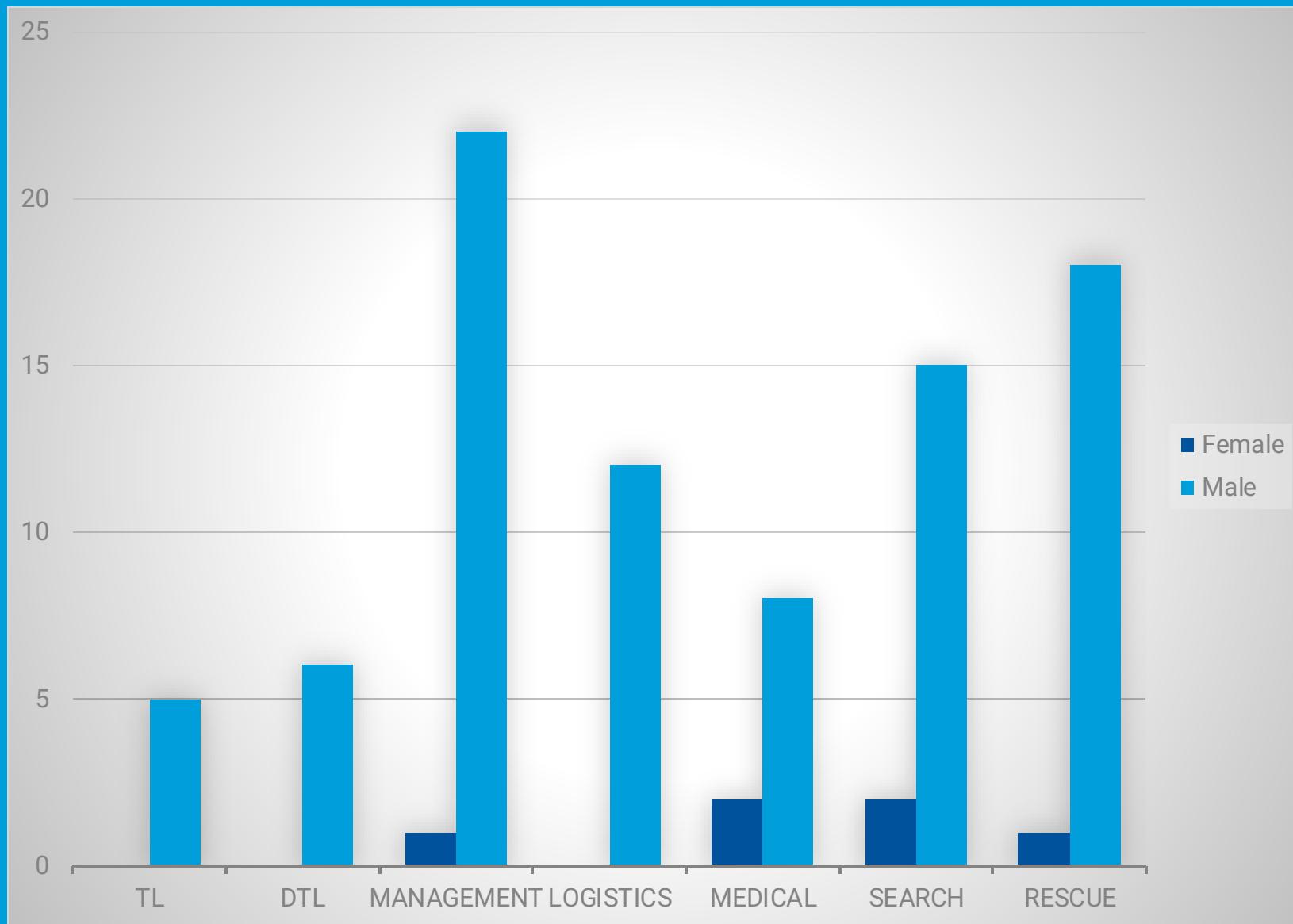
#	Classification type	Tentative Dates	Team	Region	Location
1	IER Heavy	27-31 January with MODEX	Netherlands (NED-01)	AEME	Lisbon, PORTUGAL
2	IER Heavy	31 March - 4 April	France (FRA-02)	AEME	Sancoins, FRANCE
3	IER Heavy	14 - 16 April	Poland (POL-01)	AEME	Gdańsk, POLAND
4	IER Heavy	24 - 30 May	China (CHN-01)	AP	Beijing, CHINA
5	IER Heavy		China (CHN-02)	AP	
6	IER Heavy	11 - 15 August	Belarus (BLR-01)	AEME	Minsk & Borisov, BELARUS
7	IER Heavy	18 - 21 August	Singapore (SGP-01)	AP	Singapore city, SINGAPORE
8	IER Heavy	2- 6 September	Ukraine (UKR-01)	AEME	Gdańsk, POLAND
9	IER Heavy	8-12 September	Australia (AUS-01)	AP	Brisbane, AUSTRALIA
10	IER Heavy	second half of October	Türkiye (TUR-02)	AEME	Ankara, TURKIYE
11	IER Heavy	19 - 23 October	Jordan (JOR-01)	AEME	Amman, JORDAN
12	IEC Light	4 - 8 November	Georgia (GEO-01)	AEME	Tbilisi, GEORGIA
13	IER Heavy	17 - 21 November	Türkiye (TUR-01)	AEME	Istanbul, TURKIYE
14	IEC Medium	10 - 14 November	Thailand (THA-10)	AP	Chai Nat, THAILAND
15	IEC Medium > Heavy	7 - 11 December	Oman (OMA-01)	AEME	Muscat, OMAN

# Call for Classifiers 2024

Total number of Classifiers 177 → 254



# Classifiers in AP region



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## 2024 Governance Review Report

### 3. 2024 Governance Review Report – Details in the Next Session

- Comprehensive review based on extensive consultations across the INSARAG network, aligned with the INSARAG Strategic Plan 2025-2026.

- **Focus for Regional Discussions:**

To achieve a **Regional Position** on 8 key thematic areas:

1. Leadership & Governance
2. Decision-Making Mandate & Responsibilities
3. Accountability & Compliance
4. Global Meetings
5. Global Strategy 2026-2030
6. NGOs & Partners
7. Localization
8. Classification

- **Next Steps:**

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## ISG Meeting 2024 Outcomes and WG progress updates

# Outcomes of the ISG 2024:

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1. **Global INSARAG Leadership** – the ISG puts on record our deepest appreciation to the contributions and devotion of the former Global Chair and Ambassador, Manuel Bessler since 2015. **The ISG welcomes Ambassador Dominik Stillhart as the INSARAG Global Chair from 2024.**

2. **Türkiye/Syria AAR Comprehensive Report and Implementation Plan** – the ISG welcomes the Network's commitment and active contributions to the Türkiye/Syria AAR Comprehensive Report. The ISG acknowledges the generous contributions from Qatar towards hosting the INSARAG Global USAR AAR and printing of the report.

**The ISG endorses the AAR implementation roadmap** and seeks the strong commitment and support of the INSARAG network and partners, in order to strengthen the coordination and effectiveness of USAR assistance for the next response.

# Outcomes of the ISG 2024

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**3. Working Groups**—the ISG acknowledges the Working Group’s commitment and devotion to advancing the INSARAG Guidelines and methodology, and **endorses their workplans and statements made at the ISG 2024.**

**3a. Review of INSARAG Guidelines:** The ISG endorses the extension of the launch of the INSARAG Guidelines from Version 2025 to **Version 2026** to take into account the AAR implementation of recommendations

**3b. Information Management Working Group:** ISG endorses the IMWG plan to produce a 5-year strategy and work plans to facilitate the development and integration of information systems into the INSARAG network. **The Secretariat will seek donor support.** and V 3.0.

**3c. Medical Working Group:** ISG endorses Medical WG recommendation informed by recent *Türkiye* and Syria earthquake crush syndrome experiences that the delivery of emergency medical care to patients entrapped in collapsed structures prior to and during extrication is critical to prevent physiologic deterioration or death. **The ISG endorses USAR medicine, and the application of crush syndrome treatment by USAR teams as an integral part of USAR operations, and is an essential humanitarian activity.**

# Outcomes of the ISG 2024

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**3d. IEC/R Quality Assurance WG:** The ISG encourages qualified members to join the pool for classifiers to increase the numbers and diversity of the roster. **Teams who do not offer classifiers will not be considered for an IER.**

**3e. Search and Rescue Flood Response WG:** ISG welcomes the FRWG analysis of the flood response survey, **the ISG endorses the initiative to put together a "VOLUNTARY" flood response Directory Team Profile** and the plan to develop a Technical Reference Note on flood response.

**23 AP Experts (29%) participating in 7 different WGs 81 other experts from the Americas and AEME.**

## 4. INSARAG Steering Group Meeting 2024 Outcomes

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- **INSARAG Working Groups (WGs):**

- **Training Working Group:**

Reviewing of Methodology, **Supporting the IEC/R Leadership training in Qatar in Jan 2026.**

- **National Capacity Building Working Group (NCBWG)**

- First IRNAP Leadership Course in Korea

-Community First Responders Program

Advocacy and Implementation by disaster prone countries. - **REGIONAL WORKPLAN ITEM !**

