



Australian Government

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2026 – Day 1

7-8 July 2026

Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil



OCHA



INSARAG

Preparedness • Response

1

Welcome and Official Opening

Opening Statements



Ms. Jennifer Noble

A/g Assistant Secretary,
Department of Foreign
Affairs and Trade,
Australia

INSARAG Asia-Pacific
Co-Chair 2026



Ms. Glaucia Hassler

Coordinator for Institutional
Cooperation and Partnerships
at the National Secretariat for
Protection and Civil Defense,
Ministry of Integration and
Regional Development, Brazil



**Mr. Sebastian
Rhodes Stampa**

INSARAG Secretary
and Chief
Emergency
Response Section,
OCHA Geneva

Introduction of participants

Adoption of Agenda

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting 2026 – Agenda

OFFICIAL



INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional
Meeting 2026
Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
7-8 July 2026



Time	Agenda
Day 1: Tuesday 7 July 2026	
Session 1 14.00 – 14.20	Welcome and Official Opening Opening of INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting: - Welcome address o Ms. Jennifer Noble, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Co-Chair 2026 o Ms. Glauca Hassler, Coordinator for Institutional Cooperation and Partnerships at the National Secretariat for Protection and Civil Defense (SEDEC), Ministry of Integration and Regional Development, Brazil - Remarks by o Mr. Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, INSARAG Secretary Introduction of participants Adoption of Agenda
14.20 – 14.30	Group Photo
Session 2 14.30 – 15.00	Global and Regional 2026 Workplans and Updates Global Update: Ms. WANG Rui, INSARAG Regional Focal Point for the Asia-Pacific Asia-Pacific Regional Update: Ms. Jennifer Noble, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Co-Chair 2026
Session 3 15.00 – 16.00	Working Group Updates INSARAG Working Group representatives (10 min each) Mr. Lok Wee Keong (Singapore) and Mr. Saifuzam bin Subaini (Malaysia), Member, Guidelines Review Group Mr. Jeremy Stubbs (Australia), Co-Chair, Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group Mr. Muhamad Zulkhairi Idris (Malaysia), Member, National Capacity Building Working Group Mr. David Sochor (Switzerland), Co-Chair, Quality Assurance IEC and IER Working Group Mr. Andrew Shurety (Australia) Member, Training Working Group

OFFICIAL

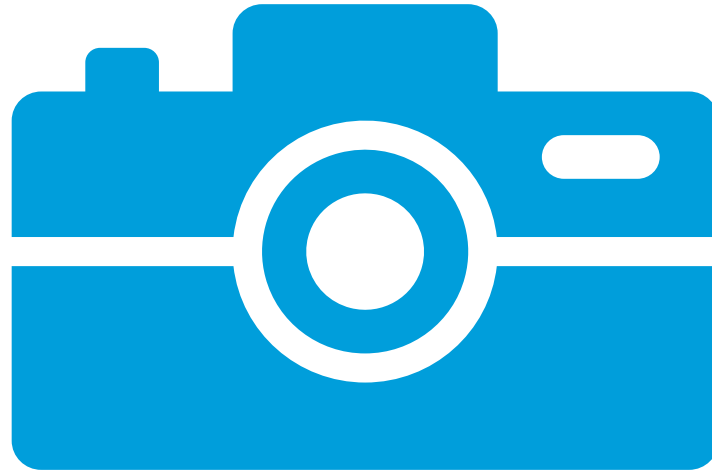
	Mr. Jeff Maunder (New Zealand), Co-Chair, Information Management Working Group TBC, Medical Working Group
16.00 – 16.30	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 4 16.30 – 17.00	Role of Technology in USAR Response Mr. KITANO Yasuo, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Disaster Relief Team Leader of Japan Ms. SAKAMAKI Eriko, Advisor, Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, Japan International Cooperation Agency
Session 5 17.00 – 17.05	End of Day 1 Announcements

Day 2: Wednesday 8 July 2026	
Session 6 09.00 – 09.10	Recap of Day 1 and Agenda of Day 2 Ms. Jennifer Noble, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Chair 2026
Session 7 09.10 – 10.00	Capacity Building Mr. Jeremy Stubbs, Chief Superintendent, Technical Capability Department, Fire and Rescue New South Wales Mr. Douglas May, Chief Superintendent, Specialist and Technical Response Branch Queensland Fire and Rescue Panelist: Mr. Puanaw T Sowane, Chief Executive Officer, National Fire Authority, Fiji Mr. James Ketaru, Director, Fire Rescue Service Team, Solomon Islands Mr. Muhamad Zulkhairi Idris, Special Malaysia Disaster Assistant & Rescue Team (SMART)
Session 8 10.00 – 10.30	Protection of Humanitarian Personnel Ms. Jennifer Noble, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Chair 2026 Mr. Adrian Fleming, Assistant Director, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
10.30 – 11.00	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 9 11.00 – 12.00	Asia-Pacific Members New Proposals - Proposal on Extending the IER Cycle for Established USAR Teams o Mr. Ling Young Ern, Deputy Commissioner (Operations & Resilience), Singapore Civil Defence Force - Promoting IRNAP Adoption within the Asia-Pacific Region (joint initiative between

OFFICIAL

	Singapore and China) o Mr. Ling Young Ern, Deputy Commissioner (Operations & Resilience), Singapore Civil Defence Force o Mr. Zhao Ming, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Emergency Management of the People's Republic of China
Session 10 12.00 – 12.30	Gender in Disasters Mr. Jeremy Stubbs, Chief Superintendent, Technical Capability Department, Fire and Rescue New South Wales
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
Session 11 14.00 – 15.30	Asia-Pacific Regional Workplan 2027 Consultations Plenary briefing followed by breakout discussions - Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards o Facilitator: Mr. Li Li, Director, International Rescue and Cooperation Department, National Earthquake Response Support Service, Ministry of Emergency Management of China o Note taker: Mr. Saifuzam bin Subaini, Head of Logistics, Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team - Strategic Objective 2: Flexible Response o Facilitator: Mr. Jeremy Stubbs, Chief Superintendent, Technical Capability Department, Fire and Rescue New South Wales o Note taker: Mr. Lok Wee Keong, Commander, Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team, Operations Department, Singapore Civil Defence Force - Strategic Objective 3: Strengthening Localization o Facilitator: Mr. Munseok Lee, Manager, International Affairs Section, Planning and Finance Division, National Fire Agency, Republic of Korea o Note taker: Ms. SAKAMAKI Eriko, Advisor, Secretariat of Japan Disaster Relief Team, Japan International Cooperation Agency Reference document: INSARAG Strategic Plan 2026-2030
Session 12 15.30 – 16.00	Plenary: Finalization of the Asia-Pacific Regional Workplan 2027 and Development of Asia-Pacific Regional Calendar 2027 and Onwards Report back on break out discussions
16.00 – 16.30	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 13 16.30 – 17.00	Key Regional Meeting Outcomes, Member States Announcements and Closing Address Summary of the meeting outcomes Member States Announcements Statement of Outgoing Chair Closing address: - Ms. Jennifer Noble, INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Co-Chair 2026 - Ms. WANG Rui, INSARAG Regional Focal Point for the Asia-Pacific

Group Photo



The Meeting will resume at 14.30

2

Global and Regional 2026 Workplans and Updates



INSARAG
Preparedness Response

Global Updates

INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030

«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.»



