

Comments submitted by LDC Technology Bank

We have developed some ideas for possible capacity development activities targeting the LDCs for the ISA purposes. We will share these with you once we receive the first draft of the capacity development program designed for the LDCs. For now our observations on the Draft Strategy on

Capacity Development of the ISA are below.

1. The draft has a wide scope and covers different areas in capacity building. It is required to have the sustainability element especially in the technology/knowledge transfer projects. WE have received feedback from the LDCs in this regard for having special measures on the sustainability of the different capacity building activities.

2. Training the trainers is a model that can be adopted especially for the LDCs.

3. It is already indicated that there will be different capacity development projects in commensurate with the development levels of the LDCs. This is a key issue since there are countries with different development levels among the LDCs.

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4. The technologies developed for deep sea bed mining would be advanced and there might be

some side technologies and different methods innovated during the development of the advanced technologies. Some of these technologies may respond to the immediate challenges

of the LDCs. (an example is; NASA scientists have developed a ventilator during the pandemic

called VITAL and they shared the technical files with all the LDC scientists)