

COUNCIL  
120th session  
Agenda item 12

C 120/12/Add.1  
25 June 2018  
Original: ENGLISH

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

**SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of the sixty-eighth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee
<i>Strategic direction, if applicable:</i>	1, 5, 7 and OW
<i>Output:</i>	1.1, 1.2, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 5.5, 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.10, OW 11 and OW 21
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 39
<i>Related documents:</i>	C 120/12 and TC 68/WP.1

**INTRODUCTION**

1 The report of the sixty-eighth session of the Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 68/WP.1)<sup>1</sup> is submitted to the 120th session of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of the IMO Convention.

2 The sixty-eighth session of the Committee was held from 18 to 20 June 2018, and was attended by 75 Member States, 1 Associate Member, 7 intergovernmental organizations and 5 non-governmental organizations. The Chair was Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia) and the Vice-Chair was H.E. Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu).

3 Decisions of the Committee of interest to the Council are summarized in the following paragraphs with reference to the relevant paragraphs of document TC 68/WP.1.

**INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017**

4 The Committee noted the information provided in the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) Annual Report for 2017 (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.13), which reflected expenditure of \$13.8 million for 2017, representing a financial delivery

1 The final report of the session will be circulated as document TC 68/15.

rate of 85% of the resources programmed for that year and featuring 22 sources of funding, with the Technical Cooperation Fund (TC Fund) being the most significant, at \$6 million, representing 44% of the overall total funds expended. In total, 215 activities were delivered, including the implementation of nine advisory and needs assessment missions and 119 training courses, seminars and workshops held at the national, regional and global levels. These training events covered an extensive range of maritime topics and resulted in the training of approximately 3,522 persons worldwide in 2017. In addition, another 64 fellows completed fellowships in the maritime field, including 26 fellows at the World Maritime University (WMU) and the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). A total of 551 officials attended events aimed at developing and harmonizing regional strategies on maritime technical matters.

5 The Committee expressed its gratitude to all donors for their cash contributions to the bilateral and multilateral donor trust funds and to other Member States and partners for their in-kind support that facilitated the implementation of the ITCP activities.

## **SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF THE INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

### **Long-term resource mobilization strategy**

6 The Committee considered and approved the draft strategy for resource mobilization for IMO's technical cooperation (TC) activities, as contained in the annex to document TC 68/4(a) (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 4.1 to 4.9).

7 The Committee noted the identification by the strategy of a substantial and untapped amount of official development assistance (ODA) funding available, globally and regionally, for international development aid activities. The strategy also identified that a more proactive and methodical approach was essential to encourage the development of partnerships with Member States, the United Nations system, multilateral development banks (MDBs), and the design of new and innovative ideas. Such an approach would rely on active communication with potential donors, using methods and individual approaches which were tailored to the respective priorities of each donor.

8 The Committee was informed that a well devised long-term and immediate action plan was needed to realize and achieve an effective resource mobilization strategy. A review of the trends in international development aid and implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as an assessment of the current situation, should be carried out periodically.

9 The Committee urged Member States to actively communicate with their development aid agencies to include IMO's TC activities as a priority item in their national development aid plans.

10 The Committee commended the Secretary-General's initiative to hold high-level ministerial forums in the margins of the annual World Maritime Day parallel events. It was suggested that these ministerial roundtable meetings would be a good platform to promote the resource mobilization strategy and, in the process, raise the profile of IMO.

### **Analysis of the viability of introducing an access fee to GISIS data**

11 In response to the Committee's request, at its sixty-seventh session, to be provided with an analysis of the users and the financial and legal implications of making the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) data an income-generating tool for the sole benefit of the sustainability of the ITCP, the Committee was provided with an update on the viability of introducing an access fee to GISIS data (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 4.10 to 4.15).

12 The Committee agreed to await the outcome of the Review of IMO Data and Knowledge Management and the development of an IMO Framework that was being undertaken by the Secretariat, and instructed the Secretariat to investigate the practices of other United Nations agencies which had commercialized data they produce.

### **Financial contributions to the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme**

13 The Committee noted the information on the status of financial contributions received to support the ITCP since its last session (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 4.16 to 4.24).

14 The Committee was informed that during the period 1 June 2017 to 6 June 2018 contributions made to the multi-donor trust funds (MDTFs) and through financial arrangements and cash contributions amounted to \$8,994,579, as compared to \$1,405,760 reported to TC 67. It was noted that this total was comprised of \$3,788,693 received under new financial arrangements; \$3,714,154 under existing partnership arrangements; \$1,148,829 through the MDTFs and \$342,903 in cash contributions. A contribution of £10,000 was also received under the Organization's Contributions Incentive Scheme to support the ITCP global programme on the effective implementation and enforcement of energy efficiency measures for ships.