INSARAG Strategy 2026-2030



The Strategy of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) presents the vision, mission, overarching goals and strategic objectives of the network, endorsed by the INSARAG Steering Group, for the period 2026-2030.

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.

Mandate and Role

INSARAG's mandate is to strengthen the effectiveness of international urban search and rescue (USAR) efforts in disaster response by supporting the humanitarian imperative to save lives and alleviate suffering in disaster-affected countries.

By fostering preparedness, interoperability, and rapid response capacity, INSARAG enables life-saving assistance in the aftermath of disasters and contributes to a more efficient and principled humanitarian action framework while supporting international cooperation.

Our role is to:

- Develop and promote globally recognized 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.

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 continuous learning.
- **Inclusiveness:** INSARAG brings together governments, governmental organizations, NGOs and disaster preparedness and response professionals. INSARAG particularly encourages disaster-prone countries to join the network, as well as any country or organization with USAR response capacity.

Strategy 2026-2030

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

- Review and enhance the Guidelines
- Promote INSARAG External Classification (IEC) and Reclassification (IER)
- Ensure quality of IEC/R
- Adoption and localization of INSARAG coordination methodology and concepts to country contexts.

Strategic Objective 2: Flexible Response

- develop flexible operational models beyond traditional USAR response

Strategic Objective 3: Strengthening Localization

- support tailored regional groups to ensure that INSARAG's approaches, tools, and coordination mechanisms are adapted to regional languages, cultures, and operational contexts
- Implementation of national accreditation systems

2026 – Programme of Work

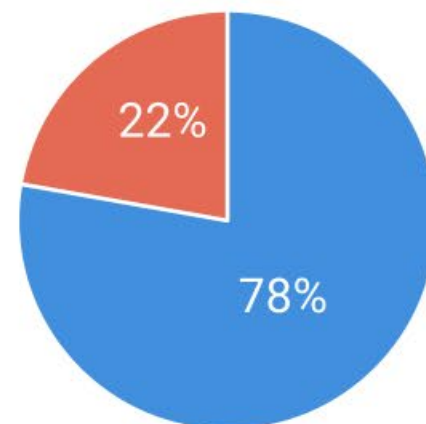
9 IECs* - 6 IERs - 8 Trainings - 2 Exercises And 7+ Meetings

26/01/2026	30/01/2026	INSARAG	IER	FRA-03 IER (Heavy)	France
09/02/2026	13/02/2026	INSARAG	IER	UAE-01 IER (Heavy)	UAE
23/02/2026	27/02/2026	INSARAG	Training	USAR Coordination Course (EUCPM/INSARAG)	Volterra, Italy
23/02/2026	27/02/2026	UKISAR	Training	Advanced Timber Shoring course	Liverpool, United Kingdom
02/03/2026	06/03/2026	UKISAR	Training	USAR Coordination Course	Liverpool, United Kingdom
10/03/2026	10/03/2026	OCHA	Conference	Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks (HNPW)	Geneva, Switzerland
10/03/2026	10/03/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	INSARAG Steering Group Meeting (ISG)	Geneva, Switzerland
16/03/2026	20/03/2026	INSARAG	IEC	CHN-10 IEC (Medium)	Hong Kong, China
23/03/2026	27/03/2026	INSARAG	Training	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Course	Seoul, South Korea
13/04/2026	17/04/2026	INSARAG	IER	ALG-01 IER (Heavy)	Algeria
27/04/2026	01/05/2026	INSARAG	IEC	ECU-01 IEC (Medium)	Ecuador
10/05/2026	16/05/2026	INSARAG	Training	Americas USAR Coordination Course	Santiago, Chile
18/05/2026	22/05/2026	INSARAG	IEC	ITA-02 IEC (Light)	Italy
18/05/2026	22/05/2026	INSARAG	IEC	ITA-01 IEC (Heavy to Medium)	Italy
07/06/2026	12/06/2026	INSARAG	IER	COL-01 IER (Medium)	Colombia
04/07/2026	05/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	Working Groups Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
04/07/2026	10/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	Global Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
06/07/2026	07/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	Team Leaders Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
08/07/2026	09/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	Americas Regional Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
08/07/2026	09/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	AEME Regional Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
08/07/2026	09/07/2026	INSARAG	Meeting	A-P Regional Meeting	Foz de Iguazu, Brazil
23/07/2026	31/07/2026	INSARAG	Training	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Training of Trainers	China
10/08/2026	14/08/2026	INSARAG	IEC	EGY-01 IEC (Medium)	Egypt
17/08/2026	21/08/2026	UKISAR	Training	Advanced Timber Shoring course	Liverpool, United Kingdom
07/09/2026	11/09/2026	INSARAG	IEC	LTH-01 IEC (Medium to Light)	Lithuania
21/09/2026	25/09/2026	INSARAG	IER	MAS-01 IER (Heavy)	Malaysia
05/10/2026	09/10/2026	INSARAG	IEC	GER-01 IER (Medium)	Germany
05/10/2026	09/10/2026	INSARAG	IER	AUT-01 IER (Heavy)	Austria
19/10/2026	23/10/2026	INSARAG	IEC	ROU-01 IEC (Medium to Heavy)	Romania
25/10/2026	29/10/2026	INSARAG	Exercise	Global Exercise	Doha, Qatar
09/11/2026	13/11/2026	INSARAG	Training	USAR Coordination Course	Limoges, France
20/11/2026	23/11/2026	INSARAG	IEC	CHN-11 IEC (Medium)	China
07/12/2026	10/12/2026	INSARAG	Exercise	Earthquake Response Exercise (ERE)	El Salvador

