

**Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC)**  
*9<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Niterói, Brazil, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

**Report on the 6<sup>th</sup> IHO Capacity Building Committee Meeting**

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**1. Introduction**

The MACHC Chairman asked the Brazilian representative through a Reference Letter to represent the Commission at the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO Capacity Building Committee (CBC), presenting their requirements and taking advantage of the opportunities for capacity building in the Region.

**2. Work developed at the meeting**

The 6<sup>th</sup> IHO CBC Meeting took place at the IHO headquarter, Montecarlo, Monaco, between May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Main decisions:

- a) The revision of the 2008 Work Plan and the WP for 2009 were approved;
- b) The CBC Procedures for submission, evaluation, and approval of the CBC support were approved;
- c) The sending of letters to all RHC Chairman announcing all the decisions made at the meeting.

Decisions which affect the MACHC:

- a) The following support for training events has been approved:

Event	Amount (€)
1) Basic Hydrographic Training for Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize, in 2008;	9,267.00
2) Basic Hydrographic and Cartographic Training, to be held in Venezuela in 2008;	16,000.00
3) Workshop on multibeam to be held in Brazil in 2008;	12,000.00
4) Seminar on ENC and e-Navigation, to be held in Brazil in 2008;	7,200.00
5) Cartographic update course, to be held in Brazil in 2009;	20,000.00
6) Multibeam course, to be held in Brazil in 2009;	30,000.00
7) Workshop on the hydrography of shallow waters, to be held in Brazil in 2010;	9,000.00
8) Workshop on geospatial data processing and management, to be held in Brazil in 2011.	17,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>120,467.00</b>

\* Notes:

- Some of these approved proposals were made by the South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission but the resources may be applied to the three RHC in the Continent: the MACHC, the SWAtHC, and the SEPHC.

- Concerning events in 2010 and 2011. Although they are to be held within the 5 years of the IHO Work Plan, they will depend on further information in order to comply with the new procedures approved at the meeting.

b) Taking in account the increasing number of support requests, CBC will select projects by priority criteria. It was agreed that higher priority will be given to those project which focus on the promotion of Capacity Building Phase 1 (to obtain, evaluate, and disseminate notices to mariners regarding safety at sea).

c) The IHB announced that it is working on the development of tools for audio/video conferences, making for the participation of those which might not attend the meetings for any reason.

d) With the enactment of the new structure of the IHO Committees on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the next IHO CBC meeting, a new Chairman chosen from the Member States representatives at CBC will be elected.

**3. Conclusions and Recommended Actions**

The MACHC is invited to take note of this information paper and, considering the importance of the IHO CBC for the Hydrographic development of the region, take the following actions:

- a) Make a medium range CB Plan for the Region;
- b) Nominate and promote one of its Member States representatives at IHO CBC (USA, or Mexico, or Brazil) to run in the election for the CBC Chairmanship.

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