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**OUTCOME OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE  
(CBSC15)**

Reference:

- A. IHO CL20/2017 dated 14 February - *Fifteenth meeting of the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC15) Paramaribo, Suriname 7-9 June 2017 and Ninth meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC9) Paramaribo, Suriname 12-14 June 2017*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC15) took place in Paramaribo, Suriname, from 7 to 9 June, hosted by the Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS), as announced in Reference A. The meeting was chaired by Mr Thomas Dehling (Germany) and attended by 28 participants representing the 15 Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC), 14 Member States and one observer organization.

**Revised 2017 CB Work Programme and Agreed 2018 CB Work Programme**

2. The CBSC revised the Capacity Building Work Programme for 2017 (2017 CBWP) and agreed the Capacity Building Work Programme for 2018 (2018 CBWP) which are available on the IHO website ([www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → Capacity Building → CB Work Programme).

**Capacity Building Procedures**

3. The CBSC adopted new CB Procedures 10 (*CB Management Plan*), 11 (*Assessment of the Status of CB Phases of Coastal States*) and 12 (*Certificate of Completion of CB Activities*). The draft CB Procedure 9 (*Technical Visits*) was approved in principle, but the meeting decided to seek further improvements before adoption. The new and the draft CB Procedures are available on the IHO website ([www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → Capacity Building → CB Procedures).

**CBSC Chair and Vice-Chair**

4. The Sub-Committee re-elected Mr Thomas Dehling (Germany) as the Chair of the CBSC and elected Captain Lamberto Lamberti (Italy) as the Vice-Chair for the period 2017-2020.

**Minutes and documents of the CBSC15**

5. The minutes of the CBSC15, together with all documents tabled at the meeting and the list of actions arising from the meeting are available on the IHO website ([www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) → Committees & WG → CBSC → CBSC15).

**Next meeting**

6. The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CBSC (CBSC16) is planned to be held in Goa, India, from 30 May to 1 June 2018, hosted by the National Hydrographic Office of India. Representatives of Member States who may require a visa are advised to submit their applications well in advance of the meeting. CBSC16 will be followed by the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC10) which will also be held in Goa from 4 to 6 June 2018.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mustafa IPTES  
Director