* 3 are changes in capacity

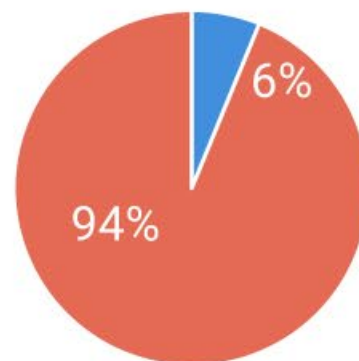
177 Classifiers

Results by Country



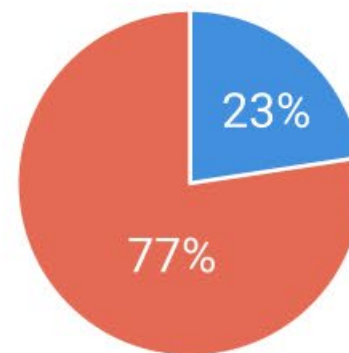
■ Support IEC/Rs System ■ Do not support the system

Gender



■ Female ■ Male

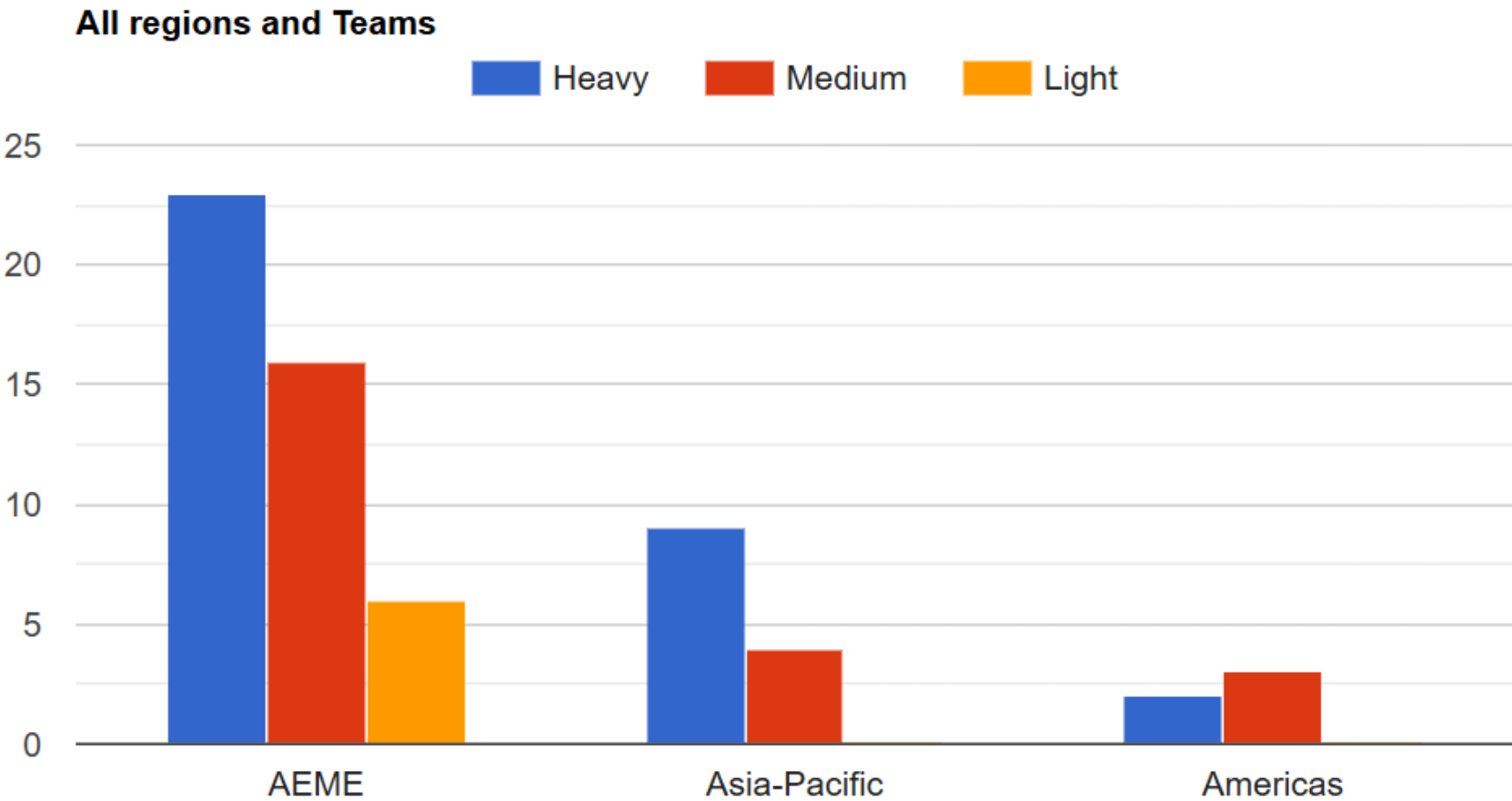
Level



■ In training ■ Experienced

INSARAG Teams

Currently, a total of **63 teams** are classified: **34 Heavy**, **23 Medium**, and **6 Light**.





INSARAG
Preparedness Response

Asia-Pacific Updates

Asia-Pacific Region: Approach

Practical delivery of INSARAG Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards

Strategic Objective 2: Localization

Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response

Collaboration and advocacy for the needs of the Asia-Pacific

Focus on sustainability of the INSARAG network globally

INSARAG: Asia-Pacific Regional Workplan

Asia-Pacific's approach to achieving and delivering the INSARAG Strategic Objectives in 2026

