

Minutes of a meeting of the Association’s Europe and Africa Regional Committee held on 17 January 2025 from 09:00 BST via videoconference

1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

2 Welcome and attendance

MN welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	Jan 2025	This
Cinthy Lopes (CL)- Chair	Simwave	Attended	Attended
Rolf Røssland (RR)- Vice	NUI	Attended	Apologies
Andrew Laing (AL)	Unique	Attended	Attended
Jannie Scholtz (JS)	Marine Mackay	Apologies	Attended
Ekkehard Stade (ES)	Global Maritime	Attended	Apologies
Giampaolo Bonalumi (GB)	Saipem	Attended	Attended
Erik Bergh (EB)	Deep Ocean	Attended	Attended
Luke Dicks (LD)	Boskalis	Apologies	Attended
Rolf de Vries (RV)	Bluestream Offshore BV	Apologies	Attended
Lindi Brogneri (LB)	Logiit	Attended	Attended
Darren Shannon (DS)	Oceaneering International	Apologies	Attended
Norman Skillen (NS)	Jan De Nul	Attended	Attended

Legend:

Attended
 Part-Time
 S Substitute
 Apologies
 Absent
 N/A

Also present or joining via videoconference were:

- David Bloom (DB) IMCA,
- Mary Ntamark (MN) IMCA,
- Giulia Luerti (GL) IMCA,

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by existing agenda items. All previous actions have now been met.

4 Welcome and Apologies

MN welcomed the new committee members who were unable to attend the last meeting. She encouraged them to reach out if they needed any information and shared the list of committee members.

5 Date and Potential Agenda of Next Regional

MN announced that the next regional meeting will be held on June 19th in London, based on the input from the committee members and industry events.

MN informed the committee that the comms team has shortlisted four venues in London for the regional meeting. They will conduct site visits next week to decide on the final venue, with a preference for a cabaret style setup for better engagement with the delegates. The final venue will be selected based on accessibility, cost, and other relevant factors. **DB** suggested the DoubleTree at Tower Hill as a potential venue, highlighting its central location, reasonable cost, and proximity to the Excel Centre, which is hosting the Global Offshore Wind event on June 17th and 18th. **MN** also highlighted **ES** concurring comments regarding this venue.

MN outlined a draft agenda including a keynote speech by Iain Grainger. **MN** mentioned that for topics such as CSRD and ETS, which are trending in Europe and were proposed by Deep Ocean she has reached out to the legal committee within IMCA to get their views on who could represent or talk about these topics. The legal committee is the first point of contact for these topics within IMCA. **DB** suggested including a Q&A session after the first set of presentations in the morning, which **MN** agreed to add to the agenda.

MN and **NS** emphasized the importance of addressing decarbonization at the regional meeting, given its relevance to the industry and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping. **NS** suggested having two speakers to provide different perspectives on marine decarbonization and offshore wind construction. This approach will offer a comprehensive view of the topic from multiple angles. **NS** offered to help identify potential speakers for the decarbonization topic, including representatives from offshore wind construction and smaller vessel operations. He also mentioned the inclusion of discussions on alternative fuels.

RV suggested including a discussion on decommissioning oil and gas platforms and replacing them with wind farms as part of the decarbonization topic. This angle will highlight the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.

MN and **JS** discussed the inclusion of a presentation from African members at the regional meeting to ensure diversity and representation from the Africa region. **JS** offered to work with **ES** on the DP topic and provide an update on the DP requirements. This presentation will cover the latest developments and requirements related to dynamic positioning. **MN** mentioned the plan to have a group photo before lunch at the regional meeting, as they missed this opportunity in the previous meeting in Aberdeen.

DB suggested including a presentation from the World Bank on the oil and gas and renewables market in Africa. He will follow up with the World Bank to confirm their participation Monday of next week. **LB** proposed including a topic on digitalization in the agenda. **MN** asked for suggestions on the angle to approach this topic. **MN** proposed including a topic on biodiversity net gain, which has become a regulation in England. She mentioned that DNV is willing to support this topic and will discuss further with them.

CL suggested including a presentation on weather forecasting for wind farms, highlighting the importance of analysing weather conditions for different operations. She offered to approach a company that works in this area. David proposed having a committee dinner the night before the regional meeting to provide an opportunity for the committee members to meet and network.

6 AOB

MN updated the committee on the planning for the regional meeting in Ghana, including engagement with the Ghana Maritime Organisation and the newly formed branch of women in the maritime industry. **MN** mentioned that the South America regional committee expressed interest in sitting in on the Europe and Africa committee meetings to learn from their experiences and see if there are any synergies.

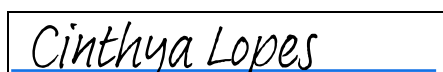
CL mentioned that she would like the next meeting and all the ones before the in person regional meeting to be more topical and less focused on the regional event agenda, this could be done via email and in the background. She would like her fellow committee members to share experiences/challenges and support needed by IMCA and the EA committee. This should also be included in the agenda for the regional

7 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Confirm the venue for the regional meeting in London	MN/GL	7 th /03/2025
Reach out to Norman to finalize speakers for the decarbonization topic	NS/MN/GL	25 th /02/2025
Coordinate with JS and ES to combine the DP topic with the African Member presentation.	JS/ES/MN/GL	29 th /02/2025
Follow up with the World Bank to confirm their presentation	DB	17 th /02/2025
Engage with DMV to discuss the potential inclusion of the biodiversity net gain topic in the agenda.	MN/GL	29 th /02/2025
Approach the weather forecasting company to confirm their willingness to present on their work with wind farms.	CL	28 th /02/2025
Get approval for a committee dinner the night before the event in London	DB/MN/GL	28 th /02/2025
Collect headshot photos from committee members for the website update.	MN/GL	28 th /02/2025
Liase with committee members for topics of next meeting	MN/GL	20 th /03/2025

8 Date and location of next meetings

20th March 2025 at 11:00am BST


Cinthya Lopes (Mar 6, 2025 11:28 GMT+1)

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06/03/2025

Signed as a true record

Name

Date






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