

Roadmap towards a Diplomatic Conference

As agreed at the Second Preparatory Diplomatic Conference on 8 February 2018

1. GENERAL

The Conference considered the steps needed to achieve the change of IALA's status to that of an Intergovernmental Organization and developed a Roadmap towards a Diplomatic Conference to adopt the IALA Convention.

2. ROADMAP

7-8 February 2018:	Second Preparatory Diplomatic Conference, Marrakech to consider the revised texts.
March - September 2018:	The Secretariat receives invited written comments on the draft IALA Convention until the end of September 2018.
October 2018:	The Secretariat collates all received written comments and makes them available on the dedicated web site.
21-23 November 2018:	The IALA Legal Advisory Panel, open to all National Members, develops amended draft texts for the IALA Convention/General Regulations, as appropriate.
XX-XX March 2019:	Third Preparatory Diplomatic Conference, hosted by Turkey. Three-day event.
2019/2020	Possible Diplomatic Conference to consider the draft Convention text and, if adopted, the opening of the Convention for signature.

IALA Conferences (General Assembly) and Symposia.

A Conference is a meeting that has, as its principle objective, the exchange of information relative to all types of Marine Aids to Navigation, and a Symposium is a meeting to consider and discuss a set of contributions on specific subjects relating to Marine Aids to Navigation. Conferences and symposia have normally 300 – 500 participants and are held every 4 years.

May/June 2018:	19th IALA Conference, scheduled to be held from 27 May to 2 June, in Incheon, Republic of Korea.
May 2020:	14th VTS/ENAV Symposium, scheduled to be held from 25 to 29 May, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.



2022:

20th IALA Conference, Brazil.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS AND INVITED INPUTS

The draft texts of the IALA Convention (annex to this letter) and the new General Regulations (which include financial regulations), together with other input papers considered at the First and Second Preparatory Diplomatic Conference and speakers' presentations, can be found on the IALA web site <http://www.iala-aism.org/meetings-events/diplomatic-conference/meetings/>

Please submit your comments on the draft IALA Convention in writing to secgen@iala-aism.org as soon as possible and not later than 30 September 2017.