Strategic Objectives: Priorities	Strategic Objective 1: Quality Standards Enhance the regional capacity through training, exercises, and refinement of SOPs. Strengthen bilateral cooperation through shared understanding of INSARAG methodology and capacity-building via mentors and classifiers.	Strategic Objective 2: Localisation Strengthen relationships to increase domestic capabilities and resilience. Emphasising sustainability, gender, and disability inclusive approaches.	Strategic Objective 3: Flexible Response Promote agility and flexibility, supporting development of operational models. Adapt and implement the INSARAG Strategic Plan 2026-2030.	Strategic Objective 4: Partnerships Strengthen partnerships across the Asia-Pacific to enhance disaster coordination and response including through regional mechanisms.
Planning and Deliverables	SO1.1: Strengthen local first responder capacities by training provincial and district level personnel in basic INSARAG courses and exercises relevant to our region, promoting INSARAG coordination methodology and concepts and adapting them to country and local contexts. SO1.2: Expand our bilateral and regional cooperation by offering training support and knowledge-sharing platforms with other Asia Pacific countries, particularly those developing USAR capabilities. Contribute and allocate highly skilled and experienced resources to INSARAG working groups to ensure ongoing improvements to INSARAG guidelines. Support effective participation from the Asia Pacific region through attendance of skeleton teams in Earthquake Response Exercises (ERE). SO1.3: Provide high-quality assessors to IEC and IER processes, where appropriate, and where availability allows. Continue to maintain and enhance existing classification (including heavy classification), in line with INSARAG standards, through continued skills maintenance, exercises at national, regional, and international levels and participation in INSARAG classification, reclassification, and observer programs. Engage with INSARAG Training Working Group and Flood Response Working Group to uphold global standards and quality assurance systems. SO1.4: Improve our interoperability, through participating (including as mentors) with other INSARAG countries for INSARAG External Classification. Cultivate more national IRNAP classifiers and mentors. Enhance national capacity through training, exercises, and the refinement of SOPs. Embed INSARAG methodology into national regulations and guidelines, strengthen local capacities and inclusion.	SO2.1: Strengthen collaboration within the INSARAG Asia Pacific member states responder network. Strengthen capability through promoting the establishment of nationally based flood response capacities. Incorporate improvement to flood response capacities into the INSARAG methodology, ensuring INSARAG standards remain fit for purpose. SO2.2: Advocate for and support Asia Pacific partners to build national capacity through engaging in regionally led-preparedness and coordination efforts – to build national capacity. Continue bilateral programs designed to enhance national disaster response coordination, strengthen response agency capacity, and enable local response efforts. SO2.3: Align targeted capacity-building programs in Pacific Island countries, with INSARAG First Responder, IRNAP and localisation principles. Ensure these activities emphasise sustainability, train-the-trainer models, and gender-responsive and disability-inclusive approaches. SO2.4: Develop and deliver training modules for local personnel and disaster responders. Share these modules to build good practice with the broader network. Strengthen and prioritise flood and landslide response capacities for the region through knowledge sharing and capacity building. Apply INSARAG international USAR methodologies when considering local landslide capacity building, adapting them to country and local contexts.	SO3.1: Promote agile and flexible responses (particularly in the Pacific) by deploying rightsized, task-focused teams tailored to the environment and mission needs. This includes supporting situational awareness, coordination, and locally led decision-making. Deployment modularity, flood response capacity, and interoperability will be strengthened through exercises, Pacific-relevant cache improvements, and participation in flood and coordination-focused INSARAG initiatives. Support local first responders (uniformed services and response agencies) to participate in workshops and technical sessions to help advance minimum standards in logistics, training, and equipment for flood response teams. SO3.2: Implement online workshops as a cost-effective, sustainable method to deliver INSARAG strategic objectives. Workshops will focus on new features, practical improvements, and deployment interoperability, and will be accessible across the region. Encourage attendance at the 2026 INSARAG Global Simulation Exercise as a key opportunity for countries to test interoperability with international teams, apply updated INSARAG guidelines, and engage with technical innovations in a realistic environment.	SO4.1: Collaborate with regional partners, INSARAG networks, and Pacific institutions to maintain our region as a credible leader in USAR standards. Improve interoperability and regional response and coordination through hosting regional teams at national exercises. Deepen partnerships with existing sub-regional groups, such as ASEAN-AHA Centre, ASEAN-ERAT, The Pacific Community (SPC) and Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA). SO4.2: Explore new ways of working with a broader range of partners, including the private sector, NGOs, gender and disability organisations to enhance operational responses. Consider partnerships with engineers, electrical specialists, and other technical trades, and expanding strategic technical relationships to support capacity development and operational excellence. Encourage knowledge transfer and capacity-sharing initiatives, networking, and joint training with USAR teams from the AEME and Americas regions to further expand international cooperation.

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Group

INSARAG Classified Team Level



*Blue circle represent a focal point countries

INSARAG Asia-Pacific Activities Calendar 2026

OFFICIAL

No.	Start Date	End Date	Event Name	Event type	Region	Country	Location	Format
1	12-Feb-26	12-Feb-26	INSARAG New Year Teleconference	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Bern	Online
2	27-Feb-26	27-Feb-26	Informal Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	Meeting	Asia-Pacific	Switzerland	Geneva	Hybrid
3	10-Mar-26	12-Mar-26	HNPW 2026 (Face-to-face week at the CICG)	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Geneva	Hybrid
4	10-Mar-26	10-Mar-26	INSARAG Steering Group meeting (ISG)	Meeting	Global	Switzerland	Geneva	In-Person
5	16-Mar-26	20-Mar-26	Hong Kong,China Search and Rescue Team (CHN-10) - Medium	IEC	Asia-Pacific	China (Hong Kong)	Hong Kong	In-Person
6	23-Mar-26	27-Mar-26	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Course	Training	Asia-Pacific	Korea	Busan	In-Person
7	22-May-26	22-May-26	ICMS 3.0 Online Workshop (Asia-Pacific Region)	Training	Asia-Pacific	Australia	Brisbane	Online
8	6-Jul-26	7-Jul-26	INSARAG Team Leader Meeting	Meeting	Global	Brazil	Iguazu	In-Person
9	7-Jul-26	8-Jul-26	INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	Meeting	Asia-Pacific	Brazil	Iguazu	In-Person
10	9-Jul-26	10-Jul-26	INSARAG Global Meeting 2026	Meeting	Global	Brazil	Iguazu	In-Person
11	9-Jul-26	12-Jul-26	Indonesia International Search and Rescue	Training	Global	Indonesia	Jakarta	In-Person
12	27-Jul-26	31-Jul-26	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Training of Trainers	Training	Asia-Pacific	China	Beijing	In-Person
13	Aug TBC	Aug TBC	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Course	Training	Asia-Pacific	China	Guangxi	In-Person
14	21-Sep-26	25-Sep-26	Malaysia (MAS-01) - Heavy IER	IER	Asia-Pacific	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	In-Person
15	25-Oct-26	29-Oct-26	Global Earthquake Response Exercise	Training	Global	Qatar	Doha	In-Person
16	28-Oct-26	30-Oct-26	Singapore-International Disaster and Emergency Management Expo – Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction 2026 (SIDEX-ACDR 2026)	Meeting	Global	Singapore	Singapore	In-Person
17	TBC	TBC	ICMS 3.0 Training	Training	Asia-Pacific	Korea	TBC	In-Person
18	2-Nov-26	8-Nov-26	Asia-Pacific USAR Coordination Course	Training	Asia-Pacific	India	Ghaziabad	In-Person
19	20-Nov-26	23-Nov-26	Ramunion Rescue Brigade Team (CHN-11) - Medium	IEC	Asia-Pacific	China	TBC	In-Person
20	TBC	TBC	Integrated Search and Rescue Training	Training	Asia-Pacific	Pakistan	TBC	In-Person
21	TBC	TBC	International Rescue Challenge Event	Training	Asia-Pacific	Pakistan	TBC	In-Person
22	TBC	TBC	International Volunteer Day (CERT) - Community Emergency Response Challenge	Training	Asia-Pacific	Pakistan	TBC	In-Person

