



CCSBT-EC/2510/13

Results of Needs Assessment for Capacity Building Workplan (EC agenda item 8.1)

Purpose

To provide an update on subsidiary body discussions in support of the Capacity Building Workplan.

Background

At CCSBT 31 in 2024, Members adopted the CCSBT's Capacity Building Workplan, which aims at prioritising needs and delivering effective capacity building initiatives to improve performance in key areas, particularly for developing Members.

In accordance with the Capacity Building Workplan, both the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) and the Compliance Committee (CC) were tasked with conducting a capacity building needs assessment for their respective areas.

The ESC did not make recommendations to the EC for any additional capacity building initiatives in the science area. The ESC did, however, encourage the continued support of current capacity building initiatives such as the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF) and the port sampling work in Benoa.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chair of the Compliance Committee, submitted paper CCSBT-CC/2510/07 which includes an initial needs assessment based on previously agreed compliance priority areas. Outcomes of discussions from the CC, including any recommendations for capacity building initiatives, will be included in the update from the CC Chair.

Next Steps

Members are encouraged to:

- Consider the advice from the ESC and CC in relation to capacity building needs; and
- Consider what (if any) capacity building initiatives should be initiated in 2026.

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