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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON HYDROGRAPHY AND MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION IN AFRICA

CONTENT

The Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water (METLE) with the Royal Moroccan Navy organize jointly with The International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), International Maritime Organization (IMO) and SHOM, a capacity-building workshop on hydrography and marine aids to navigation in Africa from 21 to 24 October 2019 at the Reception and Conferences Center in Rabat.

This event is part of Morocco, IALA and IHO capacity building strategies for marine aids to navigation and hydrography in Africa, in line with the Seminar on Safety of Navigation in Africa, organized in Morocco, on February 2018 and the Regional Seminar on Geospatial Maritime Knowledge organised in Lagos at the 15th EA@HC (Nigeria, October 2018).

TOPICS

This workshop will cover more specifically risk analysis, hydrographic survey specification and Marine aids to navigation management.

OBJECTIVES

Under the banner of United Nations "Delivering as one", this four-day workshop aims to enable representatives of African States to work on the implementation of the strategies proposed by IALA and IHO to fulfill their obligations under the international legal framework. This concerns in particular Chapter V Regulations 4, 12 and 13 of the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). Some African States are in dire need of capacity building related to the safety of navigation and in support of their economic infrastructure and the protection of the environment.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- Gather managers, so they can be proactive with decision-makers.
- Collect the expectations of the Coastal States (blocking points, points of commitment, organisation to be set up).
- Improve awareness of hydrographic and aids to navigation issues, as well as potential gains for maritime authorities, in a context of growth of the blue economy.
- Strengthen risk analysis, hydrographic surveys and the management of marine aids to navigation.
- Support/encourage the emergence of national hydrographic schemes and national plans for development/management of aids to navigation. These supported schemes/plans can then be used as a basis for the development of projects to be submitted to national authorities and international donors.
- Involve participants as actors and take advantage of the benefits of these tools.

DATE & PLACE

The four-day workshop is organised from **21 to 24 October 2019**. The workshop will be held in the Reception and Conferences Center (CAC) of the Ministry of Equipment, Transport Logistic and Water (METLW), Avenue Assanaoubar, district Hay Riyad, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco.

PARTICIPANTS

About a hundred participants are expected to attend this workshop, including about forty managers and responsables for aids to navigation and Hydrography, coming from about twenty coastal states in East and West Africa (Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin, Congo, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Senegal, Togo, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Comoros, Papua New Guinea and Somalia).

The Kingdom of Morocco is itself represented by the Hydrographic, Oceanographic and Cartographic Division of the Royal Navy, the Directorate of Merchant Marine (DMM), the Directorate of Ports and Maritime Public Domain (DPDPM), the Port Authorities (National Ports Agency and Tanger Med Port Authority) and the representative's private company specializing in the field.

EXPECTATIONS

To put participants in a situation of actors, have strategy elements produced, exchange of good practices, on the basis of case studies.

LANGUAGES

Simultaneous translation for plenary sessions the first and the last day. Separate workshops the second and third days in French on the one hand and in English on the other hand to facilitate understanding and exchanges.