

IALA COUNCIL 75th session



30 May – 3 June 2022
Copenhagen
Denmark

8– Strategy and Policy

8.1– Current Drivers and Trends

8.1.1 – Report from Strategy Drafting Group (SDG)

1. INTRODUCTION

The fourth meeting of the Strategy Drafting Group (SDG) was held on 30 May 2022 as a hybrid type meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark with Christian Forst as Chair and David Gordon as Vice-Chair.

The Chair welcomed everyone and expressed that he was pleased to see such good attendance in person. He thanked the Danish Maritime Authority for hosting the meeting as well as the Secretariat for the good preparation of the meeting. The Secretary-General also welcomed everyone in Copenhagen and wished for a good meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved.

3. BACKGROUND

The Chair reported on the background of the Strategy Drafting Group, reminding attendees that the first Strategic Vision was prepared in 2013, approved by the Council in December 2013, and announced to the General Assembly in May 2014. The Strategic Vision was brought up to date by the Council in December 2017 and approved by the General Assembly in June 2018. Finally, a workshop was held in 2019. This paper is regularly updated by the Council and at C72, Canada, China and Australia provided inputs which were amalgamated into the current version 2.0 of the document. At C73, Korea provided further input.

Following a discussion on the desired content and tone of the Current Drivers and Trends (CDT) document, Council agreed to assemble the Strategy Drafting Group before C74 to finalize the document.

At C74, Mr Mike Bullock from the UK highlighted that the CDT document failed to properly recognize the enduring importance of physical Marine Aids to Navigation and it was decided that the Strategy Drafting Group should consider inclusion of this aspect into the document.

At a recent meeting of the IMC, a similar concern was discussed and the IMC has compiled an input paper for consideration by the CSG.

The Council agreed on the CDT document and to gather the Council Strategy Group before C75 for further work.

The Chair also mentioned that the pandemic disrupted the work of the Council Strategy Group as it faced difficulties in meeting.

A number of existing documents in IALA are part of the Strategy like the Constitution as well as the Drivers and Trends and the Strategic Vision. These documents will now need to be reviewed and updated, particularly in regard to the change of status.



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The Vice-Chair indicated that the current documents do recognize the place of IALA in the world and are very helpful but perhaps IALA's strategy would be better explained and recognized if it was combined in a single document. A small task group could be set up and the final document could be approved during the December session of the Council meeting. This could be useful and also bring value for new National members.

The Secretary-General welcomed the initiative and supported the proposal, however, he reminded attendees that the two goals of the Strategic Vision currently stated are efficient and constantly used in IALA communication during events and missions. Therefore, the Strategy Drafting Group should perhaps consider retaining these two goals.

The Councillor for Japan added that the strategic goals are constantly referred to during committee meetings. However, a new document could be a useful to explain the mechanism to new members and when requesting contributions.

The Deputy Secretary-General reported from the Councillor for Australia who could not be present at the meeting that the CDT document would benefit from a complete review. This may be achieved by way of a workshop. Having identified trends (which are effectively risks and opportunities) it would be good to know that we are on track to mitigate or take advantage of them.

It could be, perhaps something that PAP could report on as they develop and process Committee work.

The Chair summarized the discussion saying that the existing documents should be merged. The existing statements should be reviewed and items added, and then feedback should be asked from councillors with the view of presenting a final document to be approved at Council 76 in December 2022.

The Deputy Secretary-General reminded attendees that previously, there was only one document but it was decided to split it to allow the CDT document to be more dynamic and updated regularly, as opposed to the Strategic Vision document which is more static.

The Councillor for Canada suggested that a workshop would be better for drafting the document rather than asking for comments to all councillors, but the Chair reminded that due to the short time left to proceed, it may be difficult to convene an intersessional physical workshop in the coming months. The Chair proposed to establish a small working group for the drafting and then the document could be sent to all councillors for feedback.

The Secretary-General added that the General Assembly will exercise the final decision on whether to adopt the new text, therefore it may be prudent for as many members as possible to agree on the text prior to the General Assembly to ensure that it is adopted.

The Councillor for Sweden mentioned that the documents should aim to be clear and concise so that we do not get lost in too much content.

The Chair asked for volunteers to set up the small strategy drafting working group. South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Denmark and Germany agreed to be part of the group.

Action item 1

The small strategy drafting working group to prepare a new document and finalize it for Council 76.

4. CURRENT DRIVERS AND TRENDS

There was one comment from the Councillor for Sweden who requested to change the terms "VTS Authorities" to "VTS Providers" throughout the document.

There were no other comments on the Current Drivers and Trends document.

6. UPDATED ON POSITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATON SERVICES



The Deputy Secretary-General indicated that this paper was discussed during the PAP meeting and a new draft was being developed. The new document will be submitted shortly.

Action item 2

The secretariat to forward the Current Driver and Trends and the Strategic Vision to the Strategy drafting working group.

Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Strategy Drafting Group is scheduled for Monday 12 December 2022 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Note the information provided.



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Annex

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