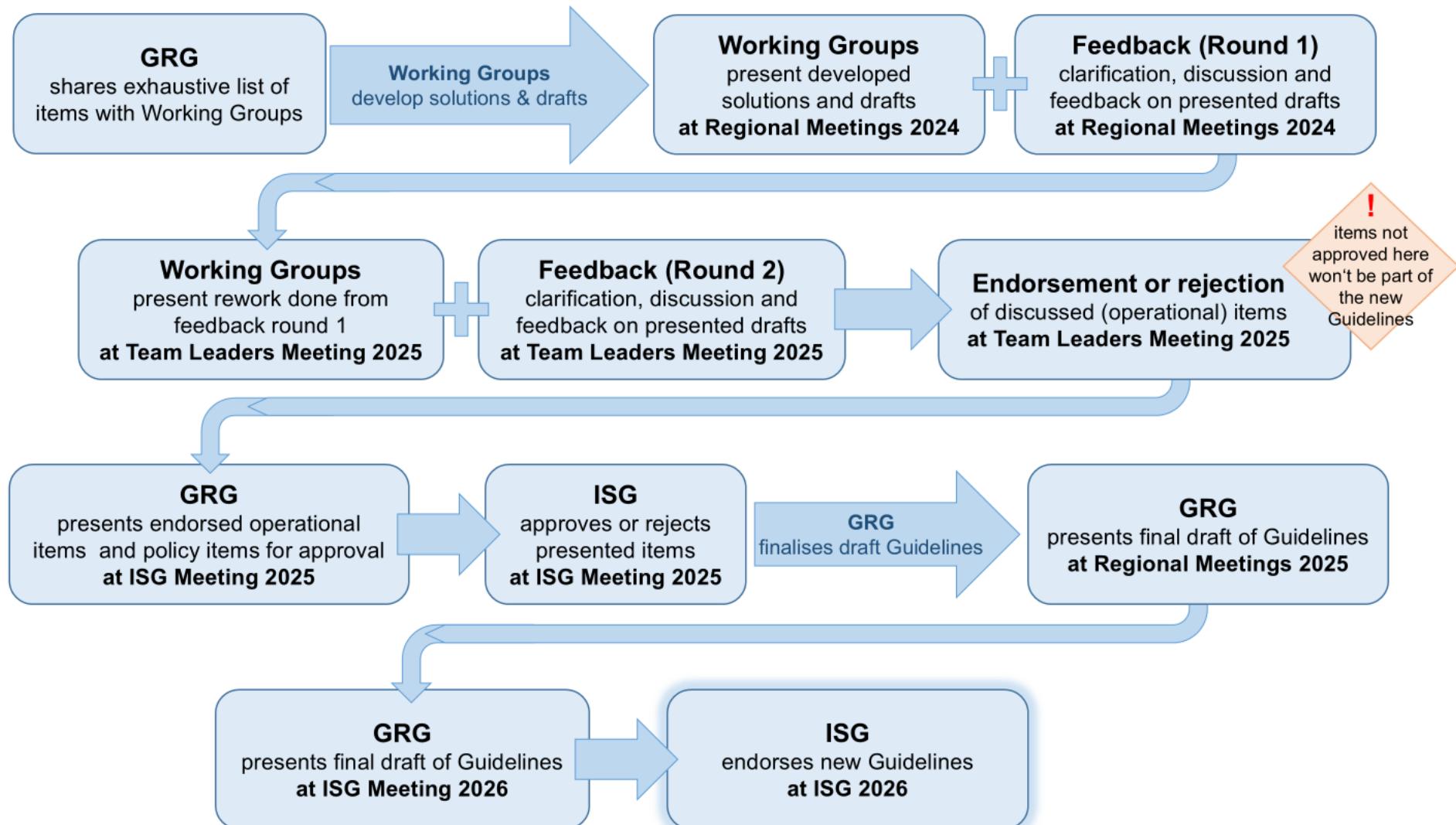
***AAR Implementation Plans***

***- GRG facilitates WGs plans and feed into Guidelines V2026***

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## INSARAG Guideline Review Roadmap to 2026

# Guidelines Working Group (GRG) GOAL : V2026!



## 5. Guideline Roadmap V2026

Manual	Name	Primary WG	Secondary WG	GRG Liaison
Vol I	Policy	GRG	Secretariat Governance Review	John Cawcutt <a href="mailto:john.cawcutt@qfes.qld.gov.au">john.cawcutt@qfes.qld.gov.au</a>  Martin Evers <a href="mailto:martin.evers@vrh.nl">martin.evers@vrh.nl</a>
Vol II, Man A	Capacity Building	NCBWG	FRWG	Wee Keong Lok <a href="mailto:LOK_Wee_Keong@scdf.gov.sg">LOK_Wee_Keong@scdf.gov.sg</a>
Vol II, Man B	Operations	TWG	IMWG/MWG	Ove Syslak <a href="mailto:ove@okim.no">ove@okim.no</a>
Vol II, Man C	IER/IEC	IEC/R WG	TWG/MWG	Martin Pavek <a href="mailto:martin.pavek@grh.izscr.cz">martin.pavek@grh.izscr.cz</a>
Vol III	Ops Field Guide	TWG	IMWG/MWG	Ove Syslak <a href="mailto:ove@okim.no">ove@okim.no</a>

## 6. Regional Update 2024 – AEME

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### **Completed** Trainings and Exercises in 2024:

- **USAR Coordination (UC) Courses:**
  - Doha, Qatar, 7-11 January
  - Nogent le Rotrou, France, 12-16 Feb.
  - Valabre, France, 15-19 April
  - Istanbul, Türkiye, 22-26 April
  - Dombóvár, Hungary, 26-30 August
  - Volterra, Italy, 14-18 October
- **INSARAG USAR Capacities Assessment**
  - Tehran, Iran, 21-25 January

### ***Upcoming*** Trainings and Exercises in 2024

- **IER Qatar – Heavy**, 25-28 November.  
QAT-01 USAR Team.
- **International Earthquake Response Exercise**,  
Tunis, Tunisia, 10-14 November.
- **UC Courses:**
  - Volterra, Italy, 14-18 October
  - Liverpool, UK, 28 October-1 November
  - Ulm, Germany, 10-15 November
- **UC TOT Course**
  - Ankara, Türkiye, 2-6 December.
- **EU Module Exercises (EU MODEX) combined  
USAR & EMT incl. UNDAC**, Venice, Italy, 16-21  
October

# Regional Update 2024 – Americas

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## *SO 1 Quality Standards*

- Participation in New Year Call (27 January)
- Participation in ISG and HNPW meetings (6-10 May)
- IER:
  - USA-02 Los Angeles County (14-17 May)
  - CHI-01 Bomberos de Chile (28-31 May)
- IEC initiated processes:
  - ECU-10 Bomberos de Quito (Ecuador)
  - ECU-11 Bomberos de Guayaquil (Ecuador)
- International ERE EXCON Workshop (28-30 October)
- ERE International Ecuador 2024 (2-5 December, Quito, Ecuador)
- XXIII INSARAG Regional meeting & XI UNDAC Consultative meeting (9-11 December, Quito Ecuador)

## *SO 2 Localization*

- Ongoing IRNAP processes:
  - Honduras and Panama (certification)
  - Guatemala (re-certification)
- NAP/IRNAP course (25-28 November, San José de Costa Rica) Organized by CEPREDENAC, USAID/BHA and INSARAG

## *SO 3 Flexible Response*

- Participation in Search and Rescue in Floods Response Working Group

## *SO 4 Partnerships*

- USAR and Gender forum webinar (27 November) Organized by INSARAG & OBA (American Firefighters Organization)

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## Global and Regional 2024 Workplans and Updates: Asia-Pacific regional updates

# Briefing on Regional Strategic Plans for 2024

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## Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

- ISG Meeting, 7 May, Geneva, Switzerland
- IER New Zealand (NZL-01), 28-30 May
- IER New South Wales Task Force Australia (AUS-02), 14-18 Oct
- International Rescue Challenge 21-22 Oct, Lahore, Pakistan
- Asia- Pacific Regional Earthquake Response Exercise (APERE) 23-26 Oct, Lahore, Pakistan

## Strategic Objective 2: Localization

- INSARAG Recognised National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) Leadership Course 3-5 Sep, Seoul, South Korea
- Asia- Pacific Regional Earthquake Response Exercise (APERE) 23-26 Oct, Lahore, Pakistan

## Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response

- International Rescue Challenge 21-22 Oct, Lahore, Pakistan

## Strategic Objective 3: Partnership

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- Environmental Emergency Training (EET) in Pacific, Nadi, Fiji, 24-29 November (upcoming)

# Regional Update 2024 – Asia-Pacific

9 EVENTS in the AP = 25 % of the all INSARAG events

## *Completed* Trainings and Exercises in 2024:

- **IER New Zealand – Heavy**, 26-31 May. NZL-01 USAR Team
- **USAR Coordination (UC) Courses:**
  - Beijing, China, 3-7 June
- **INSARAG Recognised National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) Leadership Course**
  - Seoul, South Korea, 3-5 September
- **IER New South Wales Task Force – Heavy**, 14-18 October. AUS -02 USAR Team
- **1st International Rescue Challenge**
  - Lahore, Pakistan, 21-22 October
- **Asia-Pacific Earthquake Response Exercise**
  - Lahore, Pakistan, 23-26 October

## *Upcoming* Trainings and Exercises in 2024

- **Environmental Emergency Training (EET) in Asia**
  - Hua Hin, Thailand, 3-8 November
- **Environmental Emergency Training (EET) in Pacific**
  - Nadi, Fiji, 24-29 November

# INSARAG Recognised National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) Leadership Course

Korea, 2-5 September 2024 hosted by National Fire Agency of Republic of Korea

With 19 participants from global and 13 from Asia-Pacific region



# Asia-Pacific Earthquake Response Exercise 2024



*"APERE 2024 will evaluate Pakistan's readiness and response to catastrophic earthquakes, focusing on local, provincial, and national plans, as well as its collaboration with international partners and agencies during emergencies."*

# INSARAG AP Activities 2025

Event	Start Date	End Date	Event Name	Event type	Region	Country	Location
1	TBC Jan	TBC Jan	INSARAG New Year Teleconference	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Bern
2	14-Feb-25	21-Feb-25	INSARAG Team Leaders meeting	Meeting	Global	Tunisia	Tunis
2	17-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	HNPW 2024 ( Face-to-face week at the CICG)	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Geneva
3	24-May-25	30-May-25	China International Search and Rescue (CHN-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
4	24-May-25	30-May-25	China International Search and Rescue (CHN-02)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
6	7-Aug-25	8-Aug-25	AP Regional meeting	Meeting	Asia-pacific	Japan	Tokyo
7	18-Aug-25	21-Aug-25	Operation Lionheart Contingent, Singapore (SGP-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	Singapore	Singapore City
9	8-Sep-25	12-Sep-25	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1 (AUS-1)	IER	Asia-pacific	Australia	Brisbane
10	10-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	Thailand (THA)	IEC	Asia-pacific	Thailand	Chai Nat

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## Governance Review Consultations



01

Setting the stage: Background  
of the INSARAG Governance  
Review & ISG 2024 Direction

# INSARAG Governance Review –



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INSARAG Asia-Pacific  
Regional Chair 2024



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INSARAG Global Lead



**Haruka Ezaki**

INSARAG Asia-  
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Focal Point

**Alan Toh – Breakout Coordinator, Bruce Wong – Notetaker.**

# Discussion on the INSARAG Governance Review in regional meetings

## “AP (Regional) Position on 8 Thematic Issues”

# Scope – Session in 3 PARTS

01

**Setting the  
STAGE**

02

**CONSULTATIONS-  
BREAKOUTS**

03

**REPORT BACK –  
AP REGIONAL  
POSITION**

# Objectives

- To achieve the **AP Regional Position** on 8 Thematic Areas covering:
  1. Leadership and Governance
  2. Decision-Making Mandate and Responsibilities
  3. Accountability and Compliance
  4. Global Meeting
  5. Global Strategy 2026 - 2030
  6. NGOs and Partners
  7. Localisation
  8. Classification
- Details in your handout on the table.

# Introduction

- **The ISG welcomes the INSARAG Governance Review Report and its 52 recommendations**, analysed from the feedback and contributions of the global INSARAG network and partners.
- **The ISG thanks China, Switzerland, the UK and the USA** for their support towards the consultancies supporting the process.



# Next Steps on the Governance Review

After ISG 2024

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***The Global Chair, Regional Chairs, and the INSARAG Secretariat unanimously agreed for the Secretariat to prioritize 10 to 15 recommendations, of the 52 presented.***

- *Relevant recommendations are grouped thematically in 8 sections, with 20 recommendations.*
- *Regional Chairs are responsible for consulting within their regions and providing feedback to the Secretariat on the list of key recommendations to take forward.*
- *The Secretariat will present these Regional Positions to the ISG to discuss a Global Position on the recommendations at the New Year Call in January 2025, and table them for endorsement at the ISG in March 2025.*

# ISG Meeting 2024



Ambassador  
Dominik Stillhart

INSARAG Global  
Chair,  
Deputy Director  
General, Swiss  
Agency for  
Development and  
Cooperation (SDC)

“The Governance Review process presents us with a valuable opportunity to **enhance inclusivity and responsiveness** within the network.