OFFICIAL

3

Working Group Updates

Working Group Update

Mr. Lok Wee Keong (Singapore) and Mr. Safrizan Bin Suhaini (Malaysia), Member, Guidelines Review Group

Mr. Jeremy Stubbs (Australia), Co-Chair, Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group

Mr. Muhamad Zulkhairi Idris (Malaysia), Member, National Capacity Building Working Group

Mr. David Sochor (Switzerland), Co-Chair, Quality Assurance IEC and IER Working Group

Mr. Andrew Shurety (Australia) Member, Training Working Group

Mr. Jeff Maunder (New Zealand), Co-Chair, Information Management Working Group

TBC, Medical Working Group

INSARAG

International Search & Rescue Advisory Group

Guideline Review Group

2026 Edition – GLOBAL MEETING BRAZIL



INSARAG
Preparedness Response

Safrizan Bin Suhaini
(Malaysia)

Lok Wee Keong
(Singapore)

Guideline Review Group



The INSARAG Guidelines are reviewed every 5 years to facilitate continuous improvement.

Due to the large number of recommendations from the Türkiye / Syria AAR and the INSARAG Governance Review, an extension of 12 months was approved by the ISG (2025 to 2026).

The GRG has 12 members represented by all regions, including two NGOs.

The 2026 vision of the INSARAG Guidelines has been developed in accordance with the direction set and decisions made by the Team Leaders Meeting (TLM) and the INSARAG Steering Group (ISG).

The 2026 Guidelines were **APPROVED** at the 2026 ISG.

2026 Guidelines Revision



Strategic Agenda

- Team Leaders Meeting
- INSARAG Steering Group

Reviews

- Governance Review
- Türkiye / Syria After Action review

Technical - Working Groups

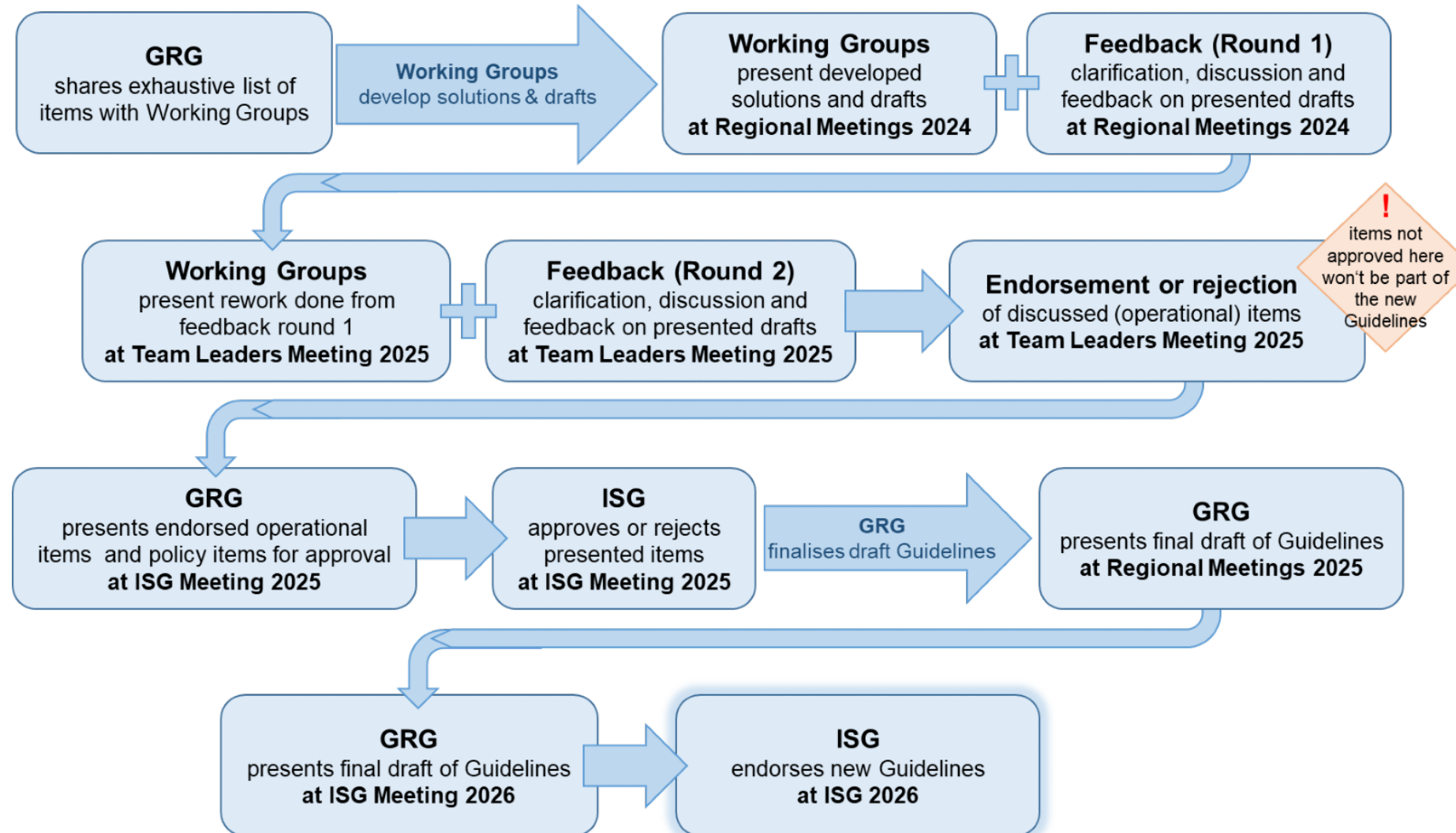
- Training Working Group
- Medical Working Group
- Information Management Working Group
- National Capacity Building Working Group
- Quality Assurance – IEC/R Working Group
- Flood Response Working Group



