

19TH MEETING OF THE IHO CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE (CBSC19)

9 - 10 June, Video tele-conference

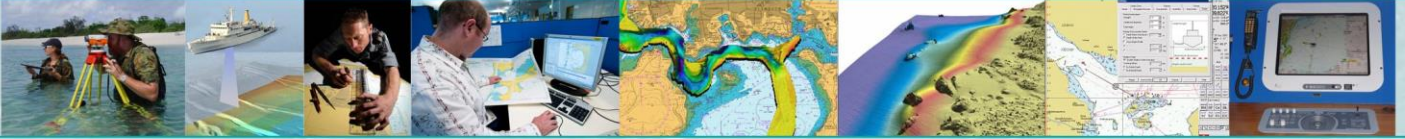
| Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2021 | |
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| Task 3.3.1 | Organize, prepare and report annual meetings of the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) |

The IHO Capacity Building (CB) Sub-Committee (CBSC19) held its 19th meeting via remote Video Tele-Conference (VTC), on 9 and 10 June 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr Evert Flier (Norway) and attended by 35 participants representing 14 of the 15 Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) and 15 Member States. The IHO Secretariat was represented by Director Luigi Sinapi, Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas (CBSC Secretary), Ms Sandrine Brunel (CB Assistant) and Mr Insung Park (Project Officer).



Some participants of the 19th meeting of CBSC

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming the participants and regretting not having a face-to-face meeting still. Captain Marco Grassi from Italy, a new Member of the CBSC, was introduced. IHO Director Luigi Sinapi welcomed the participants and mentioned that in spite of the pandemic situation, the activity of the Capacity Building Sub Committee had been intense, noting the Intersessional Meeting, the preparation of the 2022CBWP (CB Work Program), the work of the Project Teams and the approval of the Empowering Women in Hydrography project. He also congratulated the Regional Coordinators for the management of the CB programmes. IHO Director Sinapi reported on the new 94th IHO Member State, Lebanon, as well as the theme of World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2020 “One hundred years of international cooperation in hydrography” with the goal of highlighting the past, present,



and future of hydrography by showing the important work of our former hydrographers and the progress in state-of-the-art technology. The activities of the IHO Centenary celebrations were summarized, and the new website of the International Hydrographic Review was announced.

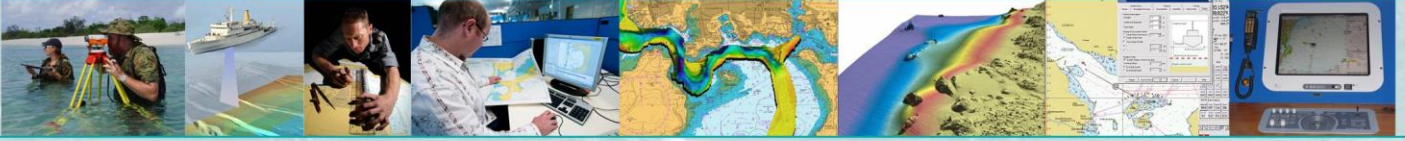
The reports received from the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs), the CB Coordinators expressed the impact of the Covid pandemic on the CB Activities with the need to postpone some activities, develop others and revert to remote technologies. The IHO e-learning Center as well as the online training courses provided by the UKHO were considered important developments and much appreciated. The Interregional collaboration with the possibility of having participants from other Regions attending the remote activities, sharing the resources and allowing a wider number of participants, is the key to managing the limited resources efficiently. In order to promote the relevant remote activities of the regions (seminars, workshops and courses), it was decided to create a CB Calendar where those events could be advertised.

Spain made a presentation on their hydrographic courses that could accept international students, granting scholarships to some. They also mentioned the possibility to collaborate in seminars, courses and workshops, in Spanish, with highly qualified educators

The CB Project Team Strategy reported on the Draft Capacity Building Strategy, currently available on the CBSC19 webpage. A gap analysis was conducted to monitor where the CBSC Strategy was at and where it was going, by considering the IHO Strategic Plan. The draft aligned CB Strategy comprises update phases of development (to potentially include a phase 0 on hydrographic governance) and a 5th step to the process of the CB Strategy (Awareness; Assessment; Analysis & Action) to address Measures of Effectiveness (MoE). It was also considered necessary to develop an allocation of the CB resources strategy that should have a balance in accordance with the level of resources available. The need to receive contributions from the participants was expressed and the work will continue by correspondence.

The CB E-learning Project Team reported on the development of the Terms of Reference, Rules of Procedure and the Implementation Plan. Some MS and organizations already shared contents and experiences such as: MSDIWG, IC-ENC, SANHO, KHOA, SHOM and UNESCO. Some of the Planned Activities for 2021 were mentioned, such as the draft of the Center Guidelines and the creation of the Center website. In 2022, it is planned to finalize the framework and test the website with the MS. The system's architecture was described, indicating the different kinds of IHO e-learning Courses expected to have, as well as the respective requirements and characteristics.

The established Performance Indicators and Statistics graphics, the availability of the CB funds, the submitted requests and delivered projects, the Technical Visits, the CB activities and the number of students all indicated that 2020 was not a typical year and very much



affected by the Covid pandemic. It was decided to have a session at the next Intersessional Meeting to discuss the revision of the SPIs and statistics that should be reported, having in consideration the future CB Strategy and the developments of the CBSC PT Strategy.

During the presentation of the CB finance report, it was concluded that in 2021 it is expected that the expenditures should be lower and that the available funds and most of the projects will probably be moved to 2022. In 2022 the funds for the non-earmarked projects are expected to be lower than in the past years, but with the moved projects from 2021 there will be a significant number of projects to execute. The situation could be more difficult in 2023 with the expected reduction of the non-earmarked funds, so it was recognized that it will be very important to share resources and projects and invest in the remote activities.

The meeting discussed the 2022 CBMP (CB Management Plan). Having in consideration the projects with the same score and the funding available, the projects to be funded were selected and the 2022CBWP was approved by the Meeting.

It was decided to have an Intersessional Meeting in February 2022 (TBC), while the next CBSC20 will be held in May / June 2022 in Indonesia, having Monaco as backup. The following meetings will be held in Japan (CBSC21: May / June 2023) and in Ecuador (CBSC22: May / June 2024, venue TBD).