

**Comments on the Draft of the
“*International Seabed Authority Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030*”**

The capacity development strategy is comprehensive and systematic. It reflects ISA’s direction in promoting capacity development in the international deep-sea area and is instructive to the promotion and implementation of specific work. In general, We support and appreciate the document, The suggestions for amendment to relevant provisions are as the following:

1. In part 2.2, it is suggested that in the process of the establishment of national and regional training and research centres, ISA should play the role of a bridge between different centres and promote exchanges and cooperation between them, which will underline ISA’s role and influence as an international platform.

2. Article 37 aims to promote the active participation of women in training opportunities on at-sea survey. It is suggested to add cooperation with regional and national training and research centres to promote women’s participation besides working in close collaboration with contractors.

3. In part 5.3, the role of national and regional training and research centres should be taken into full consideration in the popularization of scientific knowledge related to deep-sea area. With the establishment of effective cooperation and operation system, national and regional training and research centres can play an active role in communications products and information campaigns on deep-sea related matters and raising public awareness.

4. Joint research is also an important part of capacity development. It is suggested to further clarify the field, participants and implementation ways of joint training programme, and formulate policies to encourage stakeholders to jointly fund and support the joint training programme.