

16th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC16
Santa Cruz Island - Galapagos, Ecuador
10-12 June 2024

List of Actions, Decisions and Recommendations – Version 1

1. Opening Remarks and Administrative Arrangements

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2. Approval of Agenda

Decision 01: To approve the Agenda of the IRCC16 Meeting (doc. IRCC16-02V2).

3. IRCC Highlights since IRCC15

3.1 IRCC Chair Report

Decision 02: To take note of the IRCC Chair Report (doc. IRCC16-03A)

3.2 Matters arising from Minutes of IRCC15 Meeting

Decision 03: To approve the Updated Status of the List of Actions from IRCC15 (doc. IRCC16-03C).

Decision 04: To approve the updated Status of the IRCC WP 2023-2024 (doc. IRCC16-03D).

3.3 Outcomes of the 7th Meeting of the IHO Council (C-7)

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4. Report by the IHO Secretariat

Decision 05: To note the IHO Secretariat Report (doc. IRCC16-04)

Recommendation 01: RHCs to consider supporting the IHO Secretariat in enlarging the IHO membership.

Recommendation 02 - RHCs to encourage Members to increase the participation in the EWH project using the financial and in-kind opportunities provided by the IHO Member States.

5.1 HSSC Report

Decision 06: To note the HSSC report (doc. IRCC16-05.1).

Recommendation 03: RHCs to advise MS to respond to the IHO CLs in a timely manner to avoid delaying the S-100 Phase 1 product specification approval process.

Decision 07: To note the proposal to establish the IHO Infrastructure Centre as an integral part of the IHO.

Decision 08: To take into consideration that HSSC has endorsed the recommendations from WENDWG regarding the S-100 eco-system.

Decision 09: To note the request from CIRM that the IHO considers defining a retirement date for S-57.

5.2 Report of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for Making IHO Events More Inclusive

Decision 10: To note the report of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for Making IHO Events More Inclusive (doc. IRCC16-05.2).

6. Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs)

6.1 RHC Reports, including HCA

Decision 11: To take note of the importance of CB activities in the MBSHC region and the need for additional funds to IHO CB funds.

Decision 12: To take note of the importance of CB activities in EAtHC and the need for complementary funds to IHO CB funds.

Decision 13: To note that SWPHC is supportive of IHO-SPC MOU being refreshed.

Decision 14: To note the work achieved to date on SWPHC Work Plan and Capacity Building Strategies.

Decision 15: To note SWPHC Hydrographic Leaders Program Cohort 2 in initial stages.

Decision 16: To note the importance of the need for IHO Capacity Building support within the MACHC region.

Decision 16a: To request RHC's review and adjust governance documents in accordance with the IHO Convention Article II paragraph (g), the IHO General Regulations Article 8 and IHO Resolution 2/1997 regarding participation roles defined as Member State, Associate Member and Observer.

Decision 17: To note the consideration of HCA's recommendation to establish and manage a specific HCA action plan focused on the impact of climate change on the Southern Ocean.

Decision 18: To note all reports from agenda item 6 (docs. IRCC14-06.1A, 06.1B, 06.1C, 06.1D, 06.1E, 06.1F, 06.1G, 06.1H, 06.1I, 06.1J, 06.1K, 06.1L, 06.1M, 06.1N and 06.1O) and the Report from HCA (doc. IRCC16-07A).

7. Reports from IRCC Subordinate Bodies

Action 01: IRCC Chair and WWNWS Chair to send a letter to the RHCs where there is a need to implement IMO recognized mobile satellite services for MSI transmission to encourage relevant Member States to implement them.

Recommendation 04: RHCs to ensure representation of their region in the CBSC and encourage other IHO Member States to join in the work of the CBSC.

Recommendation 05: RHCs to encourage Member States to contribute eLearning material to the

IHO eLearning Centre

Recommendation 06: RHC's are encouraged to investigate CSB opportunities to improve seabed knowledge in their region.

Decision 19: To note the significant effort from CB Coordinators to assess the needs in the region, to identify national and regional projects that may contribute to the CBWP and to coordinate the support for countries in need.

Decision 20: To recognize the contribution of Republic of Korea, Nippon Foundation of Japan and other Member States to the Capacity Building Activities of the IHO.

Decision 21: To create a Scoping Team consisting of HOs and representative/s from the IHO Directing Committee (IHO DC) (Members: CBSC Chair, Canada, Australia, USA, Denmark, UK and members of the IHO DC), to prepare the regulatory framework for a continued activity on this human resource theme embedded in the capacity building programme through a proposal for an IHO Resolution and draft the Terms of Reference (ToR) for a future Project Team by C-8.

Action 02: IRCC Chair to include a recommendation in the IRCC Report to C-8 to discuss the development of a communication strategy regarding the products from the S-100 suite.

Action 03: WENDWG is tasked to invite the RHCs representatives to develop their schedule to meet the 2026 IMO target (S-100 ECDIS) and share their own roadmap at the next WENDWG meeting (support preparation of the next IHO Strategic Plan (2027-2032

Recommendation 07: RHCs to ask members involved to engage bilaterally to address the ENCs overlaps and to resolve them as a top priority issue.

