SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION: IMO'S INTEGRATED TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ITCP)

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IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) **Overview**

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The Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

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ITCP – Rationale and Mandate



- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the United Nations (UN) system's regulatory agency for the maritime sector
- Global mandate is "safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation"
- Pursues that mandate by adopting international maritime rules and standards that are then implemented and enforced by Governments in the exercise of flag, port and coastal State responsibilities
- IMO's rules and standards are accepted by Governments and the global shipping industry because they provide a single, universal framework governing maritime operations and ensure the efficient, safe and environmentally friendly carriage of global trade

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ITCP – Rationale and Mandate

- Many developing countries cannot yet give full and complete effect to IMO's instruments
- Established an Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)
- By fostering capacity-building in the maritime sector, the ITCP helps countries to ensure safe, secure and effective shipping services and protect their waters and coasts from the environmental degradation caused by ships and other maritime-related activities
- IMO's technical cooperation programme contributes, therefore, to sustainable socio-economic development

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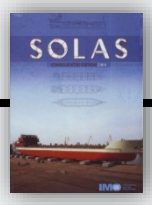
Structure of IMO

Assembly
172 Member Governments

Council
40 Member Governments

5 Committees

- Facilitation Committee
- Technical Cooperation Committee
- Legal Committee
- Maritime Safety Committee
- Marine Environment Protection Committee





7 Sub-Committees

- SHIP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SDC)
- SHIP SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT (SSE)
- HUMAN ELEMENT, TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING (HTW)
- NAVIGATION, COMMUNICATION AND SEARCH AND RESCUE (NCSR)
- IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS (III)
- CARRIAGE OF CARGOES AND CONTAINERS (CCC)
- POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (PPR)



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ITCP – Vision and Strategy (Key Principles)

- Ownership of the project development and implementation process rests with the recipient countries themselves
- IMO's regulatory priorities are systematically integrated into the programme-building process
- The ITCP promotes the development of human and institutional resources in the maritime sector, on a sustainable basis, including the advancement of women
- The ITCP promotes regional collaboration and technical cooperation among developing countries
- IMO builds partnerships with Governments, industry and international development aid agencies to ensure appropriate funding for the ITCP

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ITCP – Vision and Strategy (Key Principles)

- IMO also seeks to mobilize regional expertise and resources for its technical assistance activities http://roster.imo.org/Welcome.aspx

- The ITCP is coordinated with other development aid programmes in the maritime field in order to maximize the benefits of combined efforts and resources

- IMO ensures, through monitoring systems and impact assessment exercises, that programme targets are met and that lessons learned are fed back into the programme-building process

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ITCP – Development

- IMO's technical cooperation activities are conceived and developed through partnerships for progress between recipient countries, resource-providers and the Organization

- Every two years, the Organization revises the ITCP, which contains global and regional programmes covering:
  - Africa
  - Arab States and Mediterranean
  - Asia and Pacific Islands
  - Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern Europe and
  - Latin America and Caribbean

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ITCP – Implementation

- IMO's technical assistance activities, such as needs assessment/advisory missions, national/regional seminars/workshops and long-term training courses, are delivered mostly through the Secretariat and through regional outreach mechanisms, such as:

  - IMO's regional presence in the field, in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, which provides advice to developing countries and executes technical co-operation activities; and

  - Regional institutions and networks that, in partnership with IMO, coordinate and manage regional technical assistance programmes.

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ITCP – Funding

- IMO secures financial, human and logistical support for its technical assistance activities from a wide variety of sources, including:
  - IMO's Technical Cooperation (TC) Fund;
  - multi-donor Trust Funds (MDTFs);
  - bilateral arrangements; and
  - one-off cash donations.

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ITCP – Funding

- The Organization has also been successful in developing bilateral partnerships with Governments, international organizations and regional institutions for its technical cooperation activities. As at 31 December 2016, IMO had 71 partnership arrangements in operation, the nature of which can be summarized as follows:

