

IHO Fund Generation Team

Initial Meeting: 04.04.2024

Participants:

Rebecca Cusack, RC, (Australia), Hendrik Stang, HS (Denmark), Adeline Souf, AF (France), Magnus Wallhagen, MW (Sweden), Thomas Richardson, TR, (UK), Christina Fandel, CF (USA), Luigi Sinapi, LS, (IHO), Leonel Manteigas, LM (IHO), Sam Harper, SH, (IHO)

1.

Following a round of introduction, and welcoming words by IHO Director Luigi Sinapi, IHO Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas provided a brief overview of the project team set up, its place within the IHO hierarchy, and the general outlook of the meeting. Reminder: *The objective of the PT is to submit IHO Fund Generation suggestions to Council 9 in 2025.*

2.

The election of Thomas Richardson as Chair, Christina Fandel as Vice-Chair, and Hendrik Stang as Secretary was approved by acclamation.

3.

Through a round of brainstorming, facilitated by the Chair, participants were invited to briefly express their views on key areas to focus fundraising/funding efforts on. The objective was to gain a clearer understanding of the projects within the IHO that would benefit from additional funding.

4.

Initial collection of brainstorming:

Following A3 decision, focusing and supporting IHO Goal 1, Safety of Navigation.

Strengthen the S-100 Infrastructure and the IHO Secretariat as S-100 focal point.

Support for technical advancements in light of S-100 development and production

Acceleration of S-100 product specifications

Introduction of S-100 to coastal states currently not able to engage in S-100 development/production

Broadening and supporting (basic) capacities of HOs across the board.

Supporting MSI capacities across all relevant region

Support RHCs where capacity building demands are exceeding current available funding

Focus on existing demand for support to non-earmarked capacity building initiatives.

Expand IHOs visibility on the international scene.

Support GEBCO, both in terms of survey activities but also in terms of general operations, education and training, and outreach activities

5.

LM elaborated on ongoing capacity building initiatives and structures within the IHO. SH offered additional insights and background information on the broader work of GEBCO, as well as specific funding requirements. GEBCO was identified as one area which a future meeting could focus on.

List of Action:

A1:

Chair to liaise with Secretary to schedule a 2nd Project Team VTC-Meeting ahead of the IRCC meeting in June 2024.

A2:

Chair to liaise with Secretary to draft a diagram and supporting documents structuring and presenting focus areas for funding efforts within the IHO.

A3:

Chair to prepare a draft project team report to IRCC and share it with the project team members for comments and for submission to IRCC by the 20th of May

A4:

AF and HS to liaise with IENWG to present the FG PT at the next IENWG meeting in May in Svendborg (DK).

A5:

Chair to liaise with Secretary to draft a listing of existing funding activities within the IHO and beyond, exploring and understanding the environment of the work that this PT is dealing with.