

**16TH MEETING OF THE IHO-CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE
IHO CBSC16**

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Report of the IHO Secretariat

<i>Submitted by:</i>	IHO Secretariat
<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This paper provides a summary report of matters of interest related to the work of the IHO Secretariat.

Entry into force of the Amendments to the IHO Convention and its supporting Basic Documents

1. The Amendments to the IHO Convention and its supporting Basic Documents entered into force on 8 November 2016. The most significant changes to the organization of the IHO are:

- the term International Hydrographic Conference used to designate the principal organ of the Organization, composed of all Member States, is replaced by the term Assembly. The ordinary sessions of the Assembly will be held every three years instead of every five years for the Conference. The first session of the IHO Assembly (A-1) was held in Monaco from 24 to 28 April 2017, at which time an IHO Council has been established. The first meeting of the Council (C-1) took place from 17 to 19 October 2017 and annually in October thereafter. The second meeting of the Council will take place in London, UK, from 9 to 11 October 2018 and the second session of the IHO Assembly (A-2) should take place in April 2020;
- the subsidiary organs, including the Committees, of the IHO will report to the Council that will then refer endorsed proposals for adoption either to the Assembly or to the Member States through correspondence;
- the planning cycle for the IHO work programme and budget changes from a five-year to a three-year cycle. The current cycle runs from 2018 to 2020;
- for States wishing to join the IHO that are already Member States of the United Nations there is no requirement to seek the approval of existing Member States of the IHO; and
- in future, where voting by correspondence is required, through the Council, decisions will be taken based on a majority of the Member States that cast a vote, rather than the existing arrangements where a majority of all the Member States entitled to vote is required. A minimum number of at least one-third of all Member States eligible to vote must vote positively for the vote to stand.

Status of Membership of the IHO

2. Malta, Vanuatu and Seychelles became the 86th, 87th and 88th member of the IHO during the report period. This has been achieved with strong support of the CBSC and the CBWO. In 1 January 2018 Dominican Republic was reinstated as Member State, suspended since 1983. Serbia and Congo remain suspended.

IHO Outreach

3. World Hydrography Day. The theme of World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2018 is "*Bathymetry - the foundation for sustainable seas, oceans and waterways*". This theme is intended to provide a broad range of opportunities to publicize the hydrographic work and services provided by national hydrographic offices, industry stakeholders and expert contributors, and the scientific community. The background briefing is available at: www.iho.int → About IHO → World Hydrography Day

4. International Hydrographic Review (IHR). The IHR provides an ideal opportunity for Regional Hydrographic Commissions and Member States to publicise technical and other achievements in the region. An editorial board comprising a representative from each region has been established. Papers for consideration for publication in the IHR should be forwarded directly to the editor (ihreview@iho.int, copy to ian.halls1@defence.au.gov). The deadlines are:

- End of January for the May Edition;
- End of July for the November Edition.

Capacity Building Programme

5. The level of activity of the IHO Capacity Building (CB) Programme remains stable. In 2017, 80% of the budgeted work program was executed and paid for. Some of the activities that could not take place were postponed and transferred to the 2018 CB Work Programme for execution. The IHO Capacity Building programme is funded from the IHO budget and is supplemented by additional financial support from Member States (currently the Nippon Foundation of Japan, and the Republic of Korea) with in-kind support from Member States and from industry. However, considering the growing demands for IHO Capacity Building activities, more funds and contributions are required. More information is provided in the CB Fund Report (doc. CBSC16-09.2).

IHO Secretariat Infrastructure

6. The Secretary-General responded to the IHO Council action C1/24 and established a permanent position of Capacity Building Assistant to support the CBWP. Ms Sandrine Brunel has been assigned as CB Assistant since 1 January 2018.

7. The IHO Secretariat works to improve the support to the CBWP by developing the CB Management System (CBMS, see doc. CBSC16-08.2) and by improving the IHO GIS and the IHO CIS, with the kind contribution from the RoK and from Japan.

Action Requested of CBSC

8. CBSC is invited to:
- **Note** this report,
 - **Take any actions** as considered appropriate.