

Agenda item 10 – IALA World-Wide Academy

10.3 Documents to note

10.3.5 Regional Awareness Seminar on Safety of Navigation – Nouakchott (Mauritania)

Summary and Recommendations

This three-day Regional Awareness Seminar on Safety of Navigation was held in Nouakchott, MAURITANIA from the 23rd to the 25th of September 2013. It was hosted by the Merchant Marine Department of Mauritania, Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, and was attended by 33 participants from 11 countries and one Regional Organization.

The seminar was not designed to confer specific competencies on its participants. It was rather an awareness exercise or briefing tailored for the authorities in charge of maritime safety, aids to navigation service providers and other maritime specialists, in order for them to get an overview of methods to improve safety of navigation and the efficiency of maritime traffic in the region. Its content was based on “IALA model course E-141/2 on Senior Management Training” with additional emphasis on hydrography and routeing measures. This focussed on the obligations placed on coastal States since the implementation of the revised SOLAS chapter V in 2002 and of more recent tools developed to improve safety of navigation and traffic monitoring.

Feedback from the participants indicated that the seminar had met its aims and was generally very well received. They wished the effectiveness of the event to be reflected in the adoption of thirteen recommendations. These are listed below and at Annex A to this report.

“The following recommendations were adopted by the participants at the end of the Seminar:

1. To consider the advantages of becoming a member of IMO, IHO and IALA for those who were not yet members.
2. To encourage effective participation in meetings of IMO, IHO (including the Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission) and IALA and therefore to gain updated technical knowledge in their respective domains and to get the opportunity to exchange views and experiences with delegations on similar matters and to benefit from capacity building programs, when applicable.
3. In pursuit of the IHO capacity building strategy, to consider ways and means to improve the collection and dissemination of nautical information through implementing a national coordinated network interfaced with the NAVAREA Coordinator and the relevant charting authorities.
4. To encourage the acceptance and signing the IALA Marine Buoyage System (2010).
5. Co-operating concerning the use of IALA’s risk management tools (IWRAPII and PAWSA) to analyse the degree of risk both within the waters of each coastal State and regionally.

6. To define and declare the VTS type service level and VTS area for those countries which have been providing the services but have not yet formally defined and declared the same or those which intend to provide the services in the future. This should be done in accordance with IMO Resolution A.857(20).
7. IALA National members to consider joining at IALA-NET in accordance with IALA Recommendation E-142.
8. To encourage and facilitate the exchange of experience and knowledge at the regional level among neighbouring countries in order to improve maritime safety and maritime domain awareness.
9. To facilitate implementation of specialised training courses within regional training institutions either VTS or AtoN training, or both, based on IALA Model Courses.
10. In pursuit of the second phase of the IALA WWA's capacity-building strategy, to consider using the expertise within IMO and IALA to conduct needs assessment missions for waters of coastal States and adjacent waters.
11. To encourage the participating countries to ratify and implement the IMO Conventions for countries not yet Parties to SOLAS.
12. Participants encouraged IMO, IHO and IALA to continue their efforts in addressing safety of navigation in other regions by organizing similar activities in the future.
13. To invite neighbouring countries governments to express coherent, integrated and coordinated maritime policies for the benefit of maritime safety with the support of IMO, IHO, IALA, and the existing regional organizations."