15 The Committee noted with appreciation that since documents TC 68/4(c) and TC 68/4(c)/Corr.1 were issued, contributions had been received from Australia, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. Additionally, the Committee welcomed pledges from Ghana, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and the Republic of Korea, announced during the session.

16 Singapore informed the Committee of the recent launch of an enhanced five-year technical cooperation and training package valued at \$5 million. The package will consist of increased support to IMO's TC activities through the Singapore-IMO Third Country Training Programme (TCTP), strengthened support of WMU under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on academic cooperation with WMU, and increased contributions to global maritime leadership training by increasing the number of seats available on the MPA Academy's flagship programmes.

## **THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Maritime transport policy development**

17 With regard to the Secretariat's work, in collaboration with WMU, to assist Member States in the formulation of National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs), the Committee noted that a training package, which aimed at providing beneficiaries with the required knowledge and skills necessary to prepare, review and adopt maritime transport policies, had been finalized and translated into the three working languages of IMO (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7). The Committee further noted that two short videos on NMTPs produced by the Secretariat, in cooperation with WMU, were being finalized and would be used to promote the importance of NMTPs.

### **Country Maritime Profiles**

18 With regard to Country Maritime Profiles (CMPs) (TC 67/WP.1, paragraphs 5.8 to 5.12), the Committee was provided with a status report of completed CMPs, and an update on the developments relating to the review and restructuring of the CMP module. The Committee was informed that the revised CMP module was being restructured broadly around key elements, which would be country- and territory-specific, resulting in a more effective and user-friendly data module.

19 The Committee noted the prudent approach taken by the Secretariat whereby in-house resources would be utilized to undertake the review and restructuring process, mainly due to the ongoing Data and Knowledge Management project within IMO, the Functional Review of the Secretariat project and access levels for GISIS modules, including the IMO Member State Audit Scheme results. It further noted the intention of the Secretariat to have a prototype of the new CMP module ready before TC 69.

20 The Committee, whilst noting with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretariat in the development of the revised and restructured CMP module, endorsed the overall approach taken by the Secretariat and instructed the Secretariat to continue with its development. It also urged Member States/Associate Members that had not as yet completed their CMPs to do so, and invited those which had completed them to continue to update their records.

### **Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

21 The Committee noted that the thirtieth session of the Assembly had adopted the two resolutions previously approved by the Committee at its sixty-seventh session on *Linkages between the technical assistance work of IMO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and *Guiding principles of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (A.1126(30) and A.1127(30), respectively), and was updated on the creation of the IMO Secretariat Focal Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which would coordinate the work related to the implementation of IMO's Strategic Plan and the Organization's contribution to the SDGs (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 5.13 to 5.21).

22 The Committee also noted the importance of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) process in ensuring that maritime issues are mainstreamed in the national implementation of the SDGs, and to this end, encouraged Member States to fully participate in their national or regional UNDAF processes.

23 The Committee further noted that a solid framework of indicators and statistical data to monitor progress was needed in order to have a robust follow-up and review mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, the Committee established a Correspondence Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to develop indicators for data collection within IMO's mandate related to technical cooperation, under the coordination of Vanuatu.

### **Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector**

24 The Committee was updated on the activities delivered through IMO's Women in Maritime programme from August 2016 to March 2018 (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 5.22 to 5.31). The Committee noted, with appreciation, the Organization's innovative and long-standing gender programme which had evolved since 1988 to produce groundbreaking yet practical results, driven by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and their successor goals, the SDGs, as well as the increased number of trainees and variety of activities delivered by IMO to empower women as key maritime stakeholders.

25 The Committee further noted the information on the progress made to strengthen the impact of women in the maritime sector through technical assistance provided to the Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs). In noting the issues raised under the resolutions annexed to documents TC 67/8 and TC 68/5(d), the Committee was requested to assist, where possible, in the implementation of the capacity-building objectives of the seven WIMAs launched under the auspices of IMO and, by association, their respective national chapters.

26 To highlight the achievements of IMO's gender programme over the last 30 years and looking into the future, the Committee was informed that IMO would be rebranding the programme to raise its profile in the maritime community.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Regional presence and coordination**

27 The Committee noted the important role played by the Regional Coordinators and the Regional Maritime Adviser in the respective regions in supporting Member States, in particular, their efforts towards the ratification and universal application of IMO instruments and reaffirmed its appreciation to the host countries of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, the Philippines, and Trinidad and Tobago, for the facilities they had continued to provide (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 6.1 to 6.7).