Let us make **collaborative decisions** that will shape our future. Together, we can continue to make a real difference.”

# ISG Meeting 2024



**“INSARAG's strength lies in its Members  
...Together, we can systematically address  
these issues and achieve improvement.”**

**Sebastian  
Rhodes Stampa**

INSARAG Secretary  
and Chief of the  
Emergency  
Response Section,  
OCHA, Geneva

# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

Institutional	1. Leadership and Governance
Institutional	2. Decision-Making Mandate and Responsibilities
Institutional	3. Accountability and Compliance
Institutional	4. Global Meeting
Strategic	5. Global Strategy 2026 - 2030
Strategic	6. NGOs and Partners
Strategic	7. Localisation
Operational	8. Classification

# Timeframe

Date	Activities
Mid-Sep 2024	Launch of the online consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allows stakeholders who are unable to attend regional meetings to express their views</li></ul>
<b>2 - 3 Oct 2024</b>	<b>AEME Regional meeting @ Romania</b>
<b>28 - 29 Oct 2024</b>	<b>AP Regional meeting @ Pakistan</b>
<b>9 - 11 Dec 2024</b>	<b>Americas Regional meeting @ Ecuador</b>
15 Dec 2024	Deadline for online consultation
16 - 31 Dec 2024	Data analysis & Conclusions
Jan 2025	INSARAG New Year Teleconference – Global Position
Late-Mar 2025	ISG 2025 – Endorsed agreed Global Position

# Session 4 Group Work : Discussion of the INSARAG Governance Review



02

Breakout Discussion in regional  
meetings

# Breakout discussion

- The Global Chair with the Regional Chairs from AP, AEME, Americas & INSARAG Secretariat, unanimously agreed to prioritize 10 - 15 recommendations for immediate attention. (ISG 2024)

## 52 Recommendations

### Annex I

8 thematic areas  
(20 recommendations)

### Regional Groups

### Annex II

14 relevant technical  
recommendations

**Working Groups**  
**Team leaders**  
**Guidelines Review Group**

### Annex III

13 Parking Lot  
recommendations

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# **Breakout Session Briefing**

**Part 1 – Setting the Stage (1115 hrs – 1155 hrs)**

**Part 2 – Breakout Session (1200 hrs – 1500 hrs)**

**Part 3 – Reporting of AP Position (1530 hrs – 1700 hrs)**

# Venue for Breakout Discussion (AP)

	Crystal Ballroom	Lapis Ballroom	Jade Ballroom
Facilitator	Col Razaiqbal (Pakistan)	Dr Farhan (Pakistan)	Mr Iwata (Japan)
Duration	40 mins	40 mins	40 mins
8 Thematic Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership &amp; Governance (3)</li><li>• Decision-making Mandate &amp; Responsibilities (2)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accountability &amp; Compliance (4)</li><li>• Global Meeting (2)</li><li>• Classification (2)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Strategy 2025-2030 (1)</li><li>• NGOs &amp; Partners (4)</li><li>• Localisation (2)</li></ul>

# Grouping for Breakout Discussion (AP)

	Group A	Group B	Group C
Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Australia</li><li>• Japan</li><li>• Pakistan</li><li>• Singapore</li><li>• Tuvalu</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• China</li><li>• Samoa</li><li>• Sri Lanka</li><li>• Thailand</li><li>• Nepal</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indonesia</li><li>• Malaysia</li><li>• Philippines</li><li>• <b>Russia*</b></li><li>• South Korea</li><li>• <b>Turkiye*</b></li></ul>

**\* Members of AEME**

# Rotation for Breakout Discussion (AP)

	Crystal Ballroom	Lapis Ballroom	Jade Ballroom
Start of Breakout Session		1200 hrs to 1240 hrs	
	Group A	Group B	Group C
1 <sup>st</sup> Rotation (Time)		1340 hrs to 1420 hrs	
	Group C	Group A	Group B
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rotation (Time)		1420 hrs to 1500 Hrs	
	Group B	Group C	Group A

## Rules for Breakout Discussion (AP)

- Time management
- One country one vote on each question
- For representatives outside AP region, your vote will be noted and send to the respective region for collation
- Firm decision/ position (Yes/ No; Support/ Don't Support/ Agree/ Disagree

# Commence the Breakout Session



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## **Outcomes from the Gov. Discussion and Drafting the AP Regional Position on the Governance Review**

# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 1. Leadership and Governance

**Q1: Should one of the Regional Chairs act as a Deputy Global Chair?**  
Yes or No



**Q2: If Yes, what are the Roles and Responsibilities of the Deputy Global Chair?**  
Why? If No, any other suggestions?



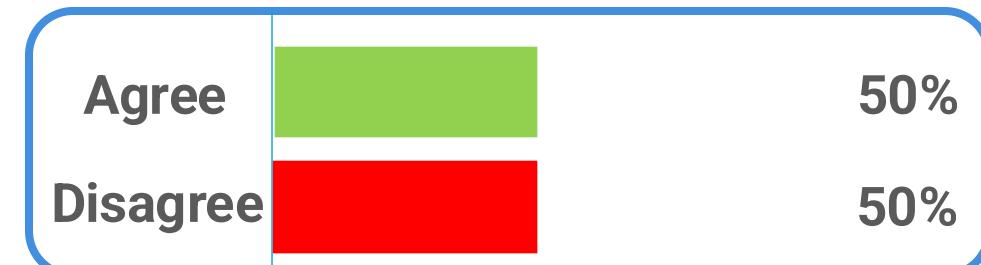
**Q3: How will this impact or strengthen the ISG?**



# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 2. Decision-Making Mandate and Responsibilities

**Q1: Consensus is endorsed when nobody eligible to vote objects.  
Agree or disagree? Why?**



**Q2: On the rare occasion that consensus cannot be reached, should the Global Chair make the decision in consultation with the three regional chairs and INSARAG Secretary.  
Agree or Disagree? Why? Or any suggestions**



# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 3. Accountability and Compliance

**Q1: Should INSARAG Guidelines be considered more as (non-neg) Standards or only Guidelines and methodology?**



**Q2: Should INSARAG have an internal investigations framework within the INSARAG Guidelines? Yes or No? Why?**



**Q3: If yes, is it agreed if Policy Focal Points and Team Focal Points to provide internal investigation assurances to the INSARAG Secretariat? Why or further suggestion?**



**Q4: Should the network apply 'soft' or 'hard' penalties within the system? Yes or No? Why?**



# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

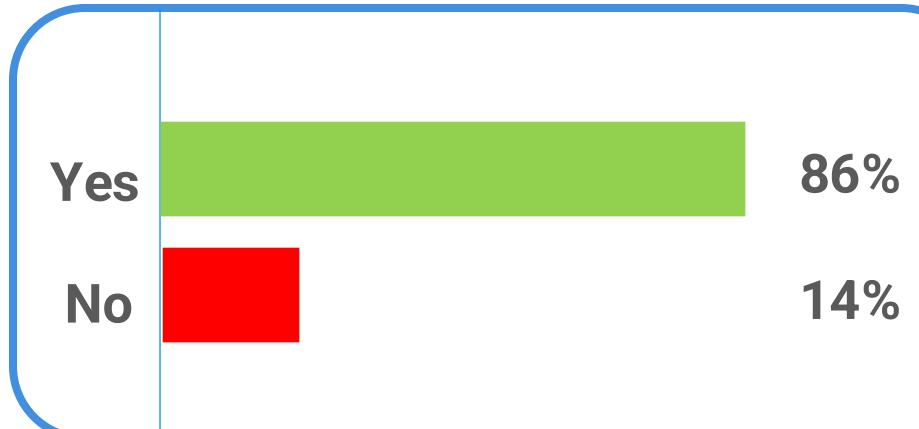
## 4. Global Meeting

**Q1: Should we discontinue the Global Meeting and reassigned resources to activities identified as vital within the INSARAG strategy?**

Yes or no? Why?



**Q2: Should discussions on operational issues take place at the Team Leaders' Meeting (TLM), within working groups, and within the newly created Regional Operational Meetings? Do we want this? Yes or no? Why or further suggestion?**



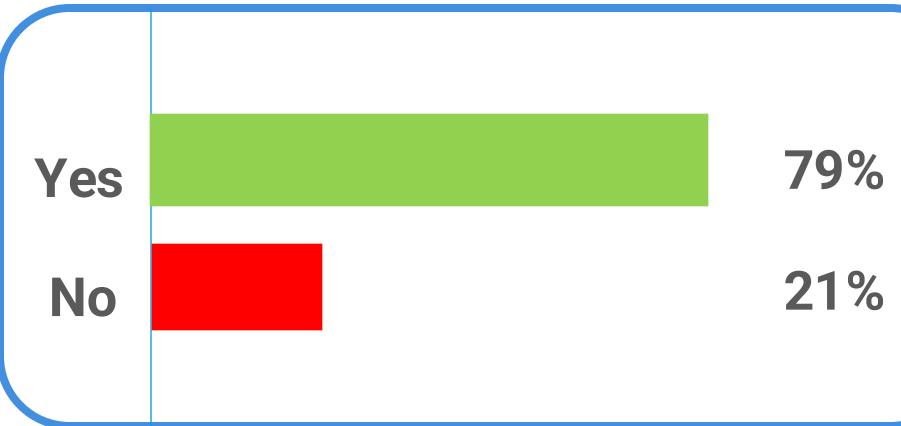
# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 8. Classification

**Q1: Should all teams within the INSARAG network first achieve IRNAP status before being permitted to join the IEC system?**  
Yes or no? Why?



