

The IHO Strategic Plan Review for 2027-2033

An informational update to the MACHC 25

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Origin of the current Strategic Plan Review

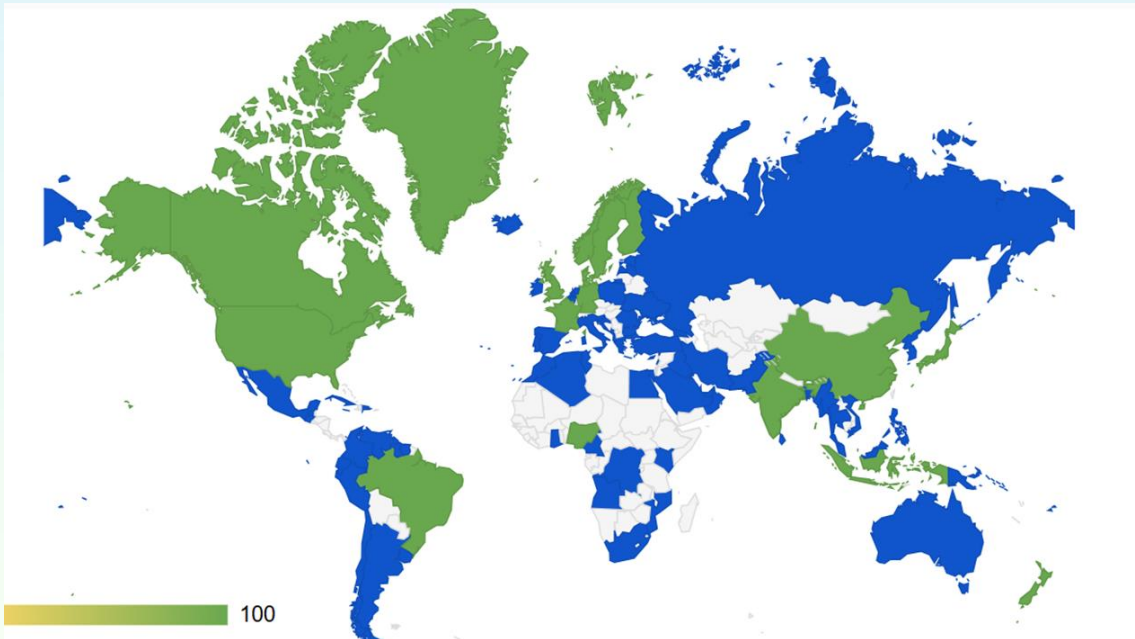
- Current IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026
- IHO Assembly-3 decision 8 (e)*
- Council 7 (2023)
 - Decision C7/36 directed a “revision” of the 2021-2026 Plan
- 2024 precursor input from ground-up
 - Strategic Plan correspondence group Report C8-06.2A Rev1
 - Member states, RHC, WGs via the HSSC and IRCC
 - Discussions and guidance at Council-8
- Council 8 (2024)
 - Distillation, discussion, guidance
 - SPRWG Established
 - Scoping phase -- VTC #1 and #2
 - Drafting phase leading to submission to C-9 for consideration for A-4



*The Assembly... e) tasked the Council with the development of the revised Strategic Plan to be put in place for 2027 – 2032 in compliance with the Planning Cycle and to submit the result for adoption by A-4 in 2026. The Council is empowered to establish a Working Group for this discrete purpose, if appropriate.

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- SPRWG established and membership ([IHO CL 41/2024](#))
- Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference adopted
- SPRWG page ([CL 44/2024](#))



Annex to IHO CL41/2024

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Title
Strategic Plan Review Working Group

Short Title
SPRWG

Description

As directed by the 3rd Session of the IHO Assembly (Decision A3/08), discussed how to conduct a review of the Strategic Plan in order to provide a draft revised Plan in time for the consideration of the 4th Session of the Assembly (A-4) in 2026. This document provides the SPRWG guidelines and direction to progress the work and for members' participation.