28 A number of delegations expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the establishment of a new ITCP-funded position of an IMO Technical Cooperation Officer at the Pacific Community (SPC) in Suva, Fiji, to facilitate the delivery of IMO's technical assistance programme in the Pacific region.

29 As part of its efforts to improve IMO's technical assistance work, the Committee was informed that the Secretariat would carry out a review and reform of the regional presence scheme and that the report of this exercise would be submitted to TC 69.

### **Partnership arrangements**

30 The Committee noted the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution A.1128(30) relating to *Financing and partnership arrangements for an effective and sustainable Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme* through the 78 partnerships which were currently in operation for the delivery of TC activities (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 6.8 to 6.19).

31 The Committee was informed of a new innovative partnership established between IMO and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to help promote sustainable shipping through a range of safety and environment-focused capacity-building activities in the maritime and port sectors. Noting that this strategic partnership was the first to be established between IMO and a multilateral development bank, it was expected to contribute a great deal to sustainable maritime transport and the implementation of the SDGs. The Committee was further informed that an in-kind support partnership with the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic had been recently concluded, which provided a framework of cooperation on the London Convention and London Protocol at the regional level.

## **IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ASPECTS OF THE SCHEME**

32 The Committee was informed on the status of implementation of the global programme on the IMO Member State Audit Scheme and the activities delivered since its previous session. Since the commencement of training courses for auditors under the ITCP, a total number of 1,233 individuals from 157 Member States had been trained through 63 activities worldwide (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.6). The Committee was further informed that there had been an increase in ad hoc requests received from Member States for technical assistance in preparation for audits, as well as in the implementation of the agreed Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

33 The Committee noted that in order to facilitate the planning of relevant and targeted technical assistance, the relevant officers in the Secretariat had been granted access to the Member State Audit (MSA) module in GISIS, designed to provide effective tracking of the implementation of CAP by Member States.

### **REVIEW AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2015**

34 The Committee noted the updates provided by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the external assessment report of the Impact Assessment Exercise (IAE) for the period 2012-2015, including the implementation of those recommendations which had no budgetary implications (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 8.1 to 8.9). In this regard, the Committee decided to request MEPC and MSC to identify and prioritize which of the model courses could be considered to be converted into an e-learning model course, and to consider reviewing the *Revised guidelines for the development, review and validation of model courses* (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15), if deemed appropriate.

### **GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS**

35 The Committee noted the summary of activities undertaken in 2017 by WMU and IMLI, as well as information on long-standing partnership arrangements with the International Maritime Safety, Security and Environment Academy (IMSSEA) and the Institut Portuaire d'Enseignement et du Recherche du Havre (IPER) through the provision of IMO fellowships to developing countries for short-term training course delivered by these institutions (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.3, 9.6.1 to 9.6.5 and 9.7 to 9.15).

36 With regard to the former branches of WMU, the Committee was informed of the progress regarding the evaluation of the 14 former WMU branches and the new partnership structure set in place, in cooperation with the Secretariat, in the form of either a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) (with legally binding commitments) or an MoU (cooperative expression of interest) that would apply to all former WMU branches that pass the evaluation, and to all future partnering initiatives with other academic institutions. The Committee noted that two of the 14 former WMU branches, namely the Dalian Maritime University, China, and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt, had undergone a successful evaluation and that it was WMU's intention to complete all evaluations by mid-2019 and report back to the Committee at its sixty-ninth session (TC 68/WP.1, paragraphs 9.4 to 9.5 and 9.6.6).

### **OTHER ITEMS**

37 The Committee approved the biennial status report of the Technical Cooperation Committee for the 2018-2019 biennium. The Committee also approved the proposed revised document on *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee*, in order to align it with the provisions of Assembly resolution A.1111(30) on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization*.

### **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2019**

38 The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Zulkurnain Ayub (Malaysia), as its Chair and H.E. Mr. Laurent Parenté (Vanuatu), as its Vice-Chair for 2019 (TC 68/WP.1, paragraph 13.1)

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL**

39 The Council is invited to:

- .1 note the summary of the Committee's report on its sixty-eighth session (C 120/12/Add.1), in particular the Committee's approval of the strategy for resource mobilization for IMO's technical cooperation activities, the review and restructure of the CMP, the establishment of a Correspondence Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the revised document on *Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee* in order to align it with the document on *Application of the Strategic Plan of the Organization*, the updated biennial status report of the Committee's outputs for the 2018-2019 biennium, and the proposed substantive items for inclusion into its provisional agendas for the period 2019-2022; and
  - .2 authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee's sixty-eighth session to the thirty-first session of the Assembly, in accordance with Article 21(b) of the IMO Convention.
-