**Q2: Should the focus be on building domestic or national capacity first, followed by the potential for developing a NAP, and then an IRNAP? Yes or no? Why?**

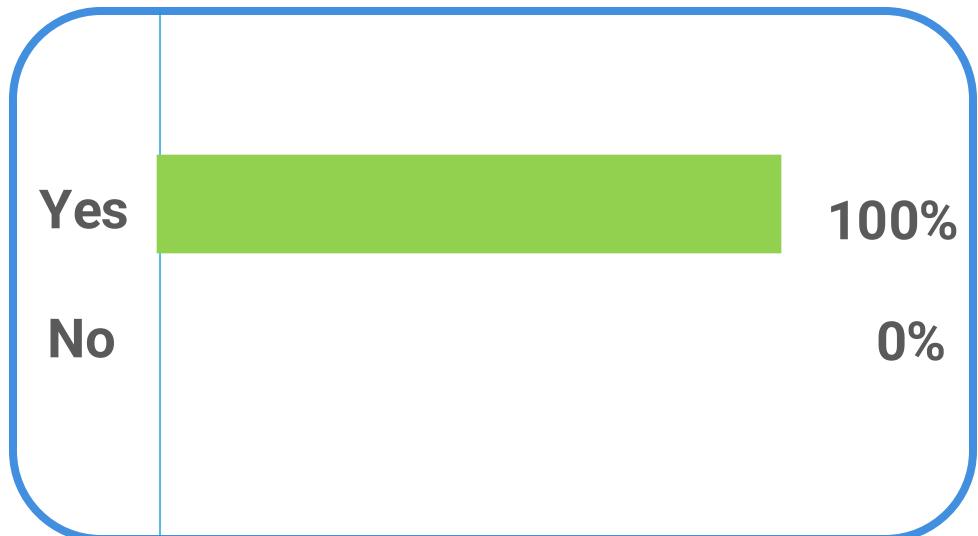


# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 5. Global Strategy 2025 - 2030

**Q1: For developing the INSARAG strategy for 2025-2030, should there be a discussion at a policy level on the position of INSARAG/ USAR within the broader humanitarian context?**

**Yes or no? Why or further suggestion?**



# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

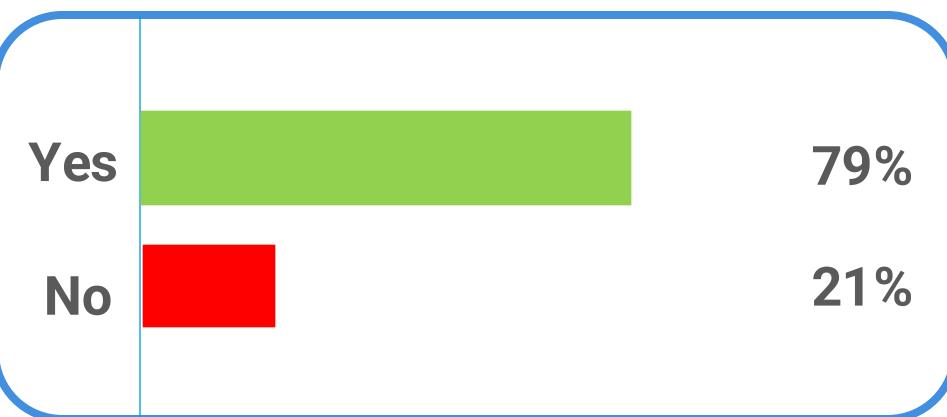
## 6. NGOs and Partners

**Q1: Should any changes be made to the current arrangements of Policy Focal Points, Ops Focal Points and Team Focal Points from Govt. agencies; and NGO teams, so that they continue as Team Focal Points only?**

Yes or no? Why?



**Q2: Should the Policy Focal Points make the final decision on allowing the NGO to join the INSARAG network? Yes or no? Why?**



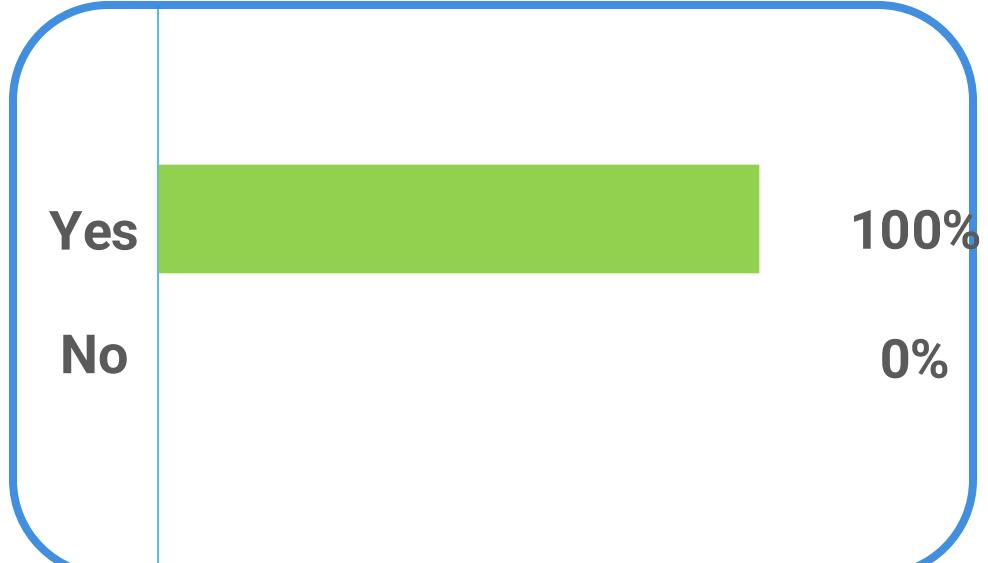
# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 7. Localisation

**Q1: Should the Regional Groups map global USAR capacity to identify gaps and agree on priority countries with the INSARAG network?**  
Yes or no? Why?



**Q2: Should the Regional Groups undertake a mapping of vulnerable countries and to work with donors and the INSARAG network to develop a capacity-building program aimed at the countries requesting external support?**  
Yes or no? Why?



# 8 thematic areas (20 recommendations)

## 6. NGOs and Partners

Q3: Should all further correspondence be directed to NGO teams instead of going through national focal points? Yes or no? Why?



Q4: Should NGO team leaders/focal points be eligible to represent their region at the newly created Regional Operational Meetings? Yes or no? Why?



# End of Day 1

Wrap Up and Announcement on the Evening's  
programme



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# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2024 – Day 2

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28-29 October 2024  
Islamabad, Pakistan



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## **Recap of Day 1 and the review of Day 2 Program**

# Recap from Day 1

1. All keynote speakers (UNRC, INSARAG Secretariat, and AP regional chair) emphasized the importance of **localization, first responders' capacity building, and flexible response**.
2. 2 Teams from AP region successfully conducted IER (NZL01 and AUS02)
3. **2 Teams from China (Hong Kong, Ramunion) and THA10** are planning to conduct **IEC in 2025 and 2026**
4. INSARAG Global Lead urged:
  - **AP INSARAG classified teams to provide classifiers to IEC/Rs 2025.** ISG outcomes mentions "Teams do not offer classifiers will not be considered for an IER."
  - countries with strong flood response capabilities to **join the voluntary flood response roster**
5. Asia-Pacific Regional Group has organized **9 events** so far (25% of all INSARAG events)
  - INSARAG Recognised National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) Leadership Course, Seoul, Korea
  - International Rescue Challenge (IRC) and Asia-Pacific Earthquake Response Exercise, Lahore, Pakistan
6. Asia-Pacific regional group discussed the Regional Position of Governance Review
  - Breakout discussions took place on 8 thematic areas
  - AP Position will be compiled by INSARAG Secretariat and will be tabled at New Year Call (Global chair and 3 regional chairs) and the Global Position will be endorsed at ISG2025.

# Reflections from Day 1

## KEY Takeaways:

- Preparedness at all levels
- Agility in Response- Floods
- Knowledge and Methodology
- Importance of First Responders
- Significance of building local capacity and expertise
- Together to Enable a Swift and Efficient Response
- AP Position in the Gov. Review
- Networking – Strengthen ties

# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2024 - Agenda

## Agenda Day 2 – Tuesday 29 October 2024

<b>Session 7</b> 09.00-09.15	<b>Recap of Day 1 and the review of Day 2 Program</b>
<b>Session 8</b> 09.15-10.00	<b>Reflect Turkiye response AAR to AP regional planning and priority</b> Reflection of Türkiye AAR to AP regional strategy and priorities based on the global AAR and regional meeting outcome 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional readiness to receive international USAR assistance</li><li>• Receiving/host country support to arriving international USAR teams</li><li>• Importance of first responders and IRNAP</li><li>• Partnership with UNDAC and other relevant stakeholders in earthquake response</li></ul>
<b>Session 9</b> 10.00-10:10 (Plenary) 10.10- 11.10	<b>INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and application into the AP workplan 2025</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards (Strengthening IEC/R)</li><li>2. Strategic Objective 2: Localization – funding issues (supporting countries for IRNAP)</li><li>3. Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response</li><li>4. Strategic Objective 4: Partnerships</li></ol>

# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2024 - Agenda

11.10-11.30	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>Session 10</b> 11.30-12.30	<b>INSARAG Strategic Plan and application into the AP workplan 2025 - Continued</b>
13.00-1400	Lunch
<b>Session 11</b> 12.30-13.00	<b>Reporting back - Summary of the AP Workplan 2025 and development of AP regional calendar 2025</b>
<b>Session 12</b> 14.00-14.15	<b>Member States Announcements</b>
<b>Session 13</b> 14.15-15.00	<b>Key Regional Meeting Outcomes, Presenting the new Troika 2025, AOB &amp; Closing Address.</b>  Announcements and Invitation for the Regional Chair 2026 and host of APERE 2025  Remark by Regional chair 2025  Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outgoing regional chair (video):</li><li>• AP regional chair/host:</li><li>• Head of OCHA ROAP</li><li>• INSARAG Secretariat</li></ul> Exchange of tokens

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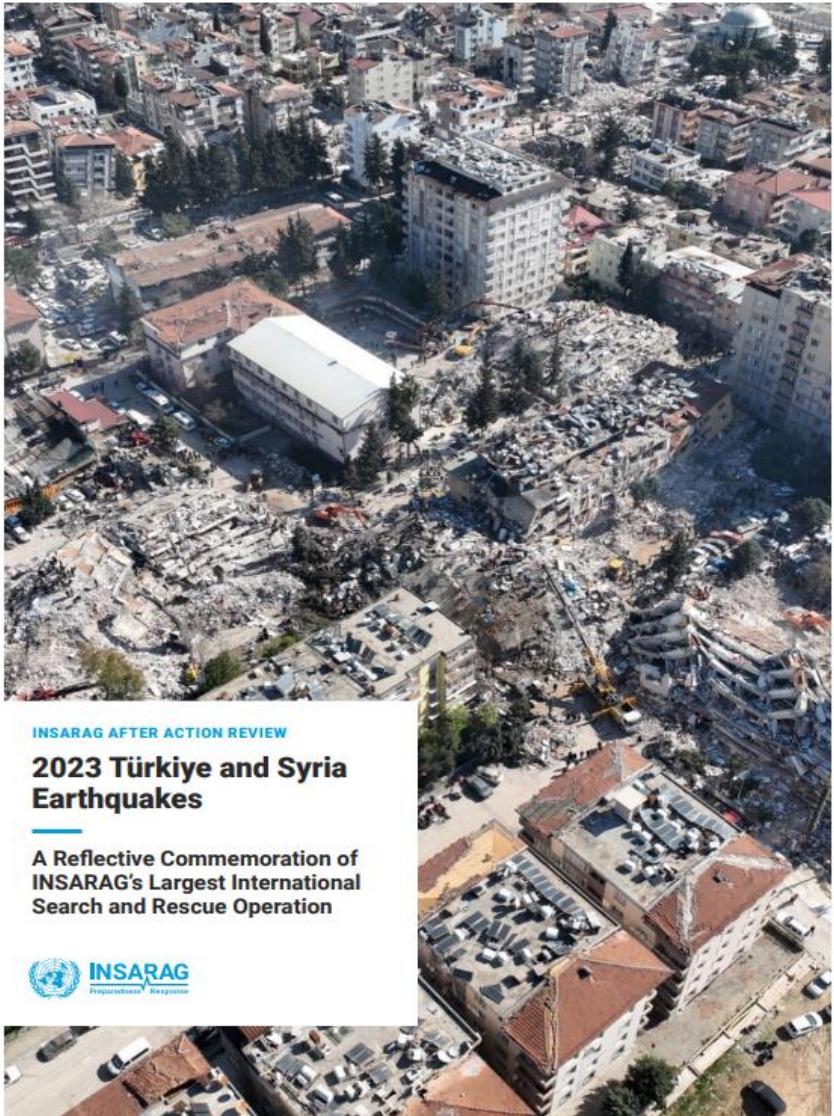
**Reflect Turkiye response AAR to AP regional planning and priority**

