# Preliminary Report

## Summary of Communications Assessment Results

# DATA

- Two thirds of countries have answered the survey; thank you
- 90% use landline internet for routine ops
- 20% also use NOAA products
- 50% participate in data exchange program
- Almost all national dissemination through internet and telephones (for critical info)

# Communications

- 60% of countries have, or would like to have ISCS.  Internet is used as back-up

- Almost all respondents connectivity, power outages, and maintenance as problems

- All agree that local networks have no guarantee of bandwidth, and 60% cited need for more bandwidth

- Either no anti-virus or not updated

# Other Items

- No respondents use instant messaging or social media for internal or external communications

- 80% host websites externally

- 80% have emails hosted externally by a commercial entity

# Radars

- Only 3 countries reported having operational radars

- Primary maintenance challenges:

1. Microwave link goes out

2. Lack of skilled operators

3. Obtaining and installing software upgrades