IMU support to NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Authority (NPCA)

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), through its Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP), implemented the following activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD):

Infrastructure, Transport and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

2. In line with its core mandate to promote the safety of maritime transport, IMO conducted two needs assessment missions followed by two national seminars on the implementation of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, in Angola in April 2012 and Sierra Leone in July 2012, respectively.

3. Following a request from the Government of Equatorial Guinea, IMO fielded a mission to facilitate a national workshop on the effective and safe handling of international maritime dangerous goods (IMDG Code) in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, in June 2012. A similar workshop is scheduled to take place in Kenya, in April 2013.

4. A fact-finding mission on the development of a maritime database for Flag State Implementation (FSI) and Port State Control (PSC) was carried out in Congo in May 2012. IMO, in collaboration with the Government of Nigeria successfully conducted a three-day regional workshop on Port State Control for Heads of Maritime Administration of the Abuja MoU, in June 2012. A total of 89 participants from 20 countries attended the workshop. Furthermore, four national Flag State Implementation workshops took place in Benin, Senegal and the United Republic of Tanzania in November 2012 and in Mauritania in December 2012 and a mission on assistance in the development of a maritime database to facilitate the discharge of Madagascar’s obligations in respect of FSI, PSC and coastal state issues is planned to take place in Madagascar, in March 2013.

5. In August 2012, a regional seminar on marine casualty and incident investigation was successfully conducted in Ghana. Twenty-two participants from 9 countries benefited from the seminar. Following the capsizing and sinking of a passenger ferry “MV Skagit” which occurred in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania in July 2012, IMO conducted a national workshop on safe operation of domestic passenger ferries and small vessels for inspectors and operators in October 2012. To assist countries to reduce the number of accidents and casualties on inland waterways, IMO has developed harmonized regulations and model national legislation for ships not covered by the 1974 SOLAS Convention (GlobalReg) for non-Convention sized ships and fishing vessels. One regional workshop on the safety of domestic ferries and non-Convention ships was successfully held in Mombasa, Kenya in October 2012. A total of twenty-four participants from twelve countries attended the seminar.

6. In October 2012, IMO participated in the inaugural meeting of African Heads of Maritime Administrations, held back-to-back with a meeting of Ship Registrars in Africa, tagged “Africa in Preparation for a Maritime Strategic Take-off”, in Mombasa, Kenya. Eighty-six participants from eighteen countries attended the meeting, which aimed at drawing up a Master Plan on how to revive Africa’s Maritime Agenda and the strengthening of co-operation at regional and continental levels through regular consultations where best practices could be shared amongst stakeholders.

7. During the same period under review, Maritime Legislation activities were implemented in the following countries and new ones planned as well:
- In June 2012, a follow-up technical assistance mission was provided to the Gambia Maritime Administration for an in-depth study and scrutiny of the draft Merchant Shipping and Marine Pollution Bills, to facilitate early passage of the Bills by Parliament;

- At the request of the Government of Ethiopia, IMO fielded an advisory mission in June 2012 to assist the country in the formulation of a national policy for Ethiopia. As a result, a comprehensive new maritime code was drafted to replace the maritime code of 1960. Furthermore, and as a follow-up to a mission conducted in 2011 through which a three-volume draft maritime code for the country was developed, a needs assessment mission was undertaken in Ethiopia, in November 2012. The mission assisted the drafting of relevant national legislations and prepared explanatory notes that will accompany the Draft Maritime Code upon submission to the Parliament;

- Following requests from the Governments of Sierra Leone and Liberia, IMO conducted, back-to-back in July 2012, needs assessment missions to review and update the maritime legislation of the two countries, respectively;

- In November 2012, following a request from the Government of Uganda, IMO fielded a needs assessment mission to assist the country ratify some of the IMO Conventions that affect the country directly as a non-coastal State;

- Two needs assessment missions on the review and updating of the national maritime legislation are scheduled to take place during the first quarter of 2013 in Windhoek, Namibia and Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, respectively.

- A needs assessment mission to assist South Africa in amending the Merchant Marine Shipping Act 57 of 1951 is planned to take place during the first quarter of 2013.

8 IMO has continued to evaluate the existing infrastructure in a number of African coastal countries to assist them in the establishment of international Search and Rescue (SAR) and Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) facilities. IMO fielded three fact-finding missions in Cape Verde (June), Gambia (July) and Equatorial Guinea (October), respectively, to identify the exact needs for SAR in each country. A similar fact-finding mission is planned to take place in Lagos, Nigeria in March 2013. As part of ongoing measures to strengthen the Rabat Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (RMRCC), which was commissioned in 2011, a regional committee meeting of the members of the Rabat MRCC was held in Tangier, Morocco, in October 2012. Fifteen participants from 6 countries attended the meeting. In line with this, a hands on-training for SAR personnel at the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) was held in Cape Verde, in November 2012.

