

Pre-DIPCON

7-8 February 2018
Marrakech

3.1 (E) – Draft roadmap towards a Diplomatic Conference

Note by the IALA Secretariat

1. GENERAL

The First Preparatory Diplomatic Conference in Paris in April 2017 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.

Below you will find an updated road map taking account of recent developments.

2. ROADMAP

18-19 April 2017:	First Preparatory Diplomatic Conference, Paris.
May - September 2017:	The Secretariat received written comments on the draft Convention and the draft General Regulations.
October 2017:	The Secretariat collated all received written comments and made them available on the dedicated web site.
30-31 October 2017:	The IALA Legal Advisory Panel, open to all National Members, developed amended draft texts for the IALA Convention/General Regulations, as appropriate.
7-8 February 2018:	Second Preparatory Diplomatic Conference, Marrakech to consider the revised texts.
2018/2019	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.
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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. THE CONFERENCE IS INVITED TO

Take note and comment on the draft updated road map.