

CAP Implementation Workshop 2017 Speakers

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1.1 [Welcome from Fire Corps Academy, Istituto Superiore Antincendi \(ISA\)](#)

Stefano Marsella is Director of the National Fire Corps Academy (ISA). He has worked since 1988 in the National Fire Corps (CNVVF), including in provincial fire services and in fire and rescue services. In the central structure of CNVVF he was active in standardization and fire prevention, and for several years directed the information technology sector. He has published articles and books on fire safety engineering and the application of ICT to rescue services.



1.2 [Welcome from the International Association of Emergency Managers \(IAEM\)](#)

Beth Armstrong is Executive Director of IAEM, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. Beth is a recognized leader in the United States representing local emergency management programs in national policy discussions. She developed and is responsible for supervising the Certified Emergency Manager Program. Her education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing, from College of William and Mary, and a Master of Association Management from George Washington University. She has expertise in federal grants procurement and management, certification program development and administration, and the entire scope of successful non-profit operations, including governance.



1.3 [Welcome from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies \(IFRC\)](#)

Omar Abou-Samra is acting Director of the IFRC Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC), hosted by the American Red Cross in Washington, DC. Prior to this, he focused on grants from and partnerships with government, private and non-profit organizations; and innovative programs at a global scale to promote disaster preparedness. Omar has over fifteen years of experience working in non-profit, disaster and technical fields, with specialization in mass care including emergency feeding, relief distribution and shelter. He is also an experienced responder to complex emergencies, within the U.S. and internationally.



1.4 [Welcome from the International Telecommunication Union, Development Sector \(ITU-D\)](#)

Cosmas Zavazava works for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) where he heads a department responsible for projects and initiatives within the Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU-D). Projects range from infrastructure, cyber-security, e-strategies, rural telecommunication development, and disaster communications, to legal and regulatory frameworks. He also heads an IUT-D Division responsible for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) development in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs).



1.5 [Welcome from OASIS](#) (standards organization)

Elysa Jones is an internationally recognized expert in Emergency Interoperability Communications via Data Messaging. Elysa is Chair of the OASIS Emergency Management Technical Committee since 2004. Her Committee developed and maintains the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Standard, which is also ITU recommendation X.1303. Additional standards for message distribution, resource messaging, hospital availability and tracking of emergency patients are products of her Committee.



1.6 [Welcome from the World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#)

Samuel Muchemi is the Scientific Officer, Public Weather Services (SO/PWS), WMO since 2006. He joined the Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) in 1980 as a weather forecaster and later as a weather presenter on television for the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC). He was also in charge of the Public Weather Services Division of KMD.



2 Organization of the Workshop

Eliot Christian is a consultant to and retired from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). He was a chief architect of the WMO Information System and the Global Earth Observations System of Systems. Eliot is also retired from, but remains a volunteer to, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) where he helped lead broad programs for environmental data sharing. Since 2001, he has been active in developing and promoting CAP, especially internationally.