



Maritime Funding Session – Wednesday, 27 Feb. 2013

Proceedings Summary and Next Steps

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Introduction:	Robert Ward – President, International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) by phone from Monaco
Moderator:	Blair Ruble – Director, Global Sustainability & Resilience Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (www.wilsoncenter.org) in Washington DC
Panelists:	Ambassador Colin Murdoch – Commissioner (& Chair of the Ocean Governance Group), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS - www.oecs.org), St. John's Antigua W.I. Bob Wilson – SONUS International Hydrographic Consultancy (formerly International Hydrographic Projects Manager at UKHO) Dr. Rob Hensley – see above for details
Focus:	Maritime funding session to support integrated economic development based on Hydrographic Services, Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Marine Spatial Management (MSM)

Approximately 20 people attended the Feb. 27 and there were 3 call-in participants (an attendee contact list was distributed). After introductions, IHO President Robert Ward started off with an overview of the importance of hydrography and its relevance to the **Blue Economy** (“*Hydrography - underpinning the Blue Economy*”). This was followed by an excellent panel discussion focused on the OCES mapping project that set the stage for a lively discussion among all participants. There was general agreement on the necessity of the hydrographic community becoming more involved with the international funding agencies both to help identify worthwhile projects and to provide Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) so projects are properly planned and managed. Olha Krushelnytska of the World Bank made a presentation on the Global Partnership for Oceans (GPO presentation attached), which has over 120 participants focused on promoting sustainable usage of the oceans. She indicated that the GPO is looking for more participants, particularly those that can provide expertise (no cost to become a participant).

Next Steps:

- 1) For senior leadership of IHO and interested member states to meet with leadership at multinational funding and policy agencies such as Asian Development Bank, Caribbean Development Bank, GEF (Global Environment Facility), Inter-American Development Bank, IFC, UNDP, the World Bank, and other agencies in NYC, Washington DC and around the world to promote linkages with the worldwide hydrographic community;
- 2) For all attendees – those traditionally in hydrography and those learning about it – to:
 - help “spread the word” about the important linkage of hydrography and the **Blue Economy** at conferences and meetings worldwide (e.g. the April 9 **Blue Economy** Conference in Southampton)
 - make introductions to funding and policy agencies for IHO and other industry leaders;
- 3) To find near-term projects that can represent near-term “wins” through collaborative efforts; and
- 4) To arrange future “dedicated” meetings like the one on Feb. 27, as appropriate.

Immediate Follow Up – Your Help is Needed!

Mustafa Iptes, a Director of IHO, will be in New Orleans 25-27 March for the US HYDRO 2013 Conference. He will be visiting San Diego on April 1-2 (**The Maritime Alliance** will be arranging meetings for anyone interested) and Washington DC on April 3-5. Please let Mustafa mustafa.iptes@iho.int know (and copy Michael Jones) if you are interested in making an introduction at a funding agency and/or hosting Mustafa at your organization while he is in Washington D.C. “building bridges” with stakeholders in the maritime domain.

Comments, suggestions, changes? Please contact Michael Jones at mbjones@themaritimealliance.org