2021 CAP Implementation Workshop
Speakers

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1.1 Welcome from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

Judson Freed currently serves as President of IAEM-USA and as a member of the Board of Directors of IAEM-Global. He has more than 30 years of experience in Emergency Management, Homeland Security, risk, resilience, and continuity. Since 2003, Judd has served as Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for one of the nation's most densely populated, large urban counties. A frequent presenter and lecturer on issues surrounding Emergency Management, homeland security, risk and ethics in an age of terrorism, Judd is an Adjunct Professor in Emergency Management at Idaho State University and is a member of the National Academies of Science, Medicine, and Engineering Resilient America Roundtable. Judd is active in government affairs issues pertaining to the implications and impact of emergency management on local communities and government. He has provided expert testimony before the United States Congress on several occasions, and to federal commissions as well as the Minnesota State Legislature.

1.2 Welcome from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Jessica Ports Robbins is the Technical Advisor, Preparedness ICTs for the Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC). She has worked with the American Red Cross since 2001. In her role with GDPC she manages the Center’s digital tools, including the Universal App Program, the WhatNow Service, and Atlas: Ready for Business preparedness app, and she provides technical guidance to partner Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies. Her education includes a BA in History from Elon College, an MS in History & Sociology of Technology & Science from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in international development, also from Tulane. Areas of expertise include information and communication technology for development (ICT4D), mobiles for development (M4D), disaster risk reduction, shelter operations, pet evacuation and sheltering, volunteer management, international humanitarian law, and community disaster preparedness.

1.3 Welcome from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Vanessa Gray heads the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) Environment and Emergency Telecommunications Division. In this role, she is responsible for studying needs, developing specific programs of assistance, and identifying ICT for Development opportunities. She also coordinates emergency telecommunications, developing ICT projects that provide assistance for disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. Her Division is responsible as well for ITU-D programs on e-waste and climate change adaptation. Prior to this position, Vanessa was in the ITU ICT Data and Statistics Division where she contributed to analytical publications, organized ICT-related meetings, and delivered national and regional training on ICT statistics. Vanessa holds a Master’s degree in Political Science and Economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.
1.4 Welcome from OASIS (standards organization)

Guy Martin is OASIS Executive Director, responsible for overall operation and helping define strategies and policies to deliver the best value to OASIS members. He works closely with OASIS staff and the Board of Directors to help the organization leverage the best of open standards and open source communities. Guy has a unique blend of 25+ years’ experience as software engineer and open source strategist. He has built open source programs for companies like Red Hat, Samsung and Autodesk and was instrumental in founding the Academy Software Foundation while Director of the Open Source Office at Autodesk. He served for over 10 years as a volunteer with Cal Fire, California's State Fire Department, leading a team providing mobile command post and communications in support of multi-agency wildland fire responses. He is a passionate believer in open source and standards in service of emergency management and the greater public good.

1.5 Welcome from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Cyrille Honoré is the Director of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Public Services Branch within the Services Department of the World Meteorological Organization, based in Geneva. Mr Honoré has a background in atmospheric sciences and meteorology and graduated from the French "Ecole Nationale de la Météorologie", Toulouse, in 1986. His career developed with a strong user focus in operational meteorology, competency development, regional and international cooperation including as an Advisory Board Member of Eumetnet/Meteoalarm program, bringing him to join the WMO secretariat in 2018.

2 Organization of the Workshop

Eliot Christian is a pro bono consultant to various organizations. He leads the Filtered Alert Hub initiative on behalf of the U.S. NOAA. He consults on CAP and conducts CAP training for IFRC, ITU, UNDRR and the US Agency for International Development. He is also a pro bono consultant to, and retired from, WMO. He was a chief architect of the WMO Information System and the Global Earth Observations System of Systems. Eliot is retired from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) where for many years he helped lead broad programs for environmental data sharing. Since 2001, he has been active in developing and promoting CAP, especially internationally. Eliot is also CEO of the non-profit Alert-Hub.Org CIC (Community Interest Organization).

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