Input into Guidelines

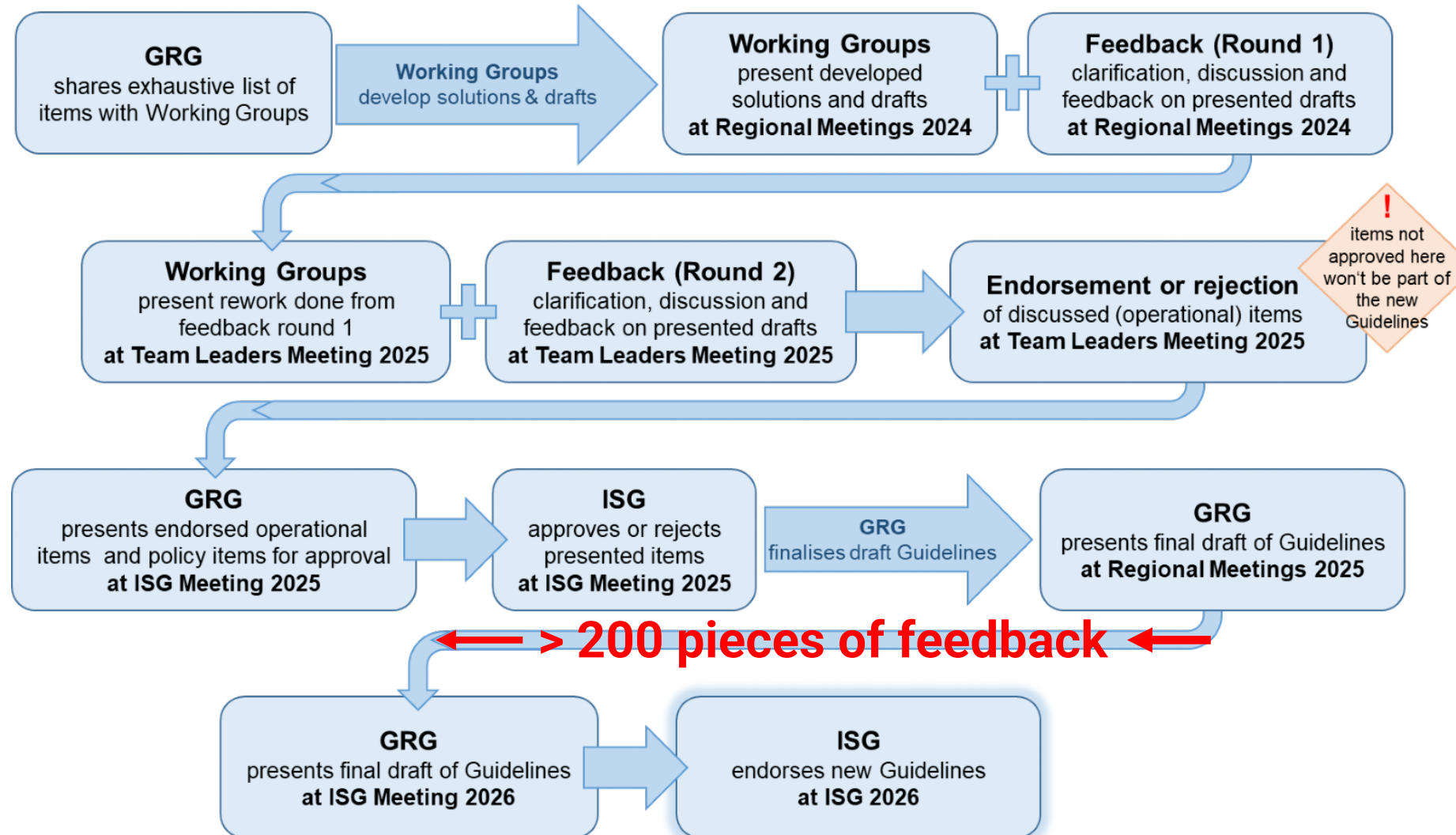


Timeline and Feedback loop



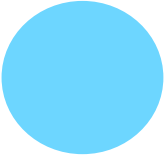
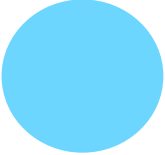


Timeline and Feedback loop



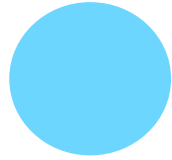
Volume Numbering



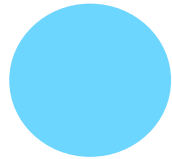
-  **Volume 1 – Policy** (formerly Vol I)
-  **Volume 2 – National Capacity Building** (formerly Vol II A)
-  **Volume 3 – Operations** (formerly Vol II B)
-  **Volume 4 – IEC/IER** (formerly Vol II C)
-  **Volume 5 – Field Operations Guide** (formerly Vol III)

Volume 1 – Policy

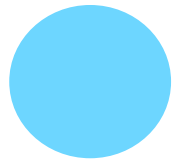
(Former Volume I)



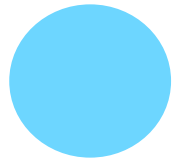
Gender neutral text – all volumes



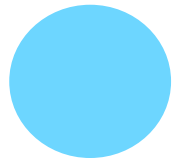
Restructure of volumes



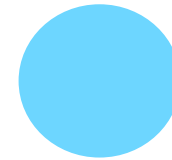
Add explanation of document structure (Binding or Non-binding) and English version as the binding version



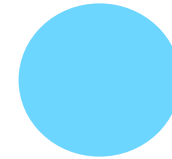
Annexes, Guidance Notes, Forms and Checklists renamed to Appendix/Appendices)



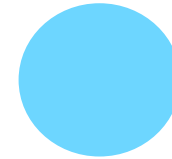
Warsaw Declaration and Humanitarian Clause added



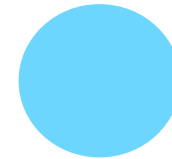
Speed of Activation – further explanation



New procedure for approval for medical practice



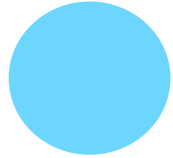
Added, flexible response directory (capabilities and capacities on insarag.org)



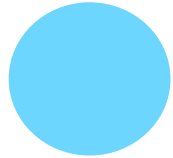
Include quarterly induction for new focal points

Volume 2 – National Capacity Building

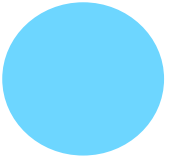
(Former Volume II Manual A)



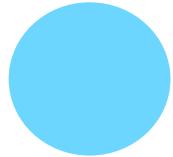
Renamed to: National Capacity Building



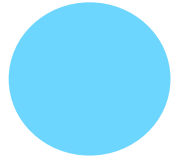
Introduced Chapter 2 - Overview of the National Capacity Building Process



National USAR Framework includes guidance on coordination



Appendices 2.2, 2.3 & 2.4 are on NCBWG work plan

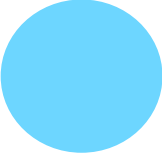


USAR Response Capacity Building

- Include multi-hazard or modular approach
- Medium National USAR Teams suggested to have both search dog and technical search