## Reflect Turkiye response AAR to AP regional planning and priority

Reflection of Türkiye AAR to AP regional strategy and priorities based on the global AAR and regional meeting outcome 2023:

- Regional readiness to receive international USAR assistance
- Receiving/host country support to arriving international USAR teams
- First/Community Responders
- Partnership with UNDAC and other relevant stakeholders in earthquake response

# AAR - 2023 Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes





# *Localization: Host Country Support*

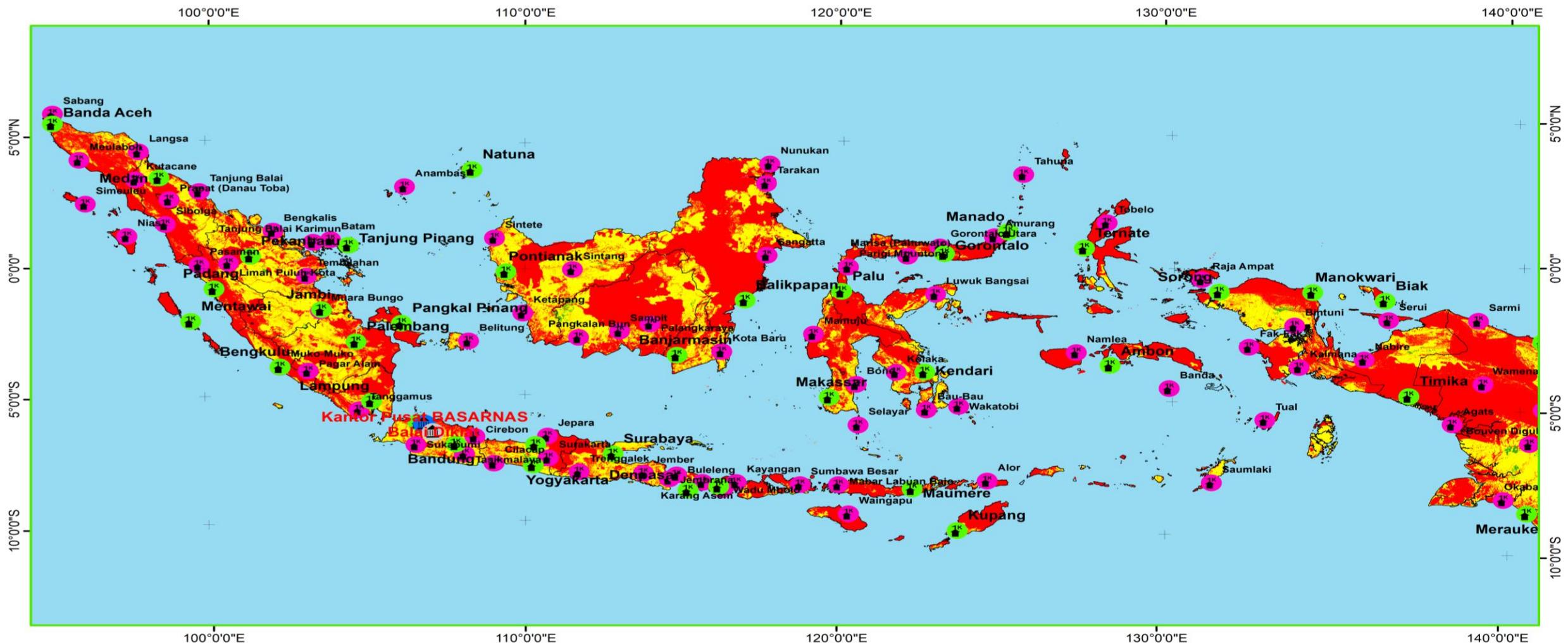
## INSARAG AP Regional Meeting 2024



**Brigadier General (Marines) Edy Prakoso, S.E., M.M., M. Tr. Opsla**

**Director of SAR Operations**

# *Background*



# NAP in Indonesia

1. Implementing the quality standard and localization pillar under INSARAG Strategic Priorities 2021-2026 in Indonesia
2. National strategy to enhance the effectiveness as well as response coordination within the national responders
3. To form the USAR expert at the local level, and pool of resources for INA-01
4. Four SAR Offices were nationally accredited in 2023 and four SAR offices were targeted in 2025



# First Responder ToT

1. Training package was tested in Georgia, Cyprus, Indonesia, and Iraq
2. First responder ToT was delivered in Indonesia on February 2023 by Peter Goxharaj
3. First responder training is aimed to build up capacity on a local level and to strengthen resilience
4. Indonesia will bring the concept of “As local as possible...”, since it indicates that capacity and resilience building are important to implement



# National Emergency Response Exercise (NEREX)



## Exercise Overview:

1. As part of the planning process, the stakeholder mapping step identifies training needs specific to the country context during an EQ response (organizational-level and participant-level needs)
2. National response teams and coordinating bodies
3. Exercise artificiality
4. Heavily compressed timeline (7 or 30 days into 2-day simulation exercise)

## Objectives:

- to develop the national framework/policy/SOP.
- to practice and strengthen the national response and coordination mechanism
- to verify the NAP and First Responder concept is comply with the standard



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## Enhancing Partnership in Earthquake Response

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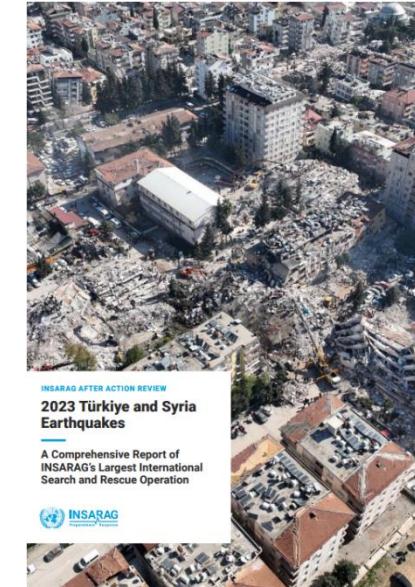
Taehyun Cho, OPF of KDRT(KOR-1)



## 1. Takeaway from AAR (Partnership)



- UNDAC and USAR teams Collaborate and Train together
- Clarification of UNDAC UC Liason and INSARAG UC Manager
- Response together for faster arrival and timely coordination
- Information sharing using ICMS for better cooperation



INSARAG AFTER ACTION REVIEW  
2023 Türkiye and Syria  
Earthquakes

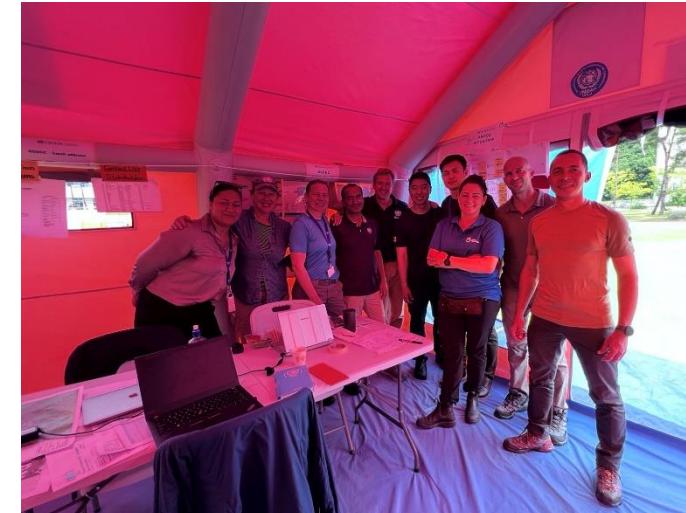
A Comprehensive Report of  
INSARAG's Largest International  
Search and Rescue Operation



## 1-1. UNDAC Induction Course in KOREA



- UNDAC Induction course in May at NFSA, Gongju city of ROK
- Approx. 25% of participants had USAR background
- Cooperation with JEU(Joint Environment Unit) and Utilizing FEAT was part of the program
- KDRT will include UNDAC members when mobilization





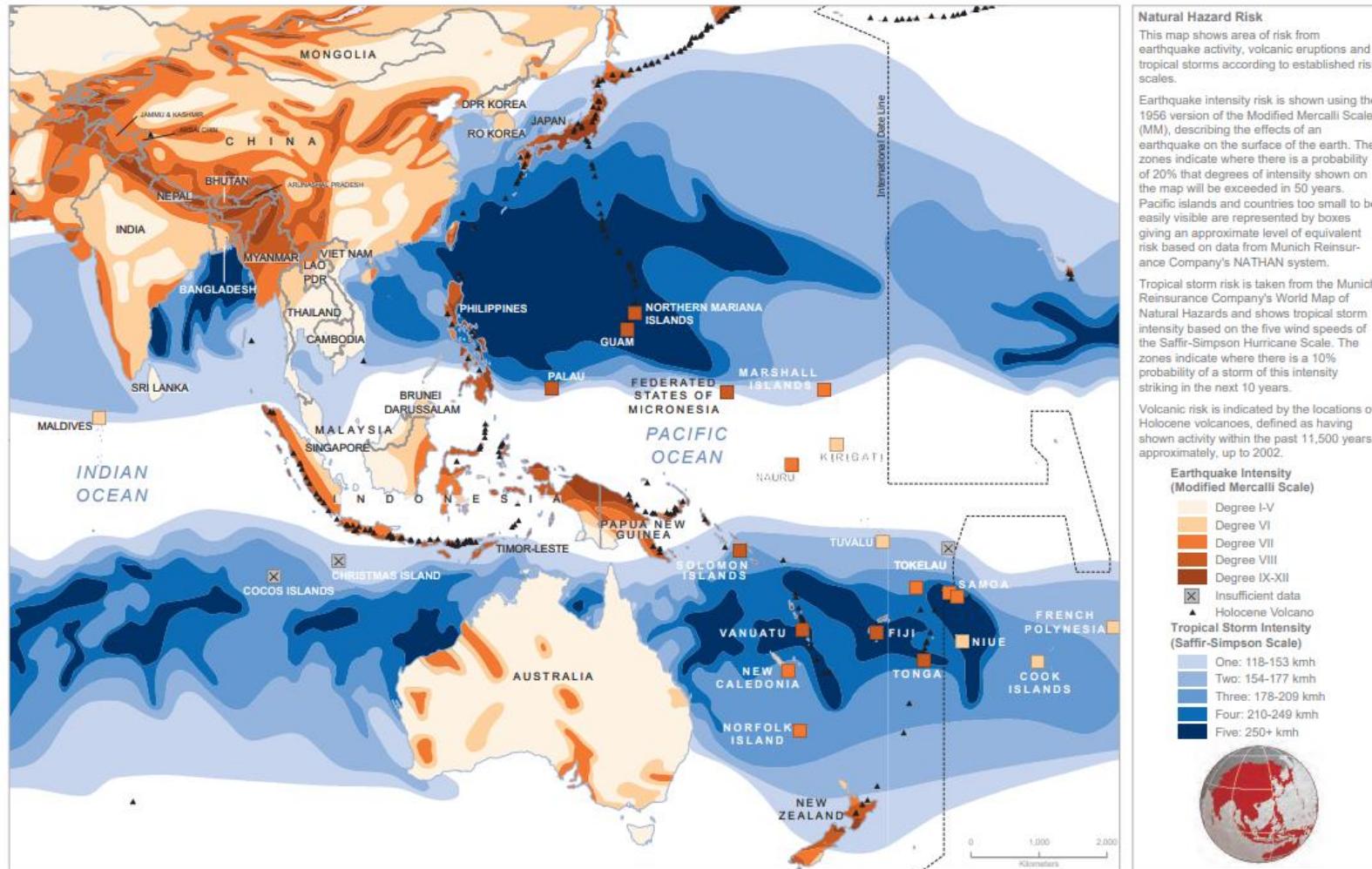
- **Breakout Discussion on Field coordination**
  - Strengthening the coordination btw USAR and UNDAC
  - Cross training of UCC and RDC was recommended for better communication and effective collaboration

