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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the International Seabed Authority (ISA), and with reference to the Note Verbales of the ISA No. ISA/EOSG/2.022/075 regarding first draft of the "International Seabed Authority Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030", has the honor to convey the comments of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on the first draft of the ISA Capacity Development Strategy 2022-2030 as attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Seabed Authority, the assurances of its highest consideration. *fm*

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**INDONESIA'S COMMENTS ON
DRAFT CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
ISA 2022 – 2030**

General Comment:

- Indonesia welcomes the development of the first draft of ISA's Capacity Development Strategy. This indicates ISA's commitment to deliver the capacity development programmes based on specific needs identified by its Member States. This Capacity Development Strategy will also ensure a more effective and targeted capacity development program that will be beneficial for Member States, including Indonesia.
- With regards to the key areas identified in the Draft Capacity Development Strategy, Indonesia is of the view that a clearer description of programme's timeframe is needed to better implement the key areas. It will also be helpful if the strategy includes funding or financial arrangements to better support the implementation of the programs.

Specific Comment:

1. On Key Result Area 1, point 1.1:

It is better that ISA also mentions the possibility to conduct capacity development programmes in regional level, since there have been such programs for African countries and also PSIDS.

→ **Suggestion to be inserted in para. 12:** "... Due consideration will also be given to the specific needs identified by countries through the 2020 survey and other specific needs identified in a regional level."

With regards to the adjustment of needs of the developing States, besides feedback from the NAFOP-CD network, it also needs to draw from the evaluation and responses from the recipients of each capacity development program.

→ **Suggestion to be inserted in para. 13:** "Ensuring ongoing adjustment in the needs identified by developing States with the activities implemented by the Authority will also build on feedback received from the NAFOP- CD network as well as feedback from the recipients of each capacity development program."

2. On Key Result Area 2, point 2.2:

Establishing dialogue with ISA Member States and developing network of national and regional training or research centers should not only be aimed at supporting the ISA to deliver its capacity development mandate, but also to craft the programs in accordance with the needs of developing States or the specific needs identified in a regional level.

→ **Suggestion to be inserted in para. 20:** “..... which could support the Authority to deliver its capacity development mandate and develop tailor-made programs to target the specific needs identified by developing States and in a regional level.”

Utilizing existing regional or national research centers through strategic partnership can be the main priority instead of resorting to establish new regional/national centers.

→ **Suggestion on changes in Para. 21:** “Where appropriate, instead of establishing new regional centres in each region, the Authority will assess the possibility of utilizing existing national or regional institutions and strengthening cooperation between the Authority and such institutions.”

The design and structure of the arrangements between the Authority and national or regional institutions should be to address specific needs identified by ISA Member States or in a regional level.

→ **Suggestion on changes in Para. 21:** “The design and structure of the arrangements between the Authority and national or regional institutions will be based on long-term objectives according with the needs of Member States and/or the needs identified in a regional level. Such design and structure will also identify opportunities to ensure long-term training mechanisms and sustainable funding, including by exploring necessary arrangements for co-funding and resource mobilization.”

3. On Key Result Area 2, point 2.3.:

Since the Authority will endeavour to develop innovative approach to capacity development, there's a high possibility that there are various ways/approaches that will be suggested by ISA Member States. ISA should be open with suggestions on innovative approaches on capacity development and this should be reflected in the Capacity Development Draft.

→ **Suggestion to insert as a new clause:** “The Authority will be open to receive suggestions and feedback from ISA Member States on new approaches on capacity development programs.”

4. On Key Result Area 3, point 3.1.:

Possibility of conducting training of trainers should be further acknowledged by ISA, since it will ensure that the materials received during the program will be beneficial for national counterparts. This can be acknowledged within point 3.1., either as a new clause or within para. 28.

5. On Key Result 4 point 4.2.:

The participation of women in ISA's capacity development programs can also be enhanced through Member States' encouragement, i.e. nominating women experts to attend ISA's capacity development programs. That being said, emphasis should also be given to how Member States can ensure more access for women to participate in those programs. The pledge made by Contractors (as mentioned in Para. 37) cannot be fulfilled if women nominees/applicants are still lacking.

→ **Suggestion to insert in a new para.:** The Secretariat acknowledge important role of Member States to ensure that women experts have equal access and opportunities to participate in ISA's capacity development programs.

6. VI. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

The existing mechanism to review and evaluate ISA's capacity development programmes, including the Advisory Committee¹ and surveys disseminated through NAFOP-CD network shall be further acknowledged. Post-programs evaluation involving beneficiaries/participants of those programs can also be included within the mechanism.

¹ https://isa.org.im/files/files/documents/Capacity_Development_Policy_Brief_01-2021_rev.pdf