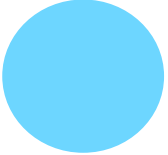
Volume 2 – National Capacity Building

(Former Volume II Manual A)



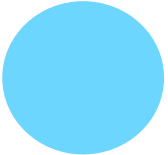
Receiving International Assistance

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



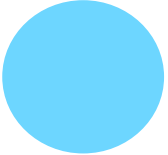
(Civil) Host Nation Support (HNS)

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



National Quality Assurance

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

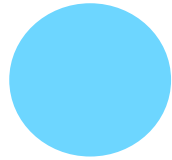


IRNAP

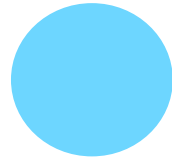
- Reduced description of IRNAP process to avoid duplication
- Incorporated lessons learned from IRNAP processes in Americas and AP regions
- Eliminated “orange” from IRNAP checklist
- 10 year duration recognition to be included

Volume 3 – Operations

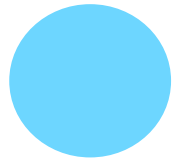
(Former Volume II Manual B)



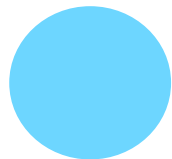
Triage categories provided for in UC Handbook, temporary Addendum 3.2



Added VOSOCC status to response cycle



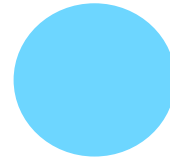
MWG changes as directed



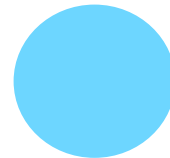
Added relevant ICMS information to align with UC Handbook



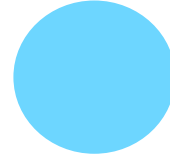
Incorporated the related Türkiye and Syria AAR findings



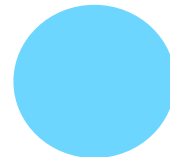
Information Management Section moved to UC Handbook (Appendix 3.1 wip)



Emphasis on post mission reports, including analysis and coordination



Changed product names related to ICMS collection tools

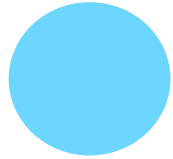


USAR Response Capacity Building

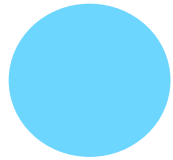
- Add zone definition
- Add sector and sub-sector to glossary

Volume 4 – IEC/IER

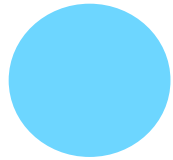
(Former Volume II Manual C)



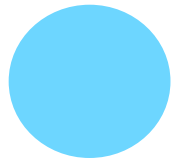
INSARAG network obligations of classified teams reviewed and enhanced



Flexible duration of IEC/R (possible 36 – 48 hours)



IEC/R application clarified

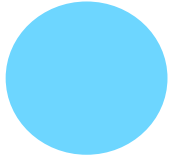


Inclusion of enhanced care to trapped live victims.

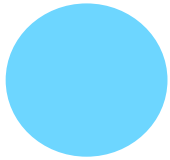
- Increased and more specific requirements for medical scenarios
- Added USAR medical knowledge to be involved with EXCON when developing scenarios for IEC/R

Volume 5 – Field Operations guide

(Former Volume III)



Incorporated the related Türkiye and Syria AAR findings



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

- Simplification – Data collection reduction
- Flexibility – Coordination layers
- Worksite ID – Delinking from sectors – (NZL01- 0007)
- Alignment of terminology across all INSARAG platforms (www.insarag.org, ICMS, VOSOCC (wip))
- Updates and simplified paper forms

Other Items



Flood Capability Directory on insarag.org (voluntary basis for classified USAR Teams)

- Countries affected by extreme flooding can request for international assistance

Development of a Technical Reference on Search and Rescue in Flood Response

- Reference for INSARAG members
- Possible future expansion

USAR Coordination Handbook (Appendix 3.1)

- TWG reviewing and wip
- Triage Categories under review - TLM

Web and App based Guidelines

- Browser, Android, iOS
- Easy to search and find
- Easier to administer
- Including 'paper' versions (pdf)
- Quick first impression of proof of concept

Next steps



That the 2020-26 GRG be transitioned to an 'Interim' GRG (2026 – 2030)

The *new* 2026 INSARAG Guidelines will take effect on 1 January 2027

Teams undertaking IEC/R in 2026 may use the existing version of the Guidelines

Teams undertaking IEC/R in 2027 and onwards must use the *new* 2026 version

Any technical questions should be directed to your regional representatives

The 2026 Guidelines are available online on 10 July 2026

GRG Statement



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the development of these guidelines. In particular, we would like to thank the members of the GRG, other Working Groups and the Secretariat for their support.

The dedication, generosity, and willingness of contributors to share their time and expertise has been essential in delivering the 2026 INSARAG Guidelines.

These guidelines will undoubtedly play a critical role in saving lives, coordination and enhancing international collaboration in disaster response and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to this vital work.

Martin Evers (the Netherlands)
Co-Chair GRG

John Cawcutt (Australia)
Co-Chair GRG

INSARAG AP Regional Meeting

Search and Rescue in Flood Response Working Group



OCHA



INSARAG
Preparedness Response

INSARAG Flood Response Working Group Work Plan

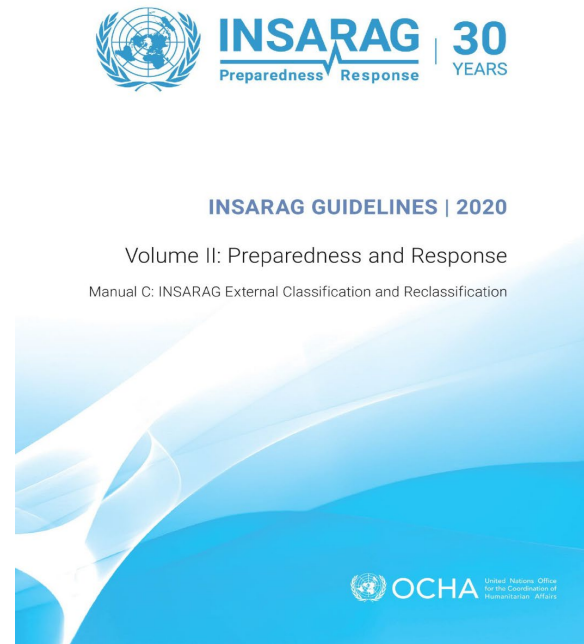
This table aligns INSARAG Strategic Objectives with the FRWG Terms of Reference