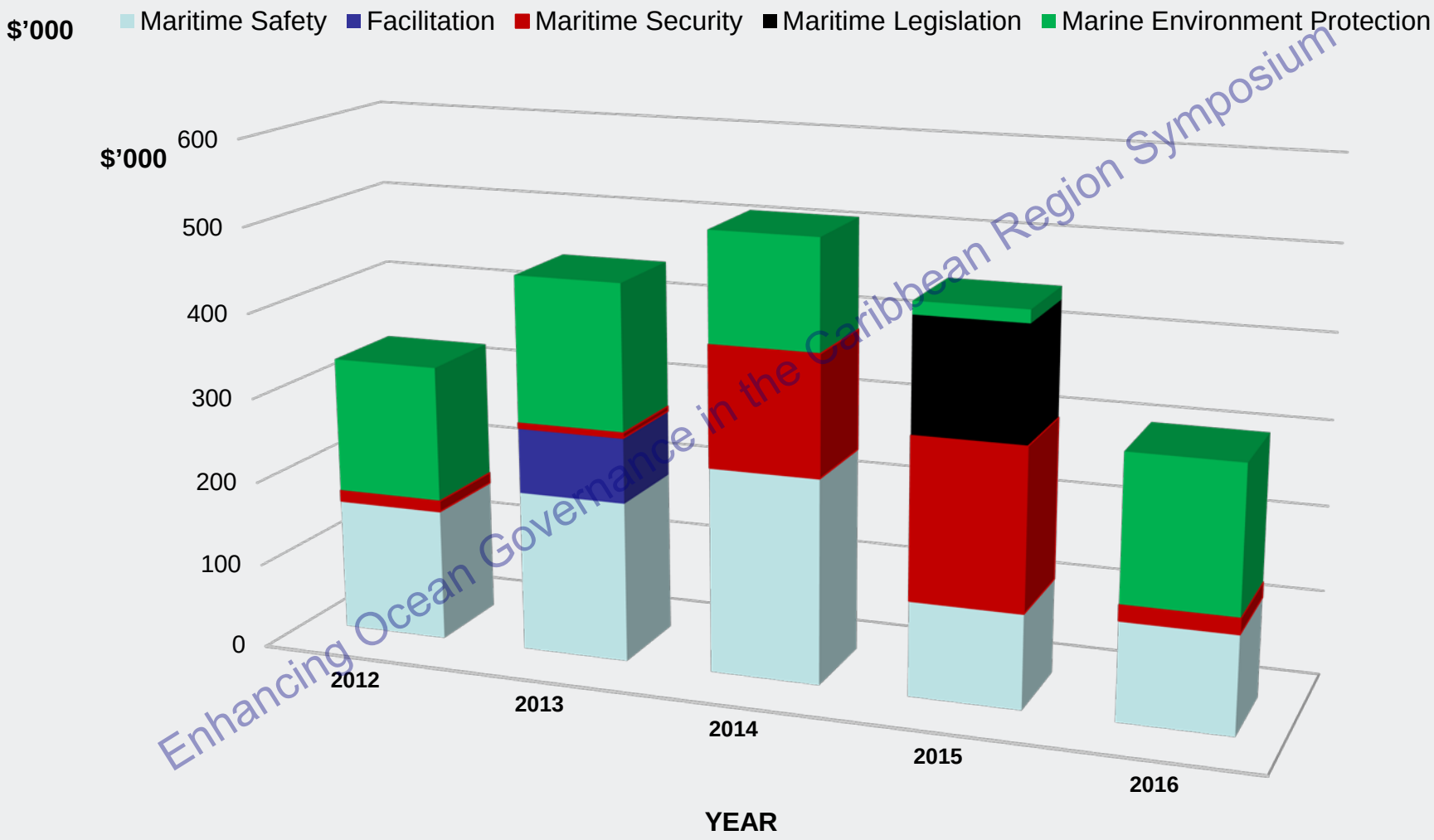
  - financial support (11);
  - in-kind support in the form of cost-free experts, hostship of technical assistance events or cash supplements (38);
  - establishment of the IMO Regional Presence offices (4);
  - establishment of project activity/response centres (4); and
  - delegation of technical co-operation implementation responsibilities (14)

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The Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme

Expenditure 2010 - 2016





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ITCP – Achievements

- The establishment of two prestigious institutions
  - World Maritime University (WMU), located in Malmö, Sweden. This success is the fruit of an efficient partnership between IMO, Governments and donors (110 Caribbean graduates)
  - IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), located in Msida, Malta (40 Caribbean graduates)

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ITCP – Achievements in the Caribbean



- IMO has successfully provided maritime assistance to all member States in the region in all its fields of competence

- Preparation of regional strategies for maritime safety, marine environment protection, modernization of maritime legislation, and facilitation of international maritime traffic

- Assistance in the development of search and rescue plans and training of personnel to operate them

- Facilitated the development and review of the Code of Safety for Small Commercial Vessels operating in the Caribbean Sea (SCV Code)

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ITCP – Achievements in the Caribbean

- Preparation of model maritime legislation that countries can adapt to their circumstances

- Assisted the development of the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMoU)

- Development of national and regional contingency plans and related training courses for marine pollution preparedness and response in partnership with Governments and the oil industry at national, regional and international level

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REGIONAL AGENDA

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Regional Agenda – Office of the RMA

- Office of the Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean
  - Established by CARICOM in 1985
  - Funded by IMO from 2000
  - Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
  - Supports 14 IMO Member States and 16 Dependent Territories

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Regional Agenda – Office of the RMA



- Primary role in the region:
  - Identify technical assistance needs and priorities
  - Facilitate the delivery of technical assistance activities in the region
  - Identify, establish and maintain partnerships with governmental and non-governmental institutions, civil societies and the private sector in the region that deal with IMO and other maritime matters
  - Represent IMO at national and regional meetings

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Regional Agenda

- Senior Maritime Administrators (Caribbean States and Territories):
  - Urge policy makers in the region to place a higher priority on the implementation of IMO Instruments, to which they are party, in their national legislation with particular reference to MARPOL and the Liability Instruments
  - Update Country Maritime Profiles in GISIS
  - Continue development of a regional maritime plan
  - Consider the development of a regional casualty/incident investigation database related to vessels of <24 metres

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Regional Agenda

- Senior Maritime Administrators (Caribbean States and Territories cont'd):
  - Implement the regional strategic action plan for ballast water management
  - Further the development and finalization of Oil/HNS spill contingency plans and encourage the littoral States of the Caribbean Sea to join the Caribbean Island OPRC Plan
  - Conduct, with the support and coordination of RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe, a feasibility study on the development of a Regional Port Reception facilities Plan (RPRFP) for the WCR

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Regional Agenda

- Senior Maritime Administrators (Caribbean States and Territories cont'd):
  - Accept and implement the recommendations of the SMA regarding the future resourcing and sustainability of the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribbean
  - Assist establishment of a national framework for hydrographic services
  - Determine the feasibility of establishing a regional hydrographic office

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Regional Agenda

- Senior Maritime Administrators (CARICOM):
  - Establish an advisory body under CARICOM responsible for facilitating flag, port and coastal State matters in the region;
  - Consider the implementation of appropriate legal mechanisms and resources to ensure national maritime legislation remains current

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Regional Agenda

- IMO:
  - Urgent implementation of a High Level Symposium for Ministers responsible for maritime administration
  - Delivery of an updated Caribbean Ship Inspector Training (CASIT) course in partnership with the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMoU)

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