### 3. AP region – Natural Hazard Risk Map



#### Asia-Pacific: Natural Hazard Risk

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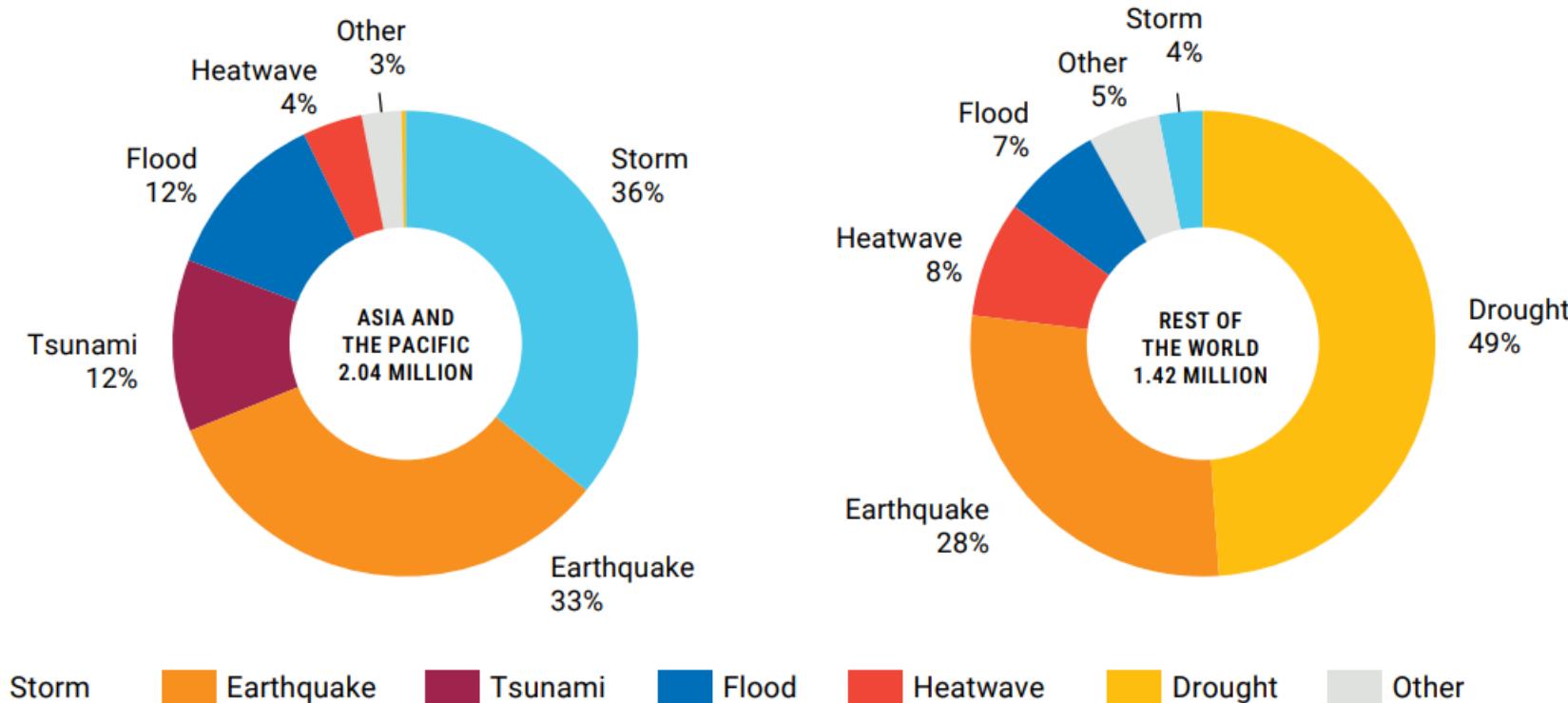


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#### 4. Disaster Statistics 1970-2022 (Fatalities)



FIGURE 1.2 Number of fatalities from disasters in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world, 1970-2022

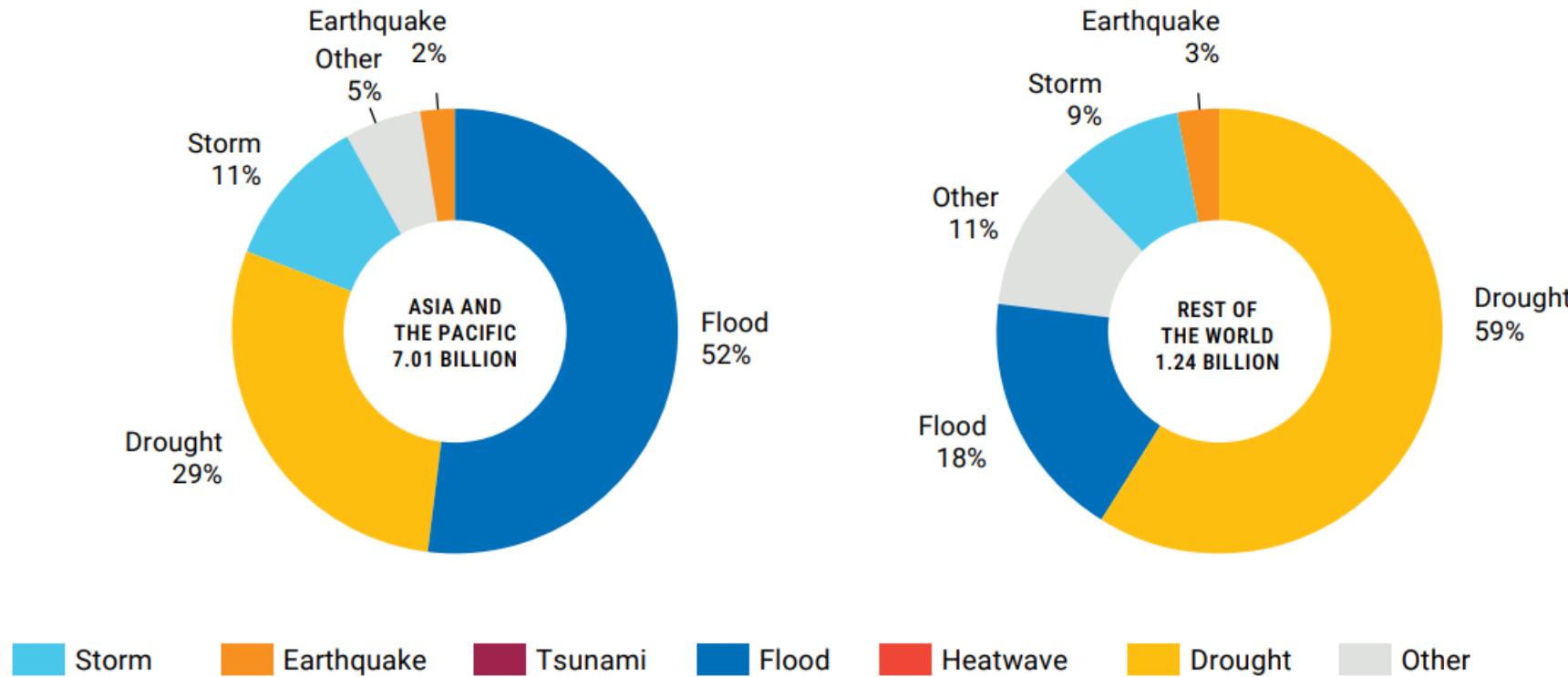


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**FIGURE 1.3 Number of people affected from disasters in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world, 1970-2022**

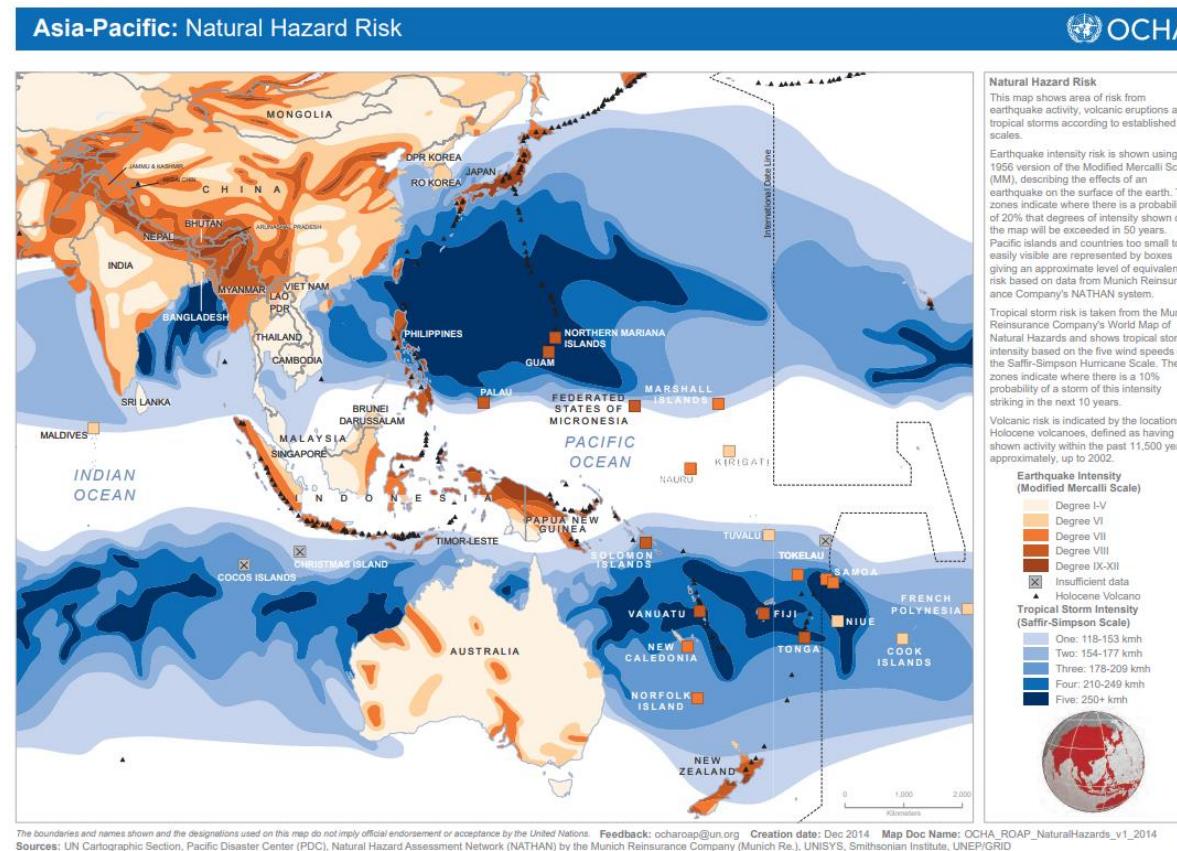


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## 6. Application to AP region



- **Earthquake in AP region won't be like Türkiye earthquake**
  - Geographical constraints, Limited logistical support



## 6. Suggestions



- **Stronger partnership is recommended**
  - For Better and coordinated response when disaster occurs
- **There are Strong ties btw ASEAN countries, e.g. ERAT**
  - UNDAC and ERAT cooperation
  - How about ASEAN and other countries?

