

KPI Information Update IU-53-2014 **(Year 2013 & IMO Highlights)**

We are at the beginning of year 2014 & the International Maritime Organization (IMO) presents some of the highlights of last year in a wide range of subject areas. IMO has actively been pursuing its targets and objectives during 2013 by implementing the following:

Maritime Safety

- Amendments to SOLAS relating to lifeboat safety entered into force;
- Requirement for musters on passenger ships to take place prior to departure;
- New requirements for mandatory enclosed-space entry and rescue drills;
- Symposium on Future Ship Safety, which recommended a full review of the current regulatory regimes;
- Work on developing the Polar Code continued;
- The Cape Town 2012 fishing vessel safety agreement got its first signatures;

Environmental Protection

- Energy-efficiency measures for ships entered into force;
- Revised garbage regulations entered into force;
- Further ballast water management systems were given final approval and a recommendation on implementation of the Ballast Water Management convention was adopted by the IMO Assembly;
- The environmental requirements of the draft Polar Code were developed;

- Amendments to the Protocol to London Convention to regulate marine geo-engineering, specifically ocean fertilization, were adopted;
- An IMO working group began work on a greenhouse gas study update and another group agreed to reclassify high-viscosity PIB to protect the environment;

Sustainable Maritime Transportation system

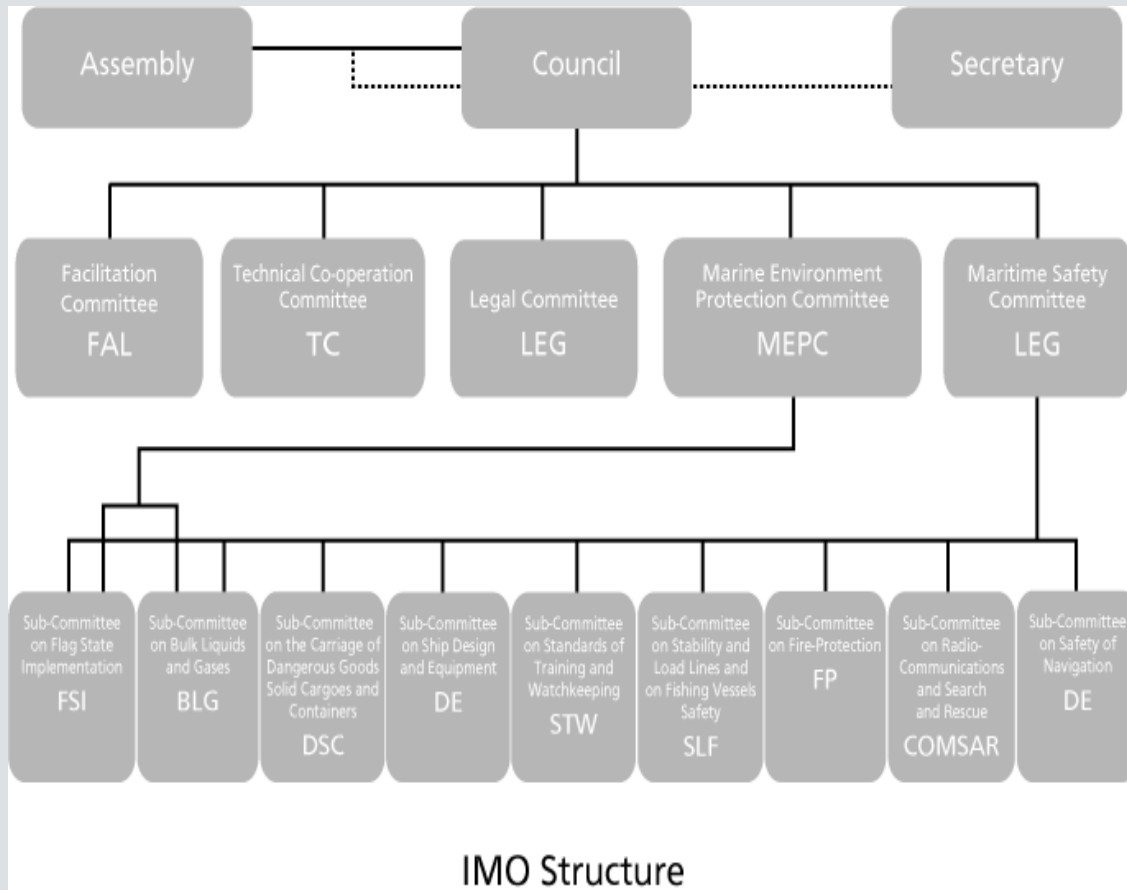
- IMO symposium on a Sustainable Maritime Transportation System, held on world Maritime Day, provided an opportunity for a broad discussion on the topic;
- Launch of the Sustainable Maritime Transportation System concept document;
- World Maritime Day theme: "Sustainable Development: IMO contribution beyond Rio+20". Peru hosted the 2013 IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event;

Security and anti-piracy

- IMO was involved in a series of capacity-building projects addressing maritime security and anti-piracy and established a trust fund to support the implementation of maritime security projects in west and central Africa;

Legal matters

- Guidance for dealing with crimes at sea and celebrated the 100th session of Legal committee;



Projects and technical co-operation

- More than 60 regional activities and numerous seminars, workshops and other projects during 2013;
- IMO continued to develop maritime country profiles and to identify the real technical co-operation needs of IMO Members;

IMO Measures

- Key resolutions and amendments relating to the Organization's mandatory audit scheme;
- Agreement on restructuring of the Sub-Committees;
- Amendments to make mandatory the Code for Recognized Organizations;

- Carried out a public consultation on administrative burdens;

Campaigns and outreach

- The Day of the Seafarer was celebrated for its third year, reaching hundreds of thousands of people;
- The Secretary-General blogged from all over the world, land and sea;
- IMO increased its presence on social media and produced a series of videos and podcasts.