Group Option

Main Category: Working Group | Status: PUBLIC

Organ Tree: C

Date

Creation Date: 10/17/2024 | Modification Date: 11/01/2024

Closing Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Reference Link

[IHO SPRWG webpage](#)

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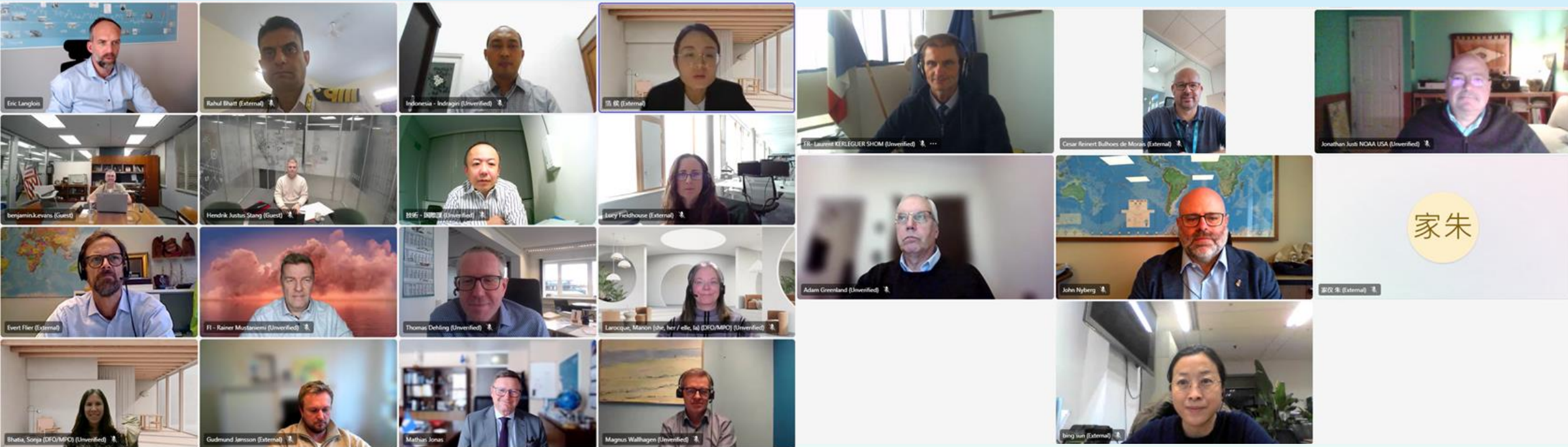
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- Doc : 2024(0), 2023(0)

Notification

- SPRWG-11 Presentation slides
25 Nov 2024
- SPRWG-10 Provisional Agenda & Timetabl
25 Nov 2024
- SPRWG1-01 Provisional Agenda & Timetab
20 Nov 2024
- SPRWG1 Meeting Registration
20 Nov 2024

SPRWG VTC#1



November 25th 90 minutes

Participants and Member states attending: 25 & 17

Meeting documents and report on the SPRWG portal

Agenda

Review context and task of the SPRWG

Initial identification and discussion of key decision points

- #1 Confirm broad Goal structure decision
- Other (if any) exploration and discussion - ongoing
- “Vision of success” in 2032 brainstorming and ongoing



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SPRWG1 – 07 KEY DECISION 1: FOCUS OF GOALS

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- Council 7, Decision 36 tasks us with a “revision” of the existing Strategic Plan
- To this end: SPRWG Chair Team proposes:
 - “Purpose”, “Vision”, “Mission”, and “Object” Statements remain unchanged
 - Retain foundational structure of “Goals”, “Targets”, and “Strategic Performance Indicators”
 - Retain focus on safety and efficiency of navigation in Goal 1, as IHO’s first priority



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Focus of Goals 2 and 3:

- Key Decision and Essential Output of Scoping Phase
- Options:
 1. Retain current focus of all existing Goals
 - Revise Targets and SPIs only

OR

2. Retain Goal 1,
Merge current Goals 2 and 3 into a new Goal 2,
Define a new Goal 3 focused on priorities not currently in the Plan