## 7. (Korea Case1 ) Joint Simex with Singapore



- Conducted on October 3, 2024
- 15 KDRT members participated SCDF's OLH exercise
- First joint training after MOU btw SCDF and KNFA in June
- Seeking more Cooperation opportunity with ASEAN community



## 8. (Korea Case2) Participation in ARDEX 25



- Skeleton team of 10-15 for TTX
- Focus on Coordination with ASEAN member states
- Better understanding of SASOP for Future Cooperation
- Enhancing Partnership with Regional Participants



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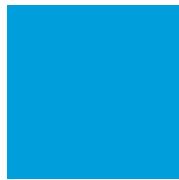


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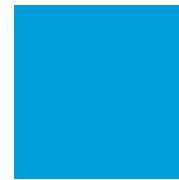
KC-330 FOR **KDRT** DEPLOYMENT



# Proposal from Aisa-Pacific INSARAG Secretariat



Updating UC Trainer roster  
in Asia-Pacific  
(the last regional ToT in  
2019)



Strengthening the  
partnership with UNDAC –  
Liaison to UCC/SCC



Enhancing localization  
(IRNAP/NAP and First  
Responders), Pacific

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## **INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and application into the AP workplan 2025**

# INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026 (in handouts)



## INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026 – endorsed on 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. The Strategic Objectives for 2021-2026, developed by the INSARAG network, feed into a global framework which informs the INSARAG Regional Groups' strategies and objectives and thus attempt to guide their implementation.

**Source:** INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026.

# INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026

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**Objective 3.2:** Promote new ways of working to be functional in difficult circumstances, such as the COVID-19 crisis, to be ready when disasters strike, and to stay fit for purpose in an evolving operational environment.

# INSARAG Asia-Pacific Strategic Plan 2021-2026

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## Partnerships

**Objective 4.1:** Strengthen collaboration and coordination, expand established technical partnerships and harness the collective synergies of national expert members for effective coordination and stronger preparedness.

**Objective 4.2:** Promote a broader outreach and increased engagement with new relevant partners in preparation for a collective response in case of disasters

# INSARAG AP Activities 2025

Event	Start Date	End Date	Event Name	Event type	Region	Country	Location
1	16-Jan	16-Jan	INSARAG New Year Teleconference	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Bern
2	14-Feb	21-Feb	INSARAG Team Leaders meeting	Meeting	Global	Tunisia	Tunis
3	10 Mar	14 Mar	UC Course (Singapore)	Training	Asia-Pacific	Singapore	Singapore
4	24-Mar	28-Mar	HNPW 2024 ( Face-to-face week at the CICG)	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Geneva
5	24 Mar	24 Mar	Informal Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	Meeting	Asia-Pacific	Switzerland	Geneva
6	24-May	30-May	China International Search and Rescue (CHN-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
7	24-May	30-May	China Search and Rescue (CHN-02)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
8	7-Aug	8-Aug	AP Regional meeting	Meeting	Asia-pacific	Japan	Tokyo
9	18-Aug	21-Aug	Operation Lionheart Contingent, Singapore (SGP-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	Singapore	Singapore
10	8-Sep	12-Sep	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1 (AUS-1)	IER	Asia-pacific	Australia	Brisbane
11	10-Nov	14-Nov	Thailand (THA10)	IEC	Asia-pacific	Thailand	Chai Nat

**Breakout discussions – 25 minutes per topic**

**Focus on hazard mapping and Turkiye AAR**

**Outcome: AP resource mapping and priorities**

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**Quality Standards**

Australia

Japan

Tuvalu

Nepal

Room: Lapis

The group proceeds  
to 2, 3, 4

**2**

**Localization**

China

Indonesia

Turkiye\*

Room: Jade

The group proceeds  
to 3, 4, 1

**3**

**Flexible Response**

Pakistan

Philippines

Russia\*

Room: Crystal Ball 1

The group proceeds  
to 4, 1, 2

**4**

**Partnership**

South Korea

Singapore

Samoa

Thailand

Room: Crystal Ball 2

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# Breakout Discussions

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3	24-May	30-May	China Search and Rescue (CHN-02)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
4	18-Aug	21-Aug	Operation Lionheart Contingent, Singapore (SGP-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	Singapore	Singapore
5	8-Sep	12-Sep	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1 (AUS-1)	IER	Asia-pacific	Australia	Brisbane
6	10-Nov	14-Nov	Thailand (THA10)	IEC	Asia-pacific	Thailand	Chai Nat

## 2026

1	TBC	TBC	Malaysia (MAL-01) - Heavy IER	IER	Asia-pacific	Malaysia	
2	TBC	TBC	Pakistan Rescue Team (PAK-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	Pakistan	
3	TBC	TBC	Ramunion Rescue Brigade - Medium	IEC	Asia-pacific	China	

# Breakout Discussions

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# INSARAG Strategic Plan 2021-2026

## **Localization**

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Asia Pacific countries has showed interest in:

- IRNAP/NAP
  - IRNAP Leadership course took place in Seoul, South Korea in September 2024
  - China indicated NAP to take place 2025/2026
- First Responder/Community Responder Training package
  - Indonesia participated in the package development
  - Pakistan strengthening the community response training
- Pacific capacity building
  - New countries join the network (Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu?)
  - Different context from Asia

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## Flexible Response

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**Objective 3.2:** Promote new ways of working to be functional in difficult circumstances, such as the COVID-19 crisis, to be ready when disasters strike, and to stay fit for purpose in an evolving operational environment.

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## Floods Response Working Group

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### Background

- The Flexible Response Working Group (FRWG) was established in 2020 following the recommendation of the INSARAG Steering Group (ISG) to discuss and explore the potential for the development of adaptable and flexible response operations, in a global context of constantly changing response environment in which there has been an increase in extreme weather-related disasters requiring other specialized capacities in urban search and rescue activities.
- The FRWG was established with three Sub-groups, one of which, the Global Position Sub-Group, concluded its work in 2023 presenting their report and recommendations to the ISG 2023.
- The ISG 2023 endorsed nine areas, one of which is for the establishment of a Flood Response Working Group and directed the INSARAG Secretary to facilitate its organization.

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## Floods Response Working Group

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### Products

The main expected products of this working group will be:

- A Directory of existing Flood Response capabilities of INSARAG member states (on a voluntary basis) for OCHA and the INSARAG Secretariat to share when requested by countries affected by extreme flooding and requiring international assistance.
- A review of globally recognised standards for flood response and recommend a standard for INSARAG teams with flood response capacities to adopt these standards.
- A Technical Reference Note on Flood Response to guide capacity building of the member states at national and local level, to guide INSARAG teams wishing to develop or offer Flood Response assistance.

# Breakout Discussions

### 3. Flexible Response/Flood response

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## Partnerships

**Objective 4.1:** Strengthen collaboration and coordination, expand established technical partnerships and harness the collective synergies of national expert members for effective coordination and stronger preparedness.

**Objective 4.2:** Promote a broader outreach and increased engagement with new relevant partners in preparation for a collective response in case of disasters

# Breakout Discussions

## 4. Partnerships

# Tea/Coffee Break



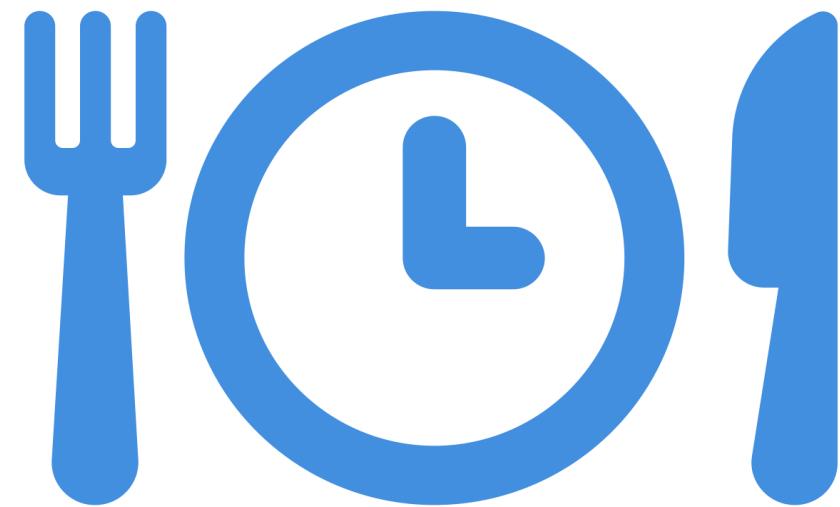
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## Session 10

# Group Work: Discuss Strategic Plan & Application into AP Workplan 2025 - Continued



# Lunch Break



The meeting will resume at 14:00

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**Reporting back - Summary of the AP Workplan  
2025 and development of AP regional calendar  
2025**

# Breakout Discussions

## 1. Quality Standards

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Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
AUS	UCC/RDC/Coordination - Pacific	TBC	
AUS01	UCC /ToT	TBC	
SGP -01	UCC	TBC	
KOR-01	UCC ToT	TBC	
THA-10	PRE IER	JUNE	INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER
SGP-01	IER	OGOS	INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER / ROLE PLAYER
MAS-01	ICMS	TBC	

## **Quality Standards: Suggestion from the AP members to the INSARAG Secretariat**

- Suggest to share E-LEARNING PACKAGE, i.e. on the AP cloud drive, to the AP members if any – SGP-01& THA -10**
- Suggest to share the INSARAG WEBINAR TRAINING (IEC/R) – THA-10**
- Suggest the ONLINE TABLETOP EXERCISE –SGP-01**
- Suggest the STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS COURSE – RUS03**
- Suggest to have ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TRAINING COURSE – PAK01**
- PHILIPPINES is SEEKING SUPPORT WITH CAPACITY BUILDING**

# Breakout Discussions

## 2. Localization

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
China	IRNAP	June- Dec 2025	Process is on going and will to share with other countries who are interested on NAP and IRNAP.
	NAP	2025- 2026	
Indonesia	First responder	On-going	First responder implemented in 2023, dissemination locally
	(NAP)	2025	
Turkiye	IRNAP (completed)	2020 (IRNAP)	Has own community respond programme and full effect in after earthquake
Malaysia	NAP	2025	Seek support to develop the NAP process policy support from Indonesia and China
Australia	IRNAP	TBC	Internally – IRNAP for 6 other states is in discussion with NEMA decision to be made in 2024.
	NAP/Community responder	On-going	To assist pacific islands with localisation in Community responder and NAP. Report back to AP secretariat on progress.
Japan	NAP and IRNAP	TBC	Have a strong community preparedness and NAP within country.
Tuvalu	-	-	-
Nepal	IRNAP and Community responder	2025	First responder curriculum being developed and will be implemented 2026. Develop NAP process/guidelines.

