



Background

IOTIC of UNESCO-IOC launched the "[TSUNAMI UNITED](#)" initiative in 2024 to raise tsunami awareness among high school students, connect schools across the region, and foster meaningful conversations among youth who were not yet born when the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami struck. Through this initiative, 263 students and 117 teachers from 59 schools across 19 Indian Ocean countries participated in a series of online interactions. Notably, 109 students from 26 schools in 13 countries received special recognition for their creative efforts to preserve the memory of the 2004 tsunami and promote tsunami awareness and preparedness through the [Tsunami United Campaign](#).



Tsunami United
Website 2024



Tsunami United
Campaign 2024

Tsunami United is Back in 2025.

Let's talk about tsunamis and explore how we can become more resilient.

In alignment with the theme of the 2025 World Tsunami Awareness Day — "Be Tsunami Ready: Investing Today for a Safer Tomorrow" — Tsunami United will host five exciting online sessions engaging high school students from Indian Ocean countries. These sessions will feature role plays, games, creative activities, brainstorming, and campaigns, all focused on building awareness and learning how to invest in a safer future for the Indian Ocean region. Students will participate in the following online sessions:

Session 1: "Tsunami Scenario Challenge" *Virtual Simulation Activity.*

Session 2: "Tsunami Ready Schools" *One Page Infographic Challenge.*

Session 3: "Tsunami Ready, Youth Voices" *Youth Talk Panel.*

Session 4: "Wave of change: Your Voice, Your Ideas, and Your Solution" *Youth-led Brainstorming for Solutions.*

Session 5: "One Message for a Safer Tomorrow" *Social Media Awareness Campaign.*

UNESCO-IOC IOTIC invites schools in Indian Ocean countries to nominate up to 2 teachers and 5 students to join this 2025 initiative.

- A **Certificate of Participation** will be awarded to those attending the online sessions.
- A **Certificate of Recognition** will be awarded to those actively participating in session activities.
- **4–6 selected students** will be invited to speak in a **virtual talk show** with tsunami experts at the World Tsunami Awareness Day Webinar organized by UNESCO-IOC IOTIC in November on the topic: "**Why should we (youth) invest in tsunami preparedness, and how can we (youth) contribute**".

We invite institutions, companies, and organizations to support this important initiative by **partnering with us to organize "in-person" the above World Tsunami Awareness Day Talk Show in Indonesia.**

For more information, please contact UNESCO-IOC IOTIC: a.kodijat@unesco.org

Schools interested to participate in Tsunami United 2025 register here: [Tsunami United 2025](#)

Deadline for registration Thursday, June 26, 2025