Recommendation 08: RHCs to consider more carefully the possibility of developing a capabilities-based approach at regional level; noting the complexity of the S-100 ecosystem.

Action 04: WENDWG is tasked to:

- a) develop further the S-11 Part C table of content, and
- b) continuation of drafting work; targeting completion by IRCC17

Decision 22: To endorse the need, following the recommendation WENDWG14/32, to develop a new distribution model for S-100 products where necessary, in line with the HOs responsibility for the dissemination of nautical products to mariners under SOLAS convention.

Action 05: WENDWG is tasked to further investigate methods on how to clarify the understanding on the meaning of the term ENDS, considering the ENDS tree diagram provided by HSSC.

Action 06: MSDIWG and IRCC Chair to send a letter to the RHCs that didn't appointed MSDI Ambassadors recommending to do it and inform the MSDIWG of contact details.

Recommendation 09: RHCS to provide adequate recognition of the respective MSDI Ambassadors relevance.

Decision 23: To approve the Proposed MSDIWG 2024 – 2027 Work Plan.

Action 07: IRCC Chair to propose in the IRCC Report to the Council an update on the decision C7/44 to reflect the work of the MSDIWG to address the Council's instruction proposing an update for:

- MSDIWG to monitor and provide assistance to the S-122 Protected Seas pilot project with specific focus on the High Seas and MPAs adopted by IMO, to demonstrate the benefits of S-122 for non-navigation purposes.

Decision 24: To note the EU need of hydrographic and cartographic data and the support to projects related to hydrography and navigational products.

Decision 25: To take note and recognize the relevance of the IENWG document "IHO and EC cooperation in third countries – A proposal for capacity development".

Decision 26: To acknowledge the IENWG and EC interactions on the capacity development in liaison with the CBSC, the promotion of the S-100 products and the data collection needs, as appropriate.

Decision 27: To acknowledge the work done by the IBSC members, to review all 17 submissions received as well as offering intersessional revisions to 15.

Decision 28: To approve the IBSC Proposed Work Plan – Q2 2024 to Q2 2025 (Annex B).

Decision 29: To approve the IBSC Revised Terms of Reference including subject recognition fee (Annex C).

Decision 30: IBSC to liaise with CBSC regarding the future maintenance of the publication C-47 and present a proposal to IRCC17

Decision 31: Approve addition of new CSBWG Work Item K: Deliver the IHO CSB Initiative

Recommendation 10: RHCs to encourage Member States to engage with the IHO CSBWG, either formally (by joining the CSBWG) or informally (attending CSBWG meetings, engaging with CSBWG members or their RHC CSB Coordinators with questions, concerns).

Recommendation 11: RHCs to encourage Member States to support CSB with positive actions, such as encouraging vessels, from all sectors, to collect and contribute bathymetric data when involved in routine maritime operations.

Recommendation 12: RHCs to encourage Member States and community bathymetric data contributions to the DCDB, regardless of origin, resolution or quality.

Recommendation 13: RHCs to collaborate with the DCDB on developing and highlighting annual regional breakdowns of data holdings.

Decision 32: To note the funding challenges faced by the GEBCO programme.

Decision 33: To endorse the GEBCO strategy.

Decision 34: To endorse the GEBCO Governance Review report.

Decision 35: To note the reports from agenda item 7 documents IRCC14-07B, 07C, 07D1, 07D2, 07E, 07F, 07G, 07H, 07I and 07J.

8. Strategic Issues of the IRCC

8.1 IRCC SPI's

Decision 36: To note the report of the results of the IRCC SPI's in 2023 (doc. IRCC16-08.1 - Annex B).

8.2 Axis of evolution of the Strategic Plan

Action 08 – IRCC Chair to present the suggestions for the revision of the Strategic Plan developed at IRCC16, at C-8 meeting.

8.3 IRCC PT on Fund Generation

Decision 37: To note the contents of the PT on Fund Generation Report (doc. IRCC16-08.3).

Recommendation 14: RHCs to encourage Member States to support the work of the Project Team on Fund Generation.

Decision 38: IRCC Subordinate Bodies are encouraged to support the work of the Project Team on Fund Generation.

Decision 39: To approve the PT on Fund Generation proposed Terms of Reference taking into consideration the comments raised at IRCC16.

Decision 40: Approve the proposed PT on Fund Generation outline workplan noting that it will be further developed at the next PT meeting.

9. Other information papers

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10. Any other business

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11. Draft Report from IRCC to the C-8

Action 09: IRCC Chair to include in the Report to C-8 that many RHCs informed IRCC16 on the need for additional funds to IHO CB funds and that additional resources are needed for S-100 implementation.

12. Review of the Actions and Decisions

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13. IRCC Work Programme Management

Decision 41: To adopt the IRCC Work Programme 2024-2025.

14. Next IRCC Meetings (Venue and Date)

Decision 42: To have the next IRCC meetings as follows:

IRCC17: 03 to 05 June 2025 – Monaco

IRCC18: May / June 2026 – Peru

IRCC19: May / June 2027 – Nigeria

IRCC20: May / June 2028 – Australia or New Zealand

IRCC21: May / June 2029 – Denmark (TBC)

15. Closure

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