# Breakout Discussions

## 2. Localization

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
South Korea	To be part of NCBWG	2025	To start NAP,IRNAP and first responder related activities
Singapore	IRNAP –Training of operational ready units	Completed IRNAP (medium) 2022	Developed local/ community first responder programme (myresponder app, public education) for basic community preparedness and resilience
Samoa	First responder	TBC	Looking for training to build capacity for first responder and then NAP
Thailand	First responder	On-going	Developed curriculum for volunteers and tertiary schools for local provincial to be trained and have basic community preparedness. Will consider NAP after IEC.
Pakistan	First Responder	On-going	Developed curriculum for community first responder, integrate with INSARAG first responder programme; organizing International Volunteer Day Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Challenge yearly (Dec first week)
	NAP and IRNAP	2025	NAP – light team established at Punjab province
Philippines	Localisation	2025 (1Q)	First responder training on- going
	NAP/IRNAP	2027 (TBC)	Needing consultation for the establishment of IRNAP
Russia	NAP	Established	No plans to undergo IRNAP at the moment. For team to become International there is internal classification system
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### Remarks:

- Most AP member states have an existing first responder programme and NAP. The embracing of IRNAP are being discussed by countries with NAP process.
- 2 countries have completed IRNAP

# Breakout Discussions

## 3. Flexible Response/Flood response

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
1st group	Pakistan - In VOSOCC put other information in directory		
	Technical ref note: 1. Equipment that the team can bring in 2. Safety 3. Communication 4. Hazard - type of hazard, hazard mapping 5. Aggrement discussison - the capabilities of the team 6. Ideal structure: all department should be covered (Medical, mgmt)		
			Flexible response question: 1. Wild fire 2. Consequence mgmt - recovery 3. Communication - in operational phase there should be network on dashboard for connectivity among contries 4. Search 5. Team focal point 6. Work with communities 7. Should be diff. sublayers in flex. response sections.

# Breakout Discussions

## 3. Flexible Response/Flood response

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
2nd group			
	1. Put forest fire in VO as flexible response 2. Thypoön 3. Flood response must be focusing rescue live victims. Recovery not include.		
Tech Ref Note:	1. Quality assurance - identify national competencies 2. Coordination - quick n the structure		Flex response: 1. Team structure 2. Flood response exercise
Flood response ques:	1. Time frame for every flood operation 2. National response for 1st layer / simple operation 3. International would cover huge scale of operation 4. Sub-categories of rescue team : light, medium, heavy		

# Breakout Discussions

## 3. Flexible Response/Flood response

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
3rd group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Flexible response in VO can</li><li>2. Temperature (risk)</li><li>3. Disaster assessment - world bank</li><li>4. Capabilities and experiences, soft skills</li><li>5. Disaster mgmt</li><li>6. HAZMAT team</li><li>7. Intelligent - drone, information, structure engineer</li><li>8. WASH - to be considered</li><li>9. In VO clearly tell what happen and what to do</li><li>10. Clear information will drive UCC and RDC assigned right team</li></ul>		<p>Tech Ref Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Define between flood n swift</li><li>2. Importance areas to be consider</li><li>3. HAZMAT</li><li>4. What readiness - ready to go equipment</li><li>5. Any stuff ready to deploy - box, pallet</li><li>6.</li></ul>
Flood response ques:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use forecast system in each country to assist operation</li><li>2. Flexible system - ex: tracking cyclone prone</li><li>3. Comm - use same language in define tresponse requirement / team capabilities</li><li>4. Running water and swift water in pakistan may</li><li>5. Reference to understand same language</li><li>6. Local information to describe the disaster even better.</li></ul>		<p>Flex response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Table top exc needed?</li></ul>

# Breakout Discussions

## 3. Flexible Response/Flood response

Country	Commitment	Timing	Comment
4th group			
VO: 1. Landslide 2. Helicopter rescue 3. Support team 4. Wild fire 5. Mount rescue 6. Mining rescue - Thailand			<p>Tech Ref Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Priority in operation</li><li>2. Preparation, altenative, prevention - to make sure depolymnt is in right place , right time</li><li>3. Humanitarion for displace person</li></ul>
Directory 1. HAZMAT response 2.			<p>Flex response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Case study</li><li>2. Do stocktake</li><li>3.</li></ul>
Flood response ques: 1. Discussion			

# Breakout Discussions

## 4. Partnerships

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1. Strong regional relationships;
  - Strong relationship with ASEAN (ASEAN countries, Japan, Australia, China, South Korea)
  - Joint exercise and training by Pakistan (Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka)
2. Strong in-country partnership in different levels; government, community, NGOs (Indonesia, Australia, China, Turkiye, Nepal)
3. Pacific countries are interested in INSARAG and UNDAC, while operationally close to the neighboring countries.
4. Bilateral cooperation with other fire services (South Korea, China, Malaysia, Australia, Nepal, Singapore)
5. INSARAG Secretariat works closely with AHA Center on joint exercises (ARDEX, APERE) and ERAT training
6. ASEAN countries deploys non-USAR response assets via AHA Center (related to flexible response)

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## Member States Announcements

# INSARAG AP Activities 2025

Event	Start Date	End Date	Event Name	Event type	Region	Country	Location
1	16-Jan	16-Jan	INSARAG New Year Teleconference	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Bern
2	14-Feb	21-Feb	INSARAG Team Leaders meeting	Meeting	Global	Tunisia	Tunis
3	10 Mar	14 Mar	UC Course (Singapore)	Training	Asia-Pacific	Singapore	Singapore
4	24-Mar	28-Mar	HNPW 2024 ( Face-to-face week at the CICG)	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Geneva
5	24 Mar	24 Mar	Informal Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	Meeting	Asia-Pacific	Switzerland	Geneva
6	24-May	30-May	China International Search and Rescue (CHN-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
7	24-May	30-May	China Search and Rescue (CHN-02)	IER	Asia-pacific	China	Beijing
8	7-Aug	8-Aug	AP Regional meeting	Meeting	Asia-pacific	Japan	Tokyo
9	18-Aug	21-Aug	Operation Lionheart Contingent, Singapore (SGP-01)	IER	Asia-pacific	Singapore	Singapore
10	8-Sep	12-Sep	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1 (AUS-1)	IER	Asia-pacific	Australia	Brisbane
11	10-Nov	14-Nov	Thailand (THA10)	IEC	Asia-pacific	Thailand	Chai Nat

# Announcements by Member States



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**Key Regional Meeting Outcomes, Presenting the  
new Troika 2025, AOB & Closing Address**

# Outcome of AP regional meeting 2024

1. Regional chair appreciates all member countries engage and commit to INSARAG, especially South Korea and PAK-01 to organize a global and regional flagship events: **IRNAP Leadership Course and IRC-APERE**.
2. AP Regional group welcomes 3 teams preparing for IEC (China-Hong Kong, Ramuion, THA-10) and 6 countries aiming to achieve NAP/IRNAP in coming years.
3. Localization remains as AP regional key priorities: Indonesia, Pakistan focusing on first responders/community rescue; supporting the Pacific Islands Countries in capacity building.
4. The regional group supports IEC/R: **all INSARAG classified teams provide classifiers to support the system.**

## Outcome of AP regional meeting 2024 – cont'd

5. All the participating countries presented their positions for the Governance Review. The AP position will be attached as the annex of chairman's summary.
6. AP Regional Group **implements AAR of Turkiye Response to further enhance the emergency preparedness and response at the regional level.** The work plan has been developed including regional mapping of hazards, commitments and resources.
7. AP **supports review of the INSARAG Guidelines Version 2026** by providing inputs; AP continues to **actively participate in the Working Groups** to ensure regional perspectives are reflected to the guideline development.
8. Informal Women in USAR Group will be established. Contact point: Meg Northrope, Australia Policy Focal Point: [Meg.Northrope@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Meg.Northrope@dfat.gov.au)

## Outcome of AP regional meeting 2024 – cont'd

9. The regional Group **welcomes Japan as the INSARAG regional chair 2025.** the regional meeting will take place in August 2025 in Tokyo.
10. AP chair thanks XX to nominate as regional chair 2026 and XX to host APERE 2025.
11. *Information Management Working Group: The AP Group supports the IMWG Strategy and a new Version 3.0, and The AP Group encourages that INSARAG Classified teams contribute USD\$ 1000 per Team, per annum, to support the licenses and developmental work (TBD)*
12. *AP Regional Group thanks Pakistan to host the series of regional key events: IRC, APERE2024, and AP regional meeting 2024. Shukuria!*

# Troika Members 2025



**Lt. General Inam Haider  
Malik**

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Out  
going Regional Chair  
2025/Regional Chair 2024



**Shinya Iwata**

Emergency Relief  
Coordinator

**On behalf of INSARAG Asia-  
Pacific  
Regional Chair 2025**

**TBC**

Incoming regional chair  
2025/Regional chair 2026



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Closing Session



**ASIA-PACIFIC OUTGOING CHAIR**

**KEN COOPER**  
**NATIONAL MANAGER RESPONSE CAPABILITY**  
**FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND**

# Closing Remarks



**Lt. General Inam  
Haider Malik**

INSARAG Asia-Pacific  
Regional Chair 2024



**Vincent Omuga**

Deputy Head of  
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**Winston Chang**

INSARAG Global Lead

# INSARAG – Way Ahead

**Q : 1 Is scope expansion needed from Urban to rural, desert, coastal, marine**

**Q : 2 How to enhance compatibility based interoperability - INSARAG**

**Q : 3 Can sub regional leads be sustained : one team for one disaster?**

**Q : 4 How to tap supplementary volunteer S&R potential?**

**Q : 5 How regionalization of disasters complements S&R focus?**

**Q : 6 Space for tech driven S&R, periodic simulation exs, virtual trainings?**

**Q : 7 S&R virtues challenge : language, culture, infra differential?**



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THANK YOU!



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