



12th NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION MEETING

Colombo, Sri Lanka
20th – 23rd March 2012

Review of NIOHC Statutes

NIOHC Action 11.1 stated:

No.	NIOHC11 Agenda Item	11 th NIOHC Action	Action By	Deadline	Status
11.1	8.1	Review NIOHC Statutes to include clause that will enable inclusion / exclusion of industry from NIOHC meetings and on what terms	Chair, MS	12 th NIOHC	In progress

Article 11 of the Statutes currently states:

d) Experts who are not Members of the Commission may be invited to Conferences or Extraordinary Meetings at observers.

The UK has found that having industry participation at Regional Commission Meetings to be of benefit to all parties involved. The input that the commercial industry can have with capacity building and the advancement of projects can be enormous, with reduced cost to Member States. For example, within the Meso-American and Caribbean region, CARIS and Kongsberg provided personnel and equipment to the Antigua capacity building training course for 2 weeks at no expense to participating states or Capacity Building Sub-Committee.

The incorporation of wording within the statutes to allow/not allow participation within the NIOHC are below:

d) Experts who are not members of the Commission may be invited to Conferences or Extraordinary Meetings at observers. Experts can be defined as:

- Commercial Industry
- Relevant Organisations
- Subject matter experts

f) Experts may be excluded from NIOHC plenary for specific agenda items at the request of Member States.