

13th Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG/IMPA Capacity Building Coordination Meeting - Monaco, 13 and 14 May 2024

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2024	
Task 3.3.6	Organize, prepare, and report on meetings with other organizations, funding agencies, private sector and academia, including the Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IAEA/IALA/FIG/IMPA Capacity Building Coordination meeting.

The 13th Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG/IMPA Capacity Building (CB) Coordination Meeting was held on 13 and 14 May 2024 at the headquarters of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) in Monaco. The meeting marked the restart of the joint CB coordination meetings after four years of interruption caused by the COVID Pandemic, bringing together 16 representatives from eight organizations: IHO, IMO, WMO, IALA, IOC, IAEA, IALA, FIG and IMPA. The five representatives from IMO and WMO participated by videoconference. The IHO was represented by Director Luigi Sinapi and Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas, who chaired the meeting and acted as secretary of the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to coordinate the efforts of international organizations for building and developing capacity in the maritime and marine sectors, in line with the United Nations concept of "Delivering as One".



Participants at the 13th Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG/IMPA Capacity Building Coordination Meeting

The notes from the previous meeting were discussed and all participants provided an overview of the activities in the areas of Capacity Building (CB)/Capacity Development (CD) within their respective organizations, with particular emphasis on projects developed, in progress and under consideration, achievements, challenges and lessons learned in executing CB/CD,

particularly on those activities related to the recent initiatives related to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

The intention to initiate a single common project in the CB/CD sectors was discussed and received common interest from all the organizations present. On this regard, IOC and IMO informed to have access to some funding mechanisms, whilst IMO has a specific division related with funding agencies and a Resource Mobilization Mechanism, which starts with the identification of the needs, the development of the project concept/proposal in the donors' format and then the identification of the donors.

The e-learning resources/platforms of the present organizations were also discussed, as well as possible new ways to collectively improve e-learning and share resources. IOC brought the example of its Ocean Teacher Global Academy (OTGA) hosting several courses from other organizations, such as the IHO courses on Tides and Water Level and Hydrographic Governance. It was decided that the organizations present would share links to their respective e-Learning portals/platforms, in order to facilitate access to their content by a wider international target audience.

IMO provided information regarding the dissemination of Maritime Safety Information (MSI), its impact on NAVAREA and METAREA Coordinators, and Search and Rescue services. IHO, IMO and WMO work collaboratively in the continuous revision and update of MSI technical documentation, including procedures and message formats. On GMDSS developments, SOLAS chapter IV was revised recently, including the recognition of new mobile satellite services and relevant obligations of SOLAS Contracting Governments with reference to the provision of radiocommunication GMDSS services. IMO is also working on the implementation of NAVDAT and coordination of services with NAVTEX. It is important to assist the Member States with the implementation of those satellite and terrestrial services and make them aware of recent, ongoing and upcoming developments. The implementation of S-100 is a concern to assure that the above services would be available by the agreed deadlines of ECDIS S-100 implementation.

IHO informed on the MSI courses and workshops delivered during the past 4 years, the activity and objectives of the IHO Sub-Committee on the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service and the importance of MSI as part of the IHO Strategic Plan. The Organizations decided to support IHO in providing those activities related with the MSI to be included in the IHO CB Work Programme for 2025.

Regarding the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS), IMO informed on the evolution of the audit scheme and how an audit process is developed from planification to execution, including report and follow-up report phases. Further developments include the measures to enhance the effectiveness of the audit process, including corrective actions to be implemented after the completion of the entire process.

Finally, the IHO informed on the four instruments to assess the hydrographic capacity of a coastal state: A. The four phases of the States' Hydrographic Capacity, provided by the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC) to the Capacity Building Sub-Committee; B. The update of IHO publication C-55 - Status of Surveying and Charting Worldwide; C. The High-Level Visits and Technical Visits reports; and D. The States' reports to the RHC.

It was concluded that the organizations should start to share the plans of their own activities since next meeting, trying to identify those activities that can be delivered jointly (e.g. the tides and water level course executed last November and sponsored by IMO, IOC and IHO and joint IMO/IHO/IALA technical visits). IHO, IOC and IALA expressed the interest in participating in the elaboration of the concept notes to participate in some big projects. It was unanimously decided to discuss on the possible ways to launch and fund joint activities of interest for all organizations present at the next meeting, with an action for IMO to identify projects where other organizations can be involved since the development of concept notes.

Next Joint CB Coordination Meeting will be held virtually in September 2024, whilst the next annual meeting (14th JCBCM) will be hosted by IOC in Ostend, Belgium in September 2025 (exact dates TBD).