Strategic Objectives	Quality Standards	Localisation	Flexible Response	Working Group Commitment Communication Plan
2026/27 Deliverables & Targets	Update Technical Reference Note (TRN). Target: Dec 2026 Review SAR-FR Directory procedures. Target: Dec 2026 Contribute to INSARAG Guidelines review. Target: Completed	Expand SAR-FR Directory. Target: 20% increase in listed capabilities. Develop capacity-building framework for non-developed bilateral partners. Target: June 2027	Deliver knowledge-sharing events. Target: 2 webinars delivered. Create lessons library. Target: 10 resources uploaded.	Maintain active regional membership. Target: ≥3 active members in each region. Sustain engagement. Target: 75% meeting attendance. Conduct working group meetings. Target: 4 on-line and 1 in person. Report to INSARAG forums. Target: 3 annual progress updates

IEC/R Quality Assurance WG

Global Meeting 3 – 11 July, Foz do Iguacu/Brazil

20th Anniversary of the INSARAG IEC/R System 2025
Reflecting on Two Decades of Quality Assurance in USAR



TORs and Assignment

The IEC/R Review WG was established in 2019 after an external IEC/R review of the processes was conducted. On 26 May 2020 the ISG endorsed this new WG.

The IEC/R Quality Assurance WG will be conducted within the framework of the GRG in coordination with the other involved WGs and focus on all aspects of the review of the IEC/R process described in the INSARAG Guidelines Vol II, Manual C and include:

- Review and Global discussion on **IEC/R process**
- Review and Global discussion **IEC/R checklist**
- Review and **Roles and Responsibilities of IEC/R cadre and the FPs** (policy-, operational-, team-)
- Discuss how to enhance the **quality and preparation of the classifiers**
- **Discuss the compliance of all stakeholders** to the IEC/R process described in *Guidelines Vol 4*
- **Support the INSARAG Secretariat** in reviewing
 - (1) IEC/R applications on compliance to the minimal standards
 - (2) IEC/R cadre for upcoming IEC/Rs



IEC/R QA WG Members

Ms. Annika Coll	AEME	Medium	NGO
Mr. David Sochor	AEME	Heavy	Governmental
Mr. Mark Crowe	AP	Heavy	Governmental
Mr. Adam Bradley	Americas	Heavy	Governmental
Mr. Philippe Besson	AEME	Medium	NGO
Mr. Irakli West	AEME	Light	NGO
Mr. Ivan Koval	AEME	Heavy	Governmental
Mr. Lee Ivory	AEME	Heavy	Governmental
Mr. Martin Pavek	AEME	Heavy	Governmental



IEC/R Quality Assurance - WG

1

Review of INSARAG
Guidelines Vol II, Manual C ☒
New Vol 4

2

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

3

QA of classifiers by the
development of training
package

4

Review IEC/R application
clarified

5

Discuss how to support the
INSARAG Secretariat during
IEC/R Process

6

Review of PoE Format and
content



Reason and history of review of the IEC/R Checklist

1. Lack of clarity of IEC/R checklist for some classifiers and TLs
2. New appearing technologies in USAR
3. Focus on the WHAT (goal/task to be achieved) more than on the HOW (process)
4. Reduction of Costs

*** Quality assurance must remain granted**

Discussions & Involvement with the network:

- > Qatar 23 - Belo Horizonte 24 - Bucharest 24 - Tunis 25 - Geneva 25 - Prague 25
- > Checklist changes have been consulted in detail with the team leaders this Monday 6
- > **Endorsement is planned by ISG in Geneva (March 2027)**

Proposed Changes for IEC/R Checklist

The IEC/R Checklist has been cleaned up as follows:

1. Layout slightly adapted to become more user-friendly
2. Alignment of Order & Chronology of points 1 to 6 (Day 1 – Day 3)
3. Wording more clear for teams and classifiers (e.g. diagonal stabilization; raker shore; 4 dogs minimum for heavy teams)

New Additions	Amendments
→ ISG decision that classified teams have to offer/provide classifiers → More consideration to National legislation and standards (e.g. confined/restricted space; shoring/stabilization, and operations in general) → Technologies (e.g. tech search is now open, hot cutting has been removed) → Medical; based on proposals from the medical WG: impalement	→ Crane operation (weight from 5T to 1T and only 1 operation) → Ropework reduction from 10 to 7 metres → Flexible duration of IEC/R (between 36 – 48hrs on request by team and coordination with IEC/R Cadre)



Thank You



INSARAG Medical Working Group Update 2026

- Requesting and Supporting International USAR Assistance: document and process update
 - The finalised document includes a clear statement that the host nation accepts all the components of deployed USAR teams.
 - INSARAG secretariat will circulate it through established channels during major disasters.
 - Guidelines Review Group is to update relevant guidelines volume to align with this document
- Contribution to new guidelines, manuals and checklist
 - Emphasises the importance of medical care for victims from identification through to extrication
 - Defines minimum medical scenarios and requires teams to demonstrate ability to provide medical care in the USAR environment

- Draft clarification statement requested by ICMS working group
 - Clarifies the differences between Victim Extrication Form (VEF) and Patient Treatment Form (PTF)
- Ongoing advocacy for the ISG-endorsed statement that “USAR medicine is an essential humanitarian activity”
 - Early medical assessment and treatment of trapped victims supports coordinated rescue and extrication and improves the chances of a successful live rescue.
- Ongoing work to improve awareness and practical knowledge of crush syndrome and its management during USAR operations.

- Status of technical reference notes:
 - Particulate Exposure TRN – ready for publication
 - Impalement TRN– final review pending
 - Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) and Isolation TRN – final review pending
 - Immunization TRN – final review pending
- Current technical reference notes in development:
 - Mental health and wellbeing of USAR teams TRN
 - Post-mission health screening and monitoring TRN
 - Pre deployment health screening TRN
 - Medical component of post mission reports TRN
 - IEC/R Medical EXCON TRN - to guide the development of adequate medical scenarios
 - Oxygen transport and ventilation in USAR deployments TRN

Tea/Coffee Break



The Meeting will resume at 16:30

4

Role of Technology in USAR Response: Challenges and Opportunities

Three Key Questions

1. What technology has had the biggest impact on your operations?
2. What lessons have you learned from using technology in real deployments?
3. What should INSARAG prioritise over the next five years?

End of Day 1

Wrap Up and Announcement on the Evening's
Programme



OCHA



Australian Government



INSARAG

Preparedness • Response