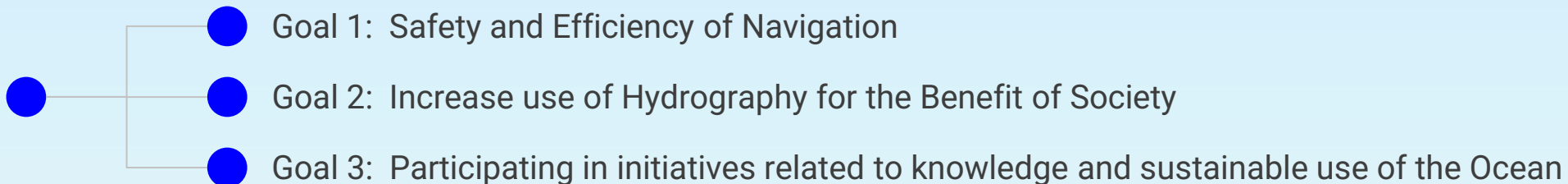


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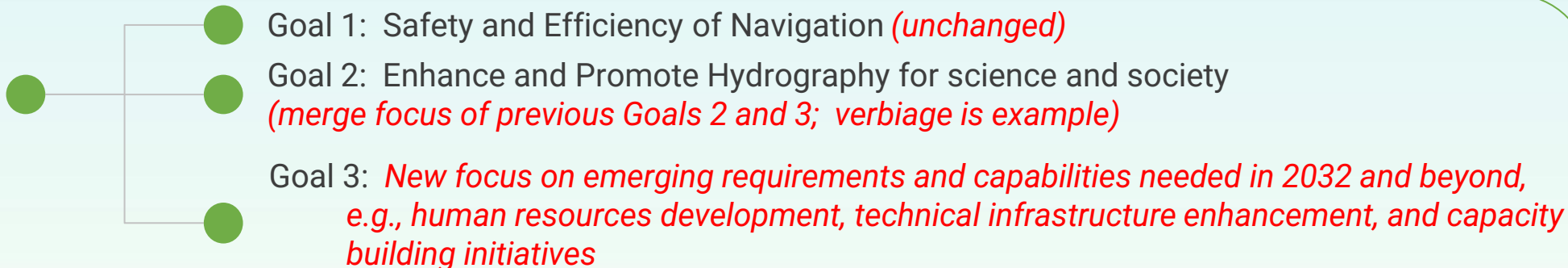
Option 1: Retain current Goal focus



Option 1 Features:

- Less radical and definitely achievable in compressed time available
- Aligned with “sense” of C7

Option 2: Merge Goals 2 and 3; new Goal 3



Option 2 Features:

- Balances and streamlines focus on Navigation (Goal 1) and Science Applications of our work (Goals 2 and 3)
- Creates space for focus on workforce and infrastructure
- Responds to interest indicated in IRCC report and discussion at C8

Timeline

Next

- working group member input **now until December 6**
- Chair Team Meeting: December 11 (tbc)
- SPRWG Scoping Phase Meeting #2: December 19
- Scoping Phase concludes: on or about December 25
- Drafting phase commences: January 1

Ongoing deliberation

- “definition of success” in 2032

2024: Council 8 to Nov 25 Kick-Off Period.

Nov 11	SPRWG CL01
Nov 19	SPRWG CL02
Nov 25	SPRWG1 VTC

Nov 25 to Dec 25 Scoping Period (The one-month period per the TOR's)

Dec 19	SPRWG2 VTC (tbc.)
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2025: January 1 to March Drafting Period

January 31- March 20	Review/Revise
March 5	submit to HSSC (per TOR two months before meeting)
April 3	submit to IRCC (per TOR two months before meeting)
May 5-9	HSSC
June 3-5	IRCC
June-August 15	Revise and Finalize
August 15	Submit to C-9
October 14-16	Council 9
Jan 16	Council submits Proposed document for A-4
Tbd.	Assembly-4

Conclusion

- All IHO MS can monitor and review documents associated with the work of the SPRWG through the IHO portal and the SPRWG webpage
 - [https:// portal.iho.int](https://portal.iho.int)
 - <https://iho.int/en/sprwg-0>
- MesoAmerica-Caribbean region
 - SPRWG members from region include Brazil, France, UK, USA
 - IRCC chair will likely be sharing the initial draft revision with RHCs prior to discussion at IRCC17
- The revision the current Plan for the 2027-2033 period
 - will be limited in scope
 - will be submitted for IRCC and HSSC feedback
 - if subsequently approved at C-9, will be finalized to present to A-4

Your support in this process is greatly appreciated!