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- 1) Please delete whichever is not applicable.
 - 2) **Due to the limited time for the session**
 - it is requested that questions and comments should be very brief, concise and specific; however, additional paper may be used if needed;
 - questions from a number of participants may be grouped for submission to the Panel and similarly comments may also be grouped.



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Technical Committee F - Warning Systems
(a.m. 26 May 1994)

PROGRAMME

Objective: Many lives can be saved and enormous destruction of property avoided in natural disasters by warnings and response to the warnings, that is preparedness measures at all levels. The objective of Technical Committee F is to provide an exchange of information and views between scientists, practitioners, users of warnings, policy makers and others concerned on all facets of warnings related to natural disaster reduction to provide an exchange of information and views between scientists, practitioners, users of warnings, policy makers and others concerned on all facets of warnings related to natural disaster reduction.

Specific output: Executive summary with conclusions and recommendations for submission to plenary.

Section I - (2 hours 5 minutes)

Moderator: Prof. G.O.P. Obasi/WMO

Presentations:

- Keynote topic. Forecasts and warnings of natural disasters and the roles of national and international agencies (15 minutes): Prof. J. Hunt/UK
- Risk management and assessment for natural hazards (15 minutes). Prof Dr. E. Plate/Germany
- Impacts of warnings on loss of life and property from meteorological events - trends and future prospects (15 minutes): Dr. R.C. Sheets/USA
- Flood and landslide warning systems (15 minutes): Dr. M. Spreafico/Switzerland
- Earthquakes and tsunamis, ways of reducing risks (15 minutes): Dr. E. Lorca/Chile
- A warning system for active volcanoes and response to warnings (15 minutes): Dr. R.S. Punongbayan/Philippines

Screening of video on Natural Disaster Reduction: How Meteorological and Hydrological Services can help (15 minutes)

Presentation

- Dissemination of and response to community-based warnings (15 minutes): Mr T. Ono/Japan

Technical Adviser: Dr. F. Yoshino/Japan

Section II - Panel discussion (55 minutes)

The discussions among participants at the conference will be led by a Panel moderator and six Panel members: from governmental and non-governmental organizations of seven countries, ranging from those with large populations to a small island State; experts active in various fields including: civil defence, community involvement, planning and development, science, engineering and technology, the interface warnings/preparedness and the media.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

To be completed by participants at the **World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction** who wish to address questions or comments to **Technical Committee F - Warning Systems**

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