

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's South America Regional Committee
held on 14 May 2025 from GMT 12:00 via videoconference

1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

2 Welcome and attendance

A warm welcome was given to the committee and especially to the new members joining the committee for their first meeting. A round of introductions was given, with each present sharing their roles and experiences.

Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	Dec 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	May 2025
John Chatten	Fugro	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Daniel Marins	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Renata Cortes	CBO	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Michel Teicher	Sistac	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Cicero Lopes	Posidonia	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Leonardo Duran	Oceanica	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended
Patricia Araujo	CBO	N/A	N/A	N/A	Attended
Andre Valente	Underwater Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	Absent
Nelsiane Carrara	TechnipFMC	N/A	N/A	Attended	N/A
Bart Kramer	TechnipFMC	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	N/A
Pedro Guesse	Oceaneering	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	N/A
Talita Scarcela	Maersk Training	Apologies	Absent	Absent	N/A
Raphael Aureliano	TechnipFMC	Apologies	Attended	Apologies	N/A

Legend:

☒ Attended
 ☒ Part-Time
 ☐ S Substitute
 ☐ Apologies
 ☐ Absent
 ☐ N/A

Also present were:

Jennifer Evans	IMCA
Paulo Veronesi	IMCA
Margaret Fitzgerald	IMCA

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Jennifer led the election process for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. John was re-elected as Chair, and Daniel was re-elected as Vice Chair, with both expressing their willingness to continue in their roles.

Co-opting New Members: the possibility of co-opting new members into the committee was discussed, including representatives from Petrobras and the Brazilian Navy. Concerns were raised about including an Energy company in the committee. The committee decided to further consider this before making a decision. It was agreed to invite a representatives from TechnipFMC and DOF and JC would reach out to the BN to obtain a more permanent point of contact and to review if they would be available to join the committee.

The attendees of other IMCA committees to be reviewed, to see if any further suitable people available to join the SA committee. i.e C&T Alex Beck.

Jennifer to make contact with Nelsiane of TechnipFMC and look at attendance list for previous regionals for possible DOF representatives. John to contact Captain Fernando in regard to a suitable representative from the Brazilian Navy.

Action: Jennifer & John

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

3.2 Review action points

Summary table of previous action points were discussed and updated where necessary.

3.3 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

4 South America 2025 Objectives

The 2025 objectives and committee terms of reference, that were set in the February meeting, were reviewed for the benefit of the new committee members.

It was agreed that KPIs need to be set against the existing objectives. Jennifer will send out objectives to all to review and comment. Further review was requested by the Chair to capture new objectives.

Action: All

5 Business Development in the Region

Paulo provided an update that all region members have now paid their fees for another years membership. This is fantastic that we retained 100% of our members from last year.

It was discussed that ahead of the November regional, any meetings with members/ prospective members should be arranged as far ahead as possible.

Paulo informed that he is in direct contact with Bill Chilton, IMCA Diving Manager, and will help co-ordinate his visit when the dates are confirmed.

The Chair requested more transparency with regards to the strategy and approach to increase membership and future meetings.

6 November 2025 Regional Seminar

IMO Net Zero Framework Workshop: Margaret joined the meeting to provide an insight into the request from Captain Fernando Gomes da Costa, who has proposed a one-day workshop to discuss the IMO net zero framework and its implications. The committee agreed to consider this for the next regional meeting.

Background: During the November 2023 regional meeting an additional second day was added to the agenda, which was dedicated to the Revised 2023 IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships, views from the Brazilian Navy, future fuels and support of the offshore sector during the process. This was all followed by a workshop which asked:

The revised IMO GHG Strategy calls for the uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emission technologies, fuels and/or energy sources to represent at least 5%, striving for 10%, of the energy used by international shipping by 2030

1. What Fuels/technologies/energy sources are the most likely contenders?

What is available in this Region?

2. Can power plant re-configuration to reduce GHG justify the increased risk profile?

- Cost of protection systems
- Initial and regular Validation & Verification
- Competence onboard

3. Competency – Does IMO need to revise STCW95 in light of New Technology and New Fuels?

- Toxic Fuels
- Complex Automation
- Remote Control/Complex integration
- Do we have the human resources?

4. What are the implications for existing fleet?

- Will existing fleet survive beyond 2030?
- Do you think there are or will be retrofit options making significant differences?
- Should you be building now?

March Regional: Jennifer provided updates on STCW and the non-GHG environmental issues that had come out of the IMO and she let the region know of the then, upcoming session, which Margaret and Captain Fernando would be attending to capture all the updates. Jennifer assured the members that a full update on GHG would be presented at the next Regional Meeting and that they hoped to run workshops on how companies can implement the changes.

Today: In April of this year the 83rd session of IMO's **Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC 83)** was held and the committee aimed at setting shipping trajectory to reach net zero by 2050. (Details of the framework can be found here [Recent approval of IMO's Net-Zero Framework for international shipping.](#))

Captain Fernando has proposed a run a similar one-day workshop, as they did in 2023. This is to discuss the IMO net zero framework, focusing on the implications of the new measures, including carbon tax on emissions and the transition to low carbon and zero carbon technologies.

Workshop Content: Margaret suggested including detailed discussions on the cost implications of the new measures, fuel calculations, and strategies for reducing emissions in the workshop.

Committee Agreement: The committee agreed to consider the workshop proposal for the next regional meeting, recognizing the importance of understanding the new IMO measures and their impact on the industry.

Regional Seminar Planning: Jennifer requested volunteers for the seminar planning group to help organize the upcoming regional seminar in November. John, Daniel, and Renata volunteered to assist. It was emphasized the need to finalize the seminar agenda and details earlier than previous years, aiming for better coordination and marketing efforts.

7 Any other Business

8 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
Contact Captain Fernando to discuss the possibility of appointing a stable representative from the Brazilian Navy to the committee.	JC	Q3 2025
Invite Nelsiane from Technip FMC to join the committee as a co-opted member.	Jennifer	16 th May 2025
Review past attendance lists to identify consistent DOF members and consider inviting them to join the committee.	Jennifer	Q3 2025
Ensure Leo, Patricia, and Andre have access to the SharePoint site for committee documents.	Jennifer	16 th May 2025
Follow up on the C Innovation and James Fisher memberships application	Paulo	Q3 2025
Send an email to committee members to gather volunteers for the seminar planning group.	Jennifer	Q3 2025
Send out the committees 2025 objectives for review and for all to consider the KPIs	Jennifer/ All	Q3 2025
Identify is any discipline gaps within the committee	Committee	Q3 2025
Proofreading of translated IMCA documents, ahead of issuing	IMCA / Committee	Ongoing
Seek permission from the CEO to start a work group to address the challenges of the language barrier.	Jennifer	Q2
Environmental Sustainability Committee has no SA representative. Mary to check with the regional membership and explore options for co-opting a representative.	Mary	Q2

9 **Date and location of next meetings**

The proposed dates for the 2025 committee and regional meetings. These are just an initial guide and still subject to change.

Committee Meetings

- Q3 - 20th August 2025
- Q4 - 12th November 2025

Regional Meetings & Face to Face

- Face to Face Committee Meeting & Dinner – 4th November 2025
- Regional Seminar – 5th November 2025

Regional Planning Meetings

- Propose every 3 weeks, commencing 30th May 2025

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Signed as a true record	Name	Date