UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE IMO

23rd Meeting of the MESO American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission





Greetings

- Mr. Kitack Lim
- Secretary General



Topics

• E-Navigation

• ECDIS

• Carib-SMART Preparatory Phase Project





E-Navigation

- IMO's E-navigation strategy implementation plan (SIP) is intended to enhance berth-to-berth navigation and related services (MSC.1/Circ.1595)
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 101st session adopted resolution MSC.467(101) Guidance on the definition and harmonization of the format and structure of maritime services in the context of e-navigation
- Invited Member States and international organizations, acting as domain coordinating bodies, to submit descriptions of Maritime Services to the Organization



E-Navigation

- MSC.1/Circ.1610 Initial descriptions of Maritime Services in the context of e-navigation was approved
 - Interested Member States, international organizations and other stakeholders are invited to contribute to the work on harmonization of the format and structure of Maritime Services
 - The circular is currently under review by the FAL Committee
 - The 10th session of the NCSR Sub-Committee will consider proposals for updating the definitions of maritime services contained in the circular

ECDIS



- Performance standards for ECDIS are set out in resolution MSC.232(82)
- MSC 106 at its session which ended on 11 November 2022, adopted resolution MSC.530(106) Performance Standards for Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)
- Invited IHO to keep IMO informed on the process development of the IHO S-100 framework standard



- MSC 106 approved a revision of MSC.1/Circ.1503/Rev.1 ECDIS Guidance for Good Practice, which will be published as MSC.1/Circ.1503/Rev.2
- Ship operators, masters and deck officers on ECDIS-fitted ships are encouraged to use this guidance to improve their understanding and facilitate safe and effective use of ECDIS



 The Project seeks to develop, design and secure regional endorsement, at the level of CARICOM

Addresses:

- existing legal, policy, institutional and regulatory frameworks
- their significant and common challenges



Activities:

- Conducting a series of national and regional level consultations
- Identifying needs and gaps for maritime sectors of Caribbean SIDS
- Identifying opportunities to build back better
- Design of the essential components of a long-term Technical Assistance Programme
- Identifying suitable strategic partners and potential donors for the Programme
- Seeking the political commitment for the Programme at the level of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).



• Outputs:

- Survey questionnaire to maritime transport stakeholders
- National and Sub-regional Needs Assessment Reports
- Regional Needs and Gap Assessment Report
- Roadmap and Action Plan
- Technical Cooperation Programme and Donor Financing Plan



Preliminary indications:

- Legal and regulatory issues
- Gaps in reporting obligations
- Unfulfilled training and certification requirements
- Legislative drafting drawbacks
- Less than effective institutional structures



States need to:

- Prioritise the Conventions and Instruments
- Identify the underlying interests and policy determinants
- Benchmark clear indicators
- Identify new trends and causative regional and national factors
- Periodic reviews to ensure relevance

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