

72ND SESSION OF THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE in hybrid format, 17-20 October

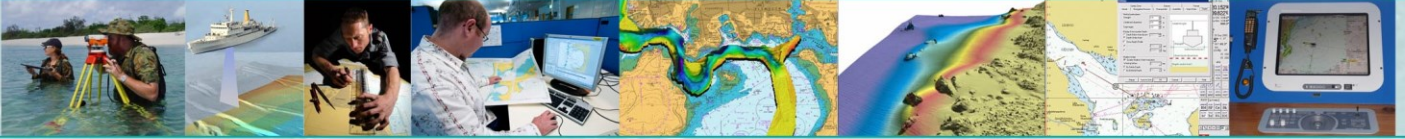
Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2022	
Task 1.1.8.5	Maintain relationship with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), including attendance of Technical Cooperation meetings

The Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) is the IMO body that considers matters within the scope of the implementation of technical cooperation projects for which the IMO acts as the executing or cooperating agency and any other matters related to the IMO's activities in the field of technical cooperation. The 72nd session of the TC (TC 72) was held in a hybrid format from 17 to 20 October 2022. Mr Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu) chaired the meeting. Director Luigi Sinapi and Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas represented the IHO by remote participation.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary-General of IMO, Mr Kitack Lim, expressed the pleasure to see most participants in person. The Technical Cooperation Committee have an important role in the actual period of transitions in the maritime sector, in particular decarbonization, automation and digitalization. The main milestones achieved during the year were the adoption of the Capacity-Building Decade 2021-2030 Strategy by the 32nd Assembly and the celebration of the first International Day for Women in Maritime, which was held on 18 May 2022. In relation with the TC72 Agenda the expectation about a proposal on the establishment of a regional presence office in the MENA region, the comments on the development of some e-learning courses, the proposal for the institutionalisation of an IMO Gender Award and the work on the development of SMART indicators were enhanced.



IMO Secretary-General K. Lim Chair, TC Chair Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu) and IMO Director TC X. Zang.



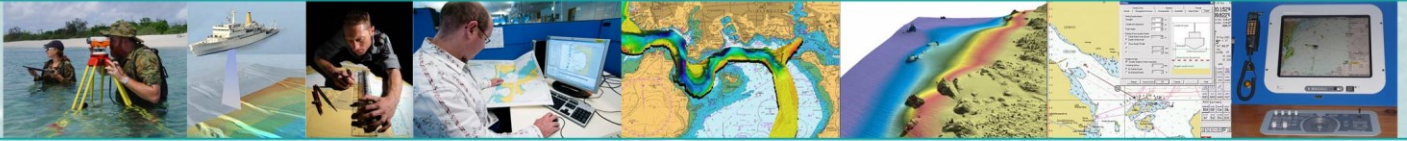
The Committee was informed on the developments related to the establishment of a blue safe maritime corridor to allow the safe evacuation of seafarers and ships from the high-risk and affected areas in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Secretary-General also informed on the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports (referred to as the "Black Sea Grain Initiative") that was signed by the Russian Federation, Türkiye, Ukraine and the United Nations (UN) and enabled the resumption of exports from Ukraine of grain, other foodstuffs and fertilizer, through a safe maritime humanitarian corridor.

The Committee noted the information provided on the work of other IMO bodies whose decisions have a bearing on the work of the Committee, such as the technical cooperation response to facilitate the implementation of energy efficiency requirements in MARPOL Annex VI and resolution MEPC.304(72) on Initial IMO Strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The work undertaken by the Secretariat to support the implementation of the energy efficiency requirements in MARPOL Annex VI and the Initial Strategy on GHG emissions reduction by the developing countries was noted.

In relation with the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) activities, information was provided on the summary of the achievements and outputs of the activities implemented under the regional and global programmes and an overview of the financial resource delivery of both the ITCP and the thematic long-term projects. An update was also received on the Secretariat's progress on the proposals of the Correspondence Group on Measuring the Impact of Technical Cooperation in Training and Capacity-building and on the IMO External Auditor's performance audit on the ITCP. The ITCP implementation during 2021 continued to be affected by restrictions associated with the COVID-19 global pandemic.

