



Meeting Summary

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- An updated list of Disaster Preparedness Cooperatives in Australia was discussed. The Committee agreed to provide the Secretariat with any further information for Meeting 10.
- The meeting agreed that the list of organisations in the Asia Pacific region being compiled to facilitate communications should be three-fold – 1. Blue Shield Committees 2. Cultural Heritage Organisations and 3. Government Emergency Management organisations.
- The Committee noted that there has been continued contact with the Australasian Civil Military Cooperation Network (CIMIC).
- It was agreed that a letter be written to the Hon. Peter Garrett MP seeking a formal briefing on BSA. Copies of the letter will be sent to the Chief of the Australian Defence Force, the Director-General of Emergency Management Australia and the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- The Australian Defence Force (ADF) White Paper Community Consultation was discussed. The changing nature of the services offered by the ADF mirrors BSA areas of interest and so it was agreed the Committee will draft a submission to the Consultation.
- The draft BSA Operating Guidelines were discussed and it was agreed that the document will be revised to allow co-option to the Committee.
- It was agreed the BSA flier should be revised by the Secretariat and copies forwarded to pillar representatives for a range of upcoming promotional opportunities.
- The BSA Forward Plan was discussed. It was agreed that pillar representatives should enter key performance indicators, timeframes and responsibilities for Meeting 10.
- Australia's participation in the UNESCO Intangible Heritage Convention was discussed. The Committee agreed that the BSA should make a submission to this enquiry.
- Australian representation at the inaugural Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield General Conference in the Hague, December 7-9, 2008 was discussed. Some Committee members are expecting to attend and a paper will be presented on what BSA has achieved.