

INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE IHO CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE
IHO-CBSC20Int
VTC, 17 March 2022
REPORT

1. Opening Remarks

Docs: CBSC20I-01A List of Documents (Chair)
CBSC20I-01B List of Participants (Chair)
CBSC20I-01C Agenda and Timetable (Chair)

The Intersessional meeting of the IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) due to the COVID-19 pandemic was conducted by VTC on 17 March 2022. The meeting was chaired by Mr Evert Flier, Chair of the CBSC who opened the meeting welcoming the participants and encouraged the in-person participation at CBSC20 in next June in Bali, Indonesia. He elaborated on the importance of the Intersessional Meetings to maintain the continuity of the work and welcomed CDR Jennifer Landry, the new CB Coordinator for the U.S.A./Canada RHC.

IHO Director Luigi Sinapi remarked the important opportunities given by these intersessional meetings and the importance of the CB Strategy for the IRCC and IHO Strategy. He highlighted the participation of Captain Javier Fernandez, the IHO Project Officer from Peru, and Ms Amandine Avenet, the EWH assistant. He stated the importance of the funds available in the CBWP and thanked Nippon Foundation and ROK for their respective contributions.

2. New IHO Strategic Plan, consequences for CBSC. SPI's

Doc: CBSC20I-02 IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026 (Chair)

The Chair enhanced the importance of this topic and the importance to have SPIs that can contribute to measure progress. One important example can be the increase of the Navigational Warnings by Coastal States that benefited from a MSI course. He thanked ROK, Nippon Foundation and Canada for their respective contributions and mentioned that the non-earmarked funds of the CBWP are modest. He alerted to the fact that, in relation with the SPI's, what is going to be measured must be relevant and mentioned the upcoming 2nd Workshop of IRCC on the Strategic Plan. Director Sinapi informed that a Circular Letter will be issued regarding the Workshop and that on the measurement of the SPI's there will be a proposal that resulted from a brainstorm session at the IHO Secretariat. Matthew Borbash mentioned the work of the CB Strategy Project Team and the importance of the Gap analysis, suggesting that it will be good to measure the effects on the CB events to meet the goals of the respective Regional Work Plans. The Chair stated that it will be very challenging for the CBWP to help in achieving those plans due to the prioritization process and the limit of funds.

The Secretary showed an example of a CB report to clarify the contents of the regional evaluation that is a part of the CB report, in accordance with CB Procedure number 11, to inform the Meeting on the evaluation of the countries phases.

Felipe Barrios suggested that the regions that have done well establishing phase 1 capability should be rewarded with some funds for Phase 2 or 3 focused activities. The Chair raised that Phase 2 and 3 activities represent an important part of the CBWP, so we are already addressing all phases notably through the support of the donor organisations.

The Secretary remembered the meeting on the item in the agenda to discuss on the CB statistics to be reported in the meetings. He also mentioned that the principle of the simplicity, availability of data should be followed and also that the Sub-Committee should try to maintain the connection with historical information to allow an analysis of the evolution.

Shigeru proposed to have a difference between the current and future (target year) of the overall CB phases summation. The Secretary will evaluate possible ways to compute it.

3. CB PT Strategy

The CB PT Strategy Chair informed about the meetings of the PT and the progress in the CB Strategy revision with the objective to align it with the IHO Strategy. The revision was completed, presented and approved at CBSC19 and published on the webpage. He mentioned the challenges regarding the budget and the approbation of projects and at what level this should be discussed, if at a global or regional level. The PT is currently paused and ready to convene post the IRCC workshop to consider the impact of SPIs and how complex matters related with the budget will evolve.

4. CBWP2021 Update - Contributes from the RHCs Coordinators

Docs: CBSC20I-04 2022 CBWP Update

The Secretary summarized the 2021 CBWP activities executed and cancelled to close the 2021 CBWP. Then the meeting was informed about the additional funds that are available to the 2022 CBWP:

Cancelation of EAthC 2021CBWP P-10.....	20,000.00€
ROK contribution decided on PMB12.....	80,000.00€
IHO Surplus.....	15,000.00€
Difference between 2021 budget and expenses of the executed projects.....	4,742.78€
From 2021	911.00€
TOTAL.....	120,733.78€

The Secretary then suggested to integrate that value in the approved at CBSC19, 2022 CBMP and fund all projects not funded yet with a rank between 39 and 36. Since 6,699€ remained available, it was proposed to attribute 5,000€ to the activity A-8 High level and Technical Visit to Comoros. The meeting approved all proposals and the version 3 of the 2022 CBWP was prepared and made available on the Meeting webpage.