IMO persisted with remote delivery methods to continue its technical assistance and made an effort on the development of e-learning courses to ensure wide outreach, achieving a 50% delivery of the planned ITCP activities for 2021. This comprised of 102 activities, including 44 training courses, seminars and workshops held at national, regional and global levels. The training events covered a wide range of topics resulting in the training of approximately 1,592 participants world-wide in 2021. In addition, 216 fellows completed fellowships at the World Maritime University (WMU), the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and other maritime training institutions. Further, 358 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical issues. The participation of women in senior official activities and fellowships was 63% and 54%, respectively. The total expenditure on technical cooperation activities in 2021 reached \$10.5 million, representing a financial delivery rate of 48%. Expenditure on ITCP activities and major projects came from 22 sources of funding, with the TC Fund being the most significant at \$4 million, representing 38% of the overall total funds expended.

In relation with the IMO External Auditor's performance audit on the ITCP, the External Auditor had recommended that the Organization enhance its result-based management, especially in correlation with the programme logical framework elements of the ITCP, and plan more systematically and clearly its expected results and related indicators and performance measures.



Regarding the implementation of the Long-term Resource Mobilization Strategy, the activities carried out, lessons learned and the way forward for the implementation were reported. The progress made in mobilizing resources and partnerships for thematic long-term TC projects and in implementing projects since TC 71 was noted as follows:

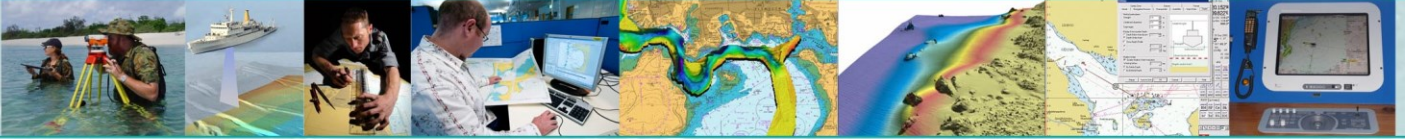
- An agreement between IMO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the financial support from Norway to jointly organize a Maritime Zero-and Low-Emission Innovation Forum.
- An agreement between IMO and Norway to support Phase III of the project on Safe and Environmentally Sound Ship Recycling in Bangladesh (SENSREC).

Member States were encouraged to actively participate in and support the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy and knowledge partnership mechanism.

In relation with the Resource Mobilization and Partnerships, in October 2022, there were 86 operational partnerships, 26 new partnership arrangements had been established, of which 23 were financial arrangements totalling some \$2,300,000. The delegation of China informed on the Global Innovation and Knowledge Center for Sustainable Transport that can be used as a platform to strengthen various forms of cooperation with a view to jointly contributing to the sustainable development of global shipping. The Republic of Korea reported on the Global On-Board Training (GOBT) Programme for Fostering Competent Young Seafarers held in Busan. The Pacific Community (SPC) informed on the current initiatives being undertaken to improve the overall safety of navigation in the Pacific region. The total contribution received towards the sustainable financing of the ITCP amounted to \$3,406,089.

On the development of SMART indicators for data collection regarding the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, there were two categories of elements that would require further consideration by the Working Group, being the first those indicators for which the Secretariat did not have statistics and the second the corruption in the maritime sector. The Working Group was re-established to finalize the development of SMART indicators, milestones and targets for data collection within IMO's mandate for technical cooperation.

Related to the long-term strategy for the review and reform of IMO's technical cooperation (The Capacity-Building Decade 2021-2030 Strategy) the Committee was informed of the key developments against each of the Strategy's four work streams during the period January to June 2022. A visual representation of IMO's TC priorities and strategies for assisting Member States to enhance their overall maritime development capability will be published as a new brochure. Information was provided on other key developments with regard to continued efforts to support Member States in maritime development, including efforts to establish the Regional Presence Office (RPO) in the Pacific Islands region and deliberations on a new RPO for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) subregions to be situated in Egypt. Also, there was a number of training and development initiatives to strengthen the global training network, including a range of strategic initiatives in collaboration with the World Maritime University (WMU) and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