9 In November 2012, IMO organized a regional course on hydrographic survey and introduction to nautical chart production, in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. A total of twenty-two participants from thirteen French speaking countries took part in the training.

10 In line with its core mandate to promote the safety of maritime transport, IMO conducted a national simulator instructors training course in the United Republic of Tanzania, in December 2012.

Governance, Peace and Security

11 Responding to NEPAD’s emphasis on maritime security, IMO conducted a regional workshop on the implementation of the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) of ships system and the use of LRIT information, in Cape Town, South Africa, in April 2012. Forty-four participants from twenty-eight countries were updated on recent IMO developments on maritime
safety and security.

12 IMO conducted a two-day pilot project, code named “Table Top Exercise” to promote a multi-agency and governmental approach to maritime security and maritime law enforcement issues in the Gulf of Guinea. Twenty-five participants from various agencies and governmental department attended the programme in Accra, Ghana in August 2012. Following the success of this pilot project, three “Table Top Exercises” were successfully conducted in Liberia, in November 2012 and in Sierra Leone and South Africa, in December 2012.

13 In October 2012, IMO in collaboration with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) conducted a workshop on legal framework against maritime terrorism, specifically, piracy interplay, in Uganda. The workshop provided participants with a forum to discuss and exchange expertise, experience and good practice in international co-operation in criminal matters and in the fight against maritime terrorism and piracy.

14 In October 2012, IMO sent a mission to Liberia on updating of port facility assessments and plans.

15 IMO organized a national meeting to advance the integrated coast guard function network in the Gambia, in December 2012.

Environment, Population and Urbanization

16 In order to promote safer shipping and a clean environment, some flag States have been and will be assisted through training courses on marine pollution prevention and protection of the marine environment, as follows:

17 IMO in collaboration with the government of Nigeria through the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) successfully conducted a one-day National Task Force (NTF) meeting for the implementation of the BWM Convention in Lagos, Nigeria on 19 July 2012. The meeting was facilitated by 4 consultants and attended by members of the NTF as well as staff of the relevant departments of the Maritime Administration.

18 Under the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI-WACAF) project, IMO in collaboration with the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) successfully organized a sub-regional workshop on claims and compensations in Senegal, in July 2012, where seventy-three participants from ten countries gained awareness on the technical issues associated with the compensation regime. In October, a sub regional workshop on Incident Management System (IMS) took place in Walvis Bay, Namibia. Thirty participants from 8 countries attended the workshop.

19 As part of national capacity building for effective implementation of the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention, 4 national training seminars on compliance, monitoring and enforcement of the BWM Convention were successfully conducted in Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Liberia during the months of November and December 2012.

20 Two national workshops on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) took place in The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau in July and September 2012, respectively.

21 A three-day regional workshop on the Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) and other IMO tools for specific area management was successfully organized in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, in July 2012. Thirty participants from eleven countries were trained in identifying and designating PSSAs and adopting particular measures applicable to international shipping.
A three-day regional meeting of the third GEF-UNDP-IMO GloBallast Partnerships Global Project Task Force (GPTF) was successfully held in Cape Town, South Africa, in September 2012. Thirty-nine participants from thirteen countries, regional coordinating organizations, as well as strategic observers benefited from this meeting.

**Human Resource Development, Employment and HIV/AIDS**

Overall, IMO’s capacity-building seminars and workshops during the period provided requisite technical capacity to over 700 government officials in the region. These training activities covered core areas such as maritime safety, port security, safe handling of maritime dangerous cargoes, safety of fishing vessels, as well as the protection of the marine environment from ship-based pollution.

**IMO’s support to NEPAD and collaboration with UN Agencies working in Africa**

Within the region, IMO has collaborated with various country offices of the UN, particularly in Ghana, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria, and provided technical inputs towards the development of Common Country Assessment (CCA) and United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) documents.

The African Union (AU) also co-ordinated the creation of the 2050 African Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM-Strategy), which is an over-arching maritime document for the advancement of African maritime aspirations.

**Financial resources allocated to Africa**

IMO, through its ITCP, is giving priority to the African continent in the delivery of its Technical Co-operation activities. During the period 2010-2012, 380 activities were delivered with a total project value of more than US$16,285,130.

The allocation of resources between 2010 and 2012 is shown in the table below:

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