

DIGITAL@SEA COORDINATING GROUP



Report of 3rd meeting (D@S CG3), 1 October 2021

1100 CET virtual meeting

1. OPENING

The Secretary-General of IALA, Francis Zachariae, welcomed all participants, especially Antonella Ferro, Canadian Coast Guard, for joining this meeting for the first time.

He also congratulated MOF for the successful event of the D@S AP. The group noted the D@S webinar in April 2021 was an excellent chance to share the views and initiatives with the VTS symposium participants.

Francis briefed the group on the current work of IALA. He said the VTS committee has numerous digital agenda items. Other committees are working on the new maritime services on AtoN and PNT. The future of physical AtoN should be studied with regard to the digital agenda. Digitalization is now mainstream in all activities of IALA and its organs. He also informed about the Task Force on MASS that has been established under the PAP. Francis emphasized that within the D@S CG, our work should include all the coastal States' services that will be developed and change in the future to accommodate the digital maritime environment.

Francis also informed the meeting about the development of the IALA IGO project. At the moment, 15 states out of 30 have been signatories to the convention and IALA is planning a signing ceremony in Paris in December 2021. All the information is available on the IALA website. https://www.iala-aism.org/the-igo-project/

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. PARTICIPANTS

The list of participants is shown in annex A. Captain Robert Moore sent his apology.

Antonella, the Director of Marine Navigation, CCG, introduced herself and her colleague Natacha Riendeau, manager of the e-navigation programme, and all welcomed their participation in the meeting.

4. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Two of the action items from the last meeting are pending. MOF is requested to update the members on the status of the draft MOU and the concept paper on the D@S clusters. The group agreed to postpone the action item on the joint information paper to IMO, which is following C117/INF.2, until a face to face meeting is possible at IMO and the D@S concept has produced more results.

Action item 1: MOF to share the draft MOU and concept paper of the D@S clusters with CG members. (CG2-2)

Action item 2: IALA to send the draft joint paper to IMO Council for the comment of all members. (CG2-5)



5. DIGITAL@SEA CONFERENCE

5.1. INTERNATIONAL

Andreas Nordseth advised that the planned D@S International conference in Denmark had been postponed to early 2023 to make sure all could travel and to let things get back to normal.

DMA will plan further in spring next year and inform the members. He appreciated MOF keep working hard on running D@S AP and looking forward to continuing the cooperation with CCG and USCG.

5.2. ASIA PACIFIC

Younggwang Jeong, deputy director, appreciated all who participated in the D@S AP 2021 and informed the group of the plans for the digital clusters and capacity building workshop.

5.3. NORTH AMERICAN

Dave Lewald and Ed Wendlandt informed the members that the D@S NA will be held 25-26 January 2022 in Tampa, Florida, that the agenda is almost ready and they are looking forward to a good turnout.

USCG and CCG are planning to host future D@S conferences together, and next year, the event will take place in January but its expected timing could be in May from the year after.

6. DIGITAL@SEA CLUSTERS

Younggwang informed that MOF is working on a cluster project which starts with a feasibility study of a real sea demonstration from Korea to Europe with related digital maritime technologies. It will investigate the possible maritime service on the route.

MOF is on the planning of the research of the D@S cluster, and expecting the result at the end of November, and planning a workshop with international organisations and interested countries at the end of Oct.

Action item 3: MOF to share the dates of the events with members when confirmed.

7. CAPACITY BUILDING

MOF is hosting a joint capacity building workshop with IMO, MOF, and IALA which will be held at the end of November 2021.

Omar Frits Eriksson appreciated the continuous support of MOF to WWA.

8. CONSOLIDATED WEBSITE

The group noted that the NA page (http://e-navnorthamerica.org/) of the consolidated website (http://digitalatsea.org/p1/c1) is not working at the moment and asked USCG to inform IALA the contact person of this issue.

Action item 4: USCG to inform Minsu Jeon, the contact point of the NA website maintenance, to fix the issue.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.



10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the D@S SC will be held in Tampa, Florida, in January 2022 in conjunction with the D@S NA. It will be a hybrid type meeting, and IALA will notify the members with further information.

11. LIST OF ANNEXES

The list of participants is shown in annex A.

The list of actions is contained within annex B.



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