

Paper for Consideration by HSSC CG

DQWG Input into the IHO Strategic Plan and Work Programme

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Executive Summary:	This paper presents the views of DQWG regarding inputs into the IHO Strategic Plan and Work Programme
Related Documents:	N/A
Related Projects:	N/A

Introduction / Background

At HSSC7, the working group chairs were invited to assist in the preparation for the HSSC submission to the next International Hydrographic Conference in 2017 to update the IHO strategic plan and to provide inputs into the next five year work programme.

DQWG discussed the topics during its 11th meeting in Arlington, VA on May 10-12. This report includes views expressed during discussion. Views are recorded in concise form and they are meant to fuel the discussion in the chair group meeting. In addition DQWG reviewed S100WG's response and concurred with its content.

Analysis/Discussion

Strategic issues:

1. Milestones

2009 Strategic Plan is not really a plan, but more of a vision or set of high level objectives. Defined milestones would allow better progress monitoring and reporting.

There is a gap between the Strategic Plan (high level objectives) and work plans. The bottom up doesn't meet the top down. Clear hierarchy of steering and guiding documents from strategy at top to individual action items at lowest level would help understanding the structure and see the impact of action items fulfilling the strategy as well as it would enable better progress reporting..

2. Risk management perspective

The risks don't have sufficient action plans to assess whether progress has been made in addressing the risks. The level at which the risks are addressed needs to be defined.

3. Wider user base of S-100

The role of S-100 is bigger than just IHO. Strategic plan should clearly take that into account.

4. Parallel production and use of S-57 and S-101

Parallel production of S-57 and S-101 needs addressing and clear communications to HOs. Transition period will be a great challenge for all parties involved. HO's require guidance/information on issues relating to transition from S-57 to S-101, particularly concerning expected time-line, to allow forward planning/investment in new systems.

Work programme

1. Tangibility

General note on work programme tangibility: What is expected to be achieved and when. Delivery of work needs to be measured against defined requirements. Very important to ensure initial requirements are defined.

Fulfilling the user/stakeholder requirements comes before theoretical completeness. (User groups: mariners, cartographers, S-100 users outside hydrographic community)

2. DQWG's work plan and Work Programme

DQWG acknowledged that its future priorities are based on the needs communicated by other working groups, especially S100WG's product priority list

Action Required of HSSC CG

The HSSC CG is invited to:

- a. note the paper
- b. discuss the views presented in the paper