

**16th MEETING OF THE IHO CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE
IHO-CBSC16
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Paper for Consideration by CBSC16

[Chairman Report]

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1. Introduction / Background

First, I would like to highlight that Capacity Building is still and probably even more in focus of the IHO Secretariat and the Member States. The work of the CBSC progresses steadily. At the same time new demands and unsolved issues are on our list of work items. The report will concentrate on the main topics since the last meeting in Paramaribo, Suriname.

2. Analysis/Discussion

a. Strategy

The revised Capacity Building Strategy still proves to be very efficient and the implementation of the regulations layed down there are very helpful in the progress of our CB work.

b. Council 1

At the first council meeting in October CB played an important role and it is obvious that our work is being particularly appreciated and seen as one of the major strategic endeavors of the IHO.

Based on the report of the IRCC chair, C-1 endorsed the proposal for increasing the capacity building support at the IHO Secretariat and tasked the Secretary-General to further investigate and report on the feasibility of recruiting a new regular staff member at the Secretariat and to install an interim solution on short term as a matter of urgency. You have been informed the CB CL 1/2017, that as a consequence, the Secretary-General decided that Ms Sandrine Brunel is working as a full time Capacity Building Assistant from 1 January 2018. Sandrine has been supporting the IHO CB execution as a part time Assistant and she has already been very helpful in the last five month in her new dedicated role. Welcome Sandrine to the CBSC on a full time basis! I would like to thank the Secretary General and the whole Secretariat for the flexibility in finding an interim solution so quickly.

c. CB Funds

Capacity Building in Hydrography is an issue for almost all countries. The CB fund becomes important especially for the countries that can not do this capacity development without support. The direct funds have been growing but are limited and less than needed. To deal with that deficit we have to stick strictly to our strategy and regulations. Some submissions will possibly be on a waiting list comparable to this year until further funds are available. In addition we should have to consider the following years as well when deciding on the allocation of the funds.

For 2019 we will probably have available at this stage about 700.000 € including the contributions from Nippon Foundation and Republic of Korea.

d. Taking IHO CB to the next level?!

We can strive to increase the CB funds and there are some positive perspectives in that regard. But in order to attract donor organizations we will have to jump on comprehensive projects or at least have decent project ideas. Regional or national donors could be addressed by member states and coordinated or jointly executed by the IHO CB. We have to look at the issues already laid down in the CB Strategy. One example for the acquisition of comprehensive projects could be the idea of getting support on a governmental level in consultancy. Another issue will be the second stakeholder seminar that is planned to be held in 2019.

e. CB Management

In 2017 the execution of the CB WP went rather smoothly. This has several factors. The good preparation done by almost all of the CB coordinators and the RHCs, the correct and mostly timely provision of the documents and the good support from the IHO Secretariat. The CB Coordinators play an extraordinary important role in the success of CB efforts in the IHO and I reiterate the importance of not changing this position too often in the Regional Hydrographic Commissions. The CB Management tools is making very good progress due to the generous and efficient support from the Republic of Korea.

f. Contribution from the Republic of Korea and Japan to the Capacity Building

The extraordinary generous ongoing contribution from Japan and ROK have been one major factor in the success of CB. I am very confident to sustain the fruitful cooperation with both countries.

g. Joint Capacity Building efforts

The annual joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA, FIG and IAEA took place at the IALA headquarters in St. Germain en Laye in November 2017. With the International Maritime Pilot Association (IMPA) a new participant joined this group for the first time. This will strengthen the cooperation. A success of comprehensive projects is still pending and will depend heavily on a good cooperation between the organizations, especially the contribution from IMO. The next joint CB meeting is planned to be held at the IMPA headquarters in London.

h. Open issues

I have to mention the technical visits. Still not all reports of these visits are timely and adequate. We also have to finalize the draft procedure 9 on TVs.

3. Conclusions

CB is operative and developing with room for further improvement.

4. Recommendations

Let us strive to take CB to next level.

5. Action Required of CBSC

The CBSC is invited to note the report.

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