

**11th BASWG Meeting
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Executive Summary:	Outcome of the CBSC11
Related Documents:	CBSC11-06C 30 May-01 Jun 2013. CBSC11-06D 30 May-01 Jun 2013. Draft Action Items of CBSC11

Introduction

Since the first meeting of the Capacity Building Committee (now CBSC) in Monaco in 2003, very successful achievements have been made such as comprehensive regional assessments, technical and political visits, courses, workshops, seminars, etc. The IHO CB strategy, procedures, activities, annual programmes of work have been developed. The elapsed time shows that the process has proven to work well. The last meeting of CBSC (CBSC11) was held in Wollongong-AU from 30 May to 01 June 2013. The following issues were discussed and action items were decided during the meeting.

Analysis/Discussion/Conclusions

1. **Views on the IHO CB Strategy :** The Conference (IHC18) agreed to task the CBSC to review the IHO CB Strategy on IHO objectives and to consider the financial implications, and to report EIHC. Some discussions and analysis carried on the following main issues related with the strategy.

a. **Vanishing Courses:** There are number of cases where trainees have been graduated from IHO CB training courses and have soon vanished. Coastal States might consider the development of some binding requirements and measures before they send such applications; it is probable that these constraints would be more easy to implement if the education is a component of a more complete capacity building project, as the "vanishing" of the trainees could be a consequence of the Coastal State not having the resources or the plan to employ them in hydrography.

b. **Feeling the draught:** It is unpredictable that actual sponsor nations will be able to continue in-kind support and funding for ever. Traditional sponsor nations (primary charting authorities) are also faced to severe constraints on their budget, as, in the same time, the requirements of modern hydrography rise the cost of assisting in building capacity. Sponsorship, co-ordination and involvement in the IHO CBSC and as RHCs CB co-ordinator may become more and more difficult in the future.

c. **Fund to be used:** CB Fund should be prevented to be used for providing Coastal States with basic equipments on which trainees could practise and apply what they have been taught as soon as they have got training courses.

d. **Meeting non-IHO Members needs:** it is a fact that some Coastal States will remain out of the IHO for ever, will never build HO or even National Hydrographic Committees. It is in fact doubtful that the first step for a nation in facing its SOLAS obligations would be to join the IHO, which supposes a level of awareness of its interest that is reached only when an HO is developed enough. CB strategy of the IHO should take into account the fact that it concerns first non-IHO members.

e. **Meeting IHO Members needs:** Some workshops/training courses are labelled as capability enhancement (or institutional strengthening) specifically for IHO members e.g. S-100 and Law of the Sea courses.

f. **A 'top down Approach':** Much of the IHO's capacity building activity does not reach the right audience - which is, the decision makers at the very top of organizations or Government Ministries.

g. **The demand for more specialist training courses:** The demand for MSDI training is growing 'year on year' and there is currently no IHO training course or instructors able to deliver such a course.

After discussions in detail it was decided to slightly revise the current IHO CB strategy with the intention to make it more flexible and efficient. So the draft group was assigned to draft a revised strategy (rev 1) to CBSC (Deadline : December 2013) and the chair will circulate the draft revised strategy (rev 2) (Deadline : January 2014) and the chair will consider participation at CB Stakeholders Seminar in Monaco to discuss the draft revised strategy.

2. **CB Activities:** Technical visit requests of Israel and Georgia submitted and approved by CBSC and imported in the CB Work Plan 2013-2014. The technical visit in Syria has been postponed because of the situation in the country. Instead of it the technical visit request of Lebanon which was reached just a few days before the meeting was submitted to the CBSC and it was also imported in the CB Work Plan 2014. MBSHC will identify volunteer Member States able to provide staff to accomplish these visits.

3. **CB Stakeholders Seminar:** CB Stakeholders Seminar in Monaco will be held in March 2014 and the candidates graduated from CB Courses are planned to be called for the seminar.

4. **C-55 Progress:** C-55 GIS Metadata Data Base progress report was presented in the meeting. It will be kept as the "Country Profile" of the member states. Member states are expected to provide a C-55 update.

5. **New Procedures:** Procedure 7 (Application For Courses, Technical Workshops, Seminars And Financial Assistance) and Procedure 8 (Project Finance Management) was approved by IRCC and the Secretary will implement the approved procedures beginning from June 2013.

6. **Training Course:** The chair will invite HSSC to task TWLWG to develop a basic one-week Tidal and Water Level Course to be delivered to the RHCs before HSSC5.

7. **PoD:** The chair will address Print on Demand issue during HSSC.

8. **ToR for CB Coordinators:** Task Group was assigned to develop the Terms of Reference for the CB Coordinators. The task group comprises of UK (Chair), NZ, TU.

9. **CB Projects:** CB Coordinators will provide written reports of the region's CB Projects of the intersessional period