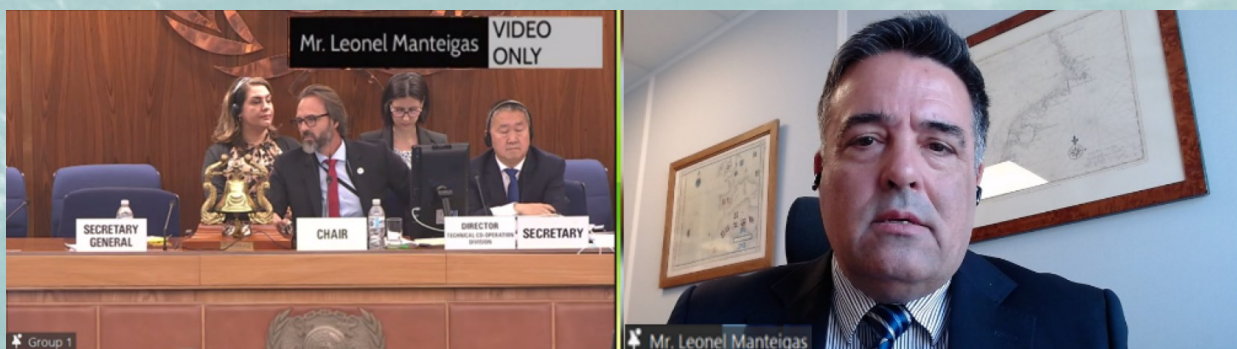


On the agenda item about Regional Presence and Coordination, the IMO Regional Presence Scheme is currently made up of five (5) Regional Presence Offices. The Committee was informed on the technical cooperation activities delivered under the IMO Regional Presence Scheme in Africa, East Asia, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean in 2021 and acknowledged the important work of the Regional Coordinators and the IMO Technical Cooperation Officer for the Pacific in the implementation, facilitation and coordination of numerous activities.

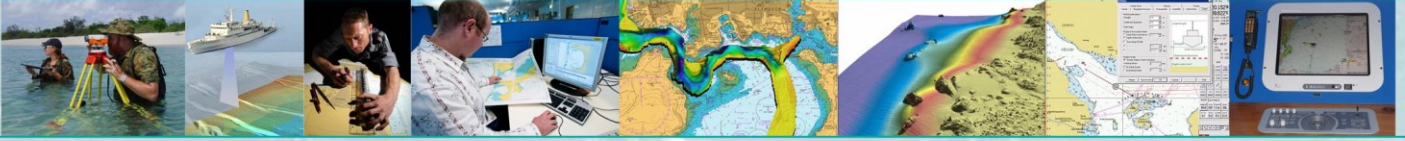
In relation with the global technical cooperation programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) the programme had continued to assist Member States, supporting their preparation for the audit. Since the establishment of this global programme in 2006, and up to June 2022, a total of 1,492 individuals from 162 Member States and Associate Members had been trained through 73 ITCP activities. The TCC would continue working with WMU within the framework of the IMO-WMU e-learning pilot project, to develop an e-learning training course for IMSAS auditors.

On the agenda item “Capacity-Building: Strengthening the Impact of Women in the Maritime Sector” an update was received on the activities delivered through IMO's Women in Maritime programme in 2021, the result of the Women in Maritime survey, jointly implemented by IMO and the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA International) in 2021 with the objective of examining and analysing statistics on the proportion and distribution of women working in the maritime sector, ranging from support roles to executive level positions. A second Survey will be conducted in 2024. It was agreed to encourage Member States, international organizations, IGOs, NGOs, women regional associations and regional organizations to continue promoting and addressing issues and challenges facing women in the maritime industry.

IHO Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas informed the Committee that the IHO *Empowering Women in Hydrography* project was recently approved as an action of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 and the IHO is eager to collaborate with the IMO in strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector.



IHO Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas intervening at the IMO TC72



On the agenda item “Global Maritime Training Institutions” the World Maritime University summarized the main activities undertaken in 2021 and the Annual Report for 2021 can be found at <https://www.wmu.se/docs/annual-report-2021>. The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) also provided information on the main activities undertaken during 2021. The Committee noted with satisfaction the activities of WMU and IMLI during 2021 and, in particular, the continued delivery of its academic programmes during a period impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The biennial status report of the Technical Cooperation Committee for the 2022-2023 biennium was approved and it was decided to defer the election of its Chair and Vice-Chair at this session, to the start of its next session in 2023.

The seventy-third session of the TCC was tentatively scheduled to take place from 16 to 20 October 2023.