The Secretary proposed that the CB Coordinators should consider to report also on the CB activities that does not require funds, to be included in the CBWP, in order to allow the historical record and an overview of all MS contributes as well as to keep the registry of the students that benefit from CB Activities.

Action 1 - CB Coordinators to report also on the CB activities that do not require funds, to be included in the CBWP, to allow the historical record and an overview of all MS contributes as well as to keep the registry of the students that benefit from CB Activities.

Decision 1 - Approved the contribution of the additional funds available to the 2022CBWP activities A-06; A-08; P-07; P08; P-09; P-10; P-11.

5. CBWP2022 Update - Contributes from the RHCs Coordinators

The Chair invited the CB Coordinators to provide an update regarding the CBWP2022.

The CB Coordinators intervned providing an update on the 2021 CBWP activities executed and that they intend to carry on to the 2022 CBWP, in accordance with the respective version 3.

The 2021 CBWP executed activities were mainly VTC seminars and a hybrid course, except the two Technical Visits and the courses at USM funded by ROK.

The CB coordinators also reported on the plans for the execution of the 2022 CBWP funded activities.

6. IHO E-Learning Center

Doc: CBSC20I-06 IHO E-learning Center (CBSC PT E-learning)

The Chair of the E-learning Project Team provided an update on the IHO E-Learning Center activities and mentioned the e-learning contents already loaded in the system. The planned activities to 2022 were described including the on going preparation of the Guidelines. The composition of the Centre steering committee has been raised by the Project Team to the IHO Secretariat and to CBSC guidance on.

Mr. Peter You presented the current version of the E-learning Center to the Meeting.

It was also mentioned the need to define the new web domain of the Center that the IHO Secretariat will approve.

Director Sinapi pointed out that for the E-learning Center steering committee a solution similar to the IHO Lab should be adopted and mentioned that the IHO Secretariat can provide guidance on that and it will be further addressed at the full CBSC20 meeting.

Action 2 - IHO Secretariat to provide guidance to CB PT E-learning on the composition of the E-learning Center Steering Committee

7. IHO Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH) Project

Doc: CBSC20I-07 IHO Empowering Women in Hydrography Project

Ms Amandine Avenet, IHO EWH Assistant described the background and objectives of the project and informed the meeting on the achievements of the first fiscal year which include, the dedicated webpage, the Kick-off meeting, the two internships for four interns that already started, the on-board experiences offered by NOAA, the Submission to the 'Call for Decade Actions of the United Nations Decade and on the Webinar on Gender-balance and empowering leaders.

Then she mentioned the activities planned in the work plan for the second year, enhancing the implementation of a mentoring program, the continuity of the internships and the workshops planned. The Chair invited the CB Coordinators to ask the MS on the regions if they can support the EWH project reporting annually on their gender balance in the leadership and on hydrography and cartography positions.

Director Sinapi raised the importance of having the involvement and the support of the IHO Member States with proposals of activities associated with this project.

Ms Amandine Avenet informed that the webinar was recorded and provided the respective link is available at: <https://youtu.be/MnSNdX0rZt0>.

Action 3 - CB Coordinators to ask the Member States on the Region to support the IHO EWH project, reporting annually on their gender balance in leadership and hydrography and cartography positions.

8. Any other business

The Secretary informed that a call is opened until 15 April for candidates for the GEOMAC course delivered by UKHO and sponsored by Nippon Foundation. The course has 14 positions available, asking the CB Coordinators to distribute this information.

The secretary presented the CBSC Calendar available in the IHO website to contain the activities that can be attended by participants of other regions. The CB Coordinators should provide continuously the activities to be inserted calendar to be available to all. The information can be sent to the CB assistant cba@iho.int info adcc@iho.int.

Action 4 - CB Coordinators to provide information on the VTC activities in the Regions to be posted in the CB Calendar and to consult it regularly to inform Members on the available opportunities.

9. Closure

Chair closed the meeting after acknowledging the work of those who contributed to the meeting and asked who intends to participate in the CBSC 20 in-person encouraging the participation.