

Report of the Strategy Group meeting

1. Opening of meeting

The Chair of the Strategy Group, Mr Christian Forst, Germany, opened the meeting and noted that this was the first meeting of the Strategy Group since the Council adopted the Strategic Vision 2014-2026.

He welcomed Ybhg. Dato' Captain Jaffar Lamri, President-CEO of the Centre of Maritime Excellence Group, who had kindly agreed to address the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft Agenda as circulated was agreed.

3. Presentation by Ybhg. Dato' Captain Jaffar Lamri

Captain Jaffar addressed the meeting, speaking about the economic pressures on the shipping industry today, and the levels of equipment fit on vessels and the skill of crews. He described the expectations of the Malaysian shipping industry, particularly noting the following

- Communications and consultation
- Improvements in ship routing
- Better and more harmonised VTS services
- VTS training and the creation of an operating manual for Malaysia and ASEAN states

Captain Jaffar also noted the expected change of IALA to an IGO and suggested that IALA should keep the shipping industry informed of developments and benefits arising from the change.

At the conclusion of his address, Captain Jaffar replied to a number of questions raised by the Group.

The Chair expressed the thanks of the Strategy Group to Captain Jaffar.

4. Terms of Reference for the Strategy Group

The Secretary-General described the background to the draft Terms of Reference, and the Deputy Secretary-General explained the planned complementary change of emphasis of the work of the Policy Advisory Panel.

The draft Terms of Reference for the Group were agreed with one change. The revised draft Terms of Reference follow at Appendix A.

In discussion it was noted that changes to the Strategic Vision should perhaps be made no more frequently than once per year, and also that Council would need to appoint a Vice-Chair of the Strategy Group.

5. Closing of the meeting

There being no further business, the Chair indicated that he would make his report to the 60th Session of the IALA Council, and then declared the meeting closed.

Annex A, IALA Council Strategy Group, revised Draft Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

The aim of IALA is to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation worldwide and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the environment.

2. Strategic Vision

The Council adopted a Strategic Vision for IALA at its 56th session held in Goa, India in December 2013. This Strategic Vision included two Goals to be achieved by 2024, a set of Strategies, and Priorities for the four-year work period 2014-2018.

At the 18th Session of the General Assembly in A Coruna, Spain, on 27 May 2014, the General Assembly adopted a Resolution on IALA's change of status to that of an International Intergovernmental Organization (IGO).

3. Objectives

The IALA Council Strategy Group should provide high-level advice to the IALA Council in the following areas.

- a. The expected future developments in marine navigation and related regulatory regimes, sea transport economics, and world economic developments and the possible impact of these developments on the aim and functions of IALA
- b. Review of the Strategic Vision of IALA as a result of these developments and propose adjustments if needed.

4. Composition

The IALA Strategy Group will function under the direction of a Chair and a Vice-Chair appointed by the IALA Council from among its members.

All Councillors and/or their representatives may take part in the work of the IALA Strategy Group.

The Chair may also invite experts and representatives from relevant international organisations to its meetings and may further involve them in achieving the objectives of the IALA Strategy Group.

5. Deliverables

The IALA Strategy Group should produce regular written advice to Council in accordance with its Objectives described above, and no less frequently than once per year, normally prior to a Council meeting.

6. Procedures

The IALA Strategy Group should hold meetings at least once each year. Meetings may be in person or by electronic means and may be held more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chair.

The IALA Strategy Group should make use of electronic tools (e-mail, correspondence groups, discussion forums, teleconferences/computer conferences etc.) to augment regular meetings, as required, to progress the work.

The Chair may create sub-groups or make use of other Council advisory groups, in particular the Policy Advisory Panel, to facilitate the tasks of the Working Group. Any sub-group is to operate at the direction of the Chair or Vice-Chair.

Secretariat support for the Working Group will be provided by the IALA Secretariat at the direction of the Secretary-General.