



MARINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATORS' INTERNATIONAL FORUM (MAIIF)

STRATEGIC PLAN

INTRODUCTION

MAIIF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution through the exchange of ideas, experiences and information acquired in marine accident investigation

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of MAIIF is to promote and improve marine accident investigation and to foster co-operation and communication between marine accident investigators, through annual regional and international meetings, with the following objectives:

1. To foster, develop and sustain a co-operative relationship among national marine investigators for the purpose of improving and sharing of knowledge in an international forum
2. To improve maritime safety and the prevention of pollution through the dissemination of information gained in the investigative process
3. To encourage through co-operation the development, recognition, implementation and improvement of related international instruments, where appropriate

MAIIF AND THE IMO

MAIIF is an accredited Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) at the IMO through an Agreement of Cooperation between the Secretary-General of the IMO and the Chairman of MAIIF

MAIIF members are guided by the principles of IMO Resolution MSC.255(84): *The Code of The International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident (Casualty Investigation Code)*, which entered force in January 2010.; and IMO Resolution A.1075(28): Guidelines to assist investigators in the implementation of the Casualty Investigation Code.

SOLAS Chapter XI-1 makes parts I and II of the Code mandatory, while Part III contains related guidance and explanatory material. These regulations expand on SOLAS Regulation I/21, which requires Administrations to undertake to conduct an investigation of any casualty occurring to any of its ships 'when it judges that such an investigation may assist in determining what changes in the present regulations might be desirable'.

The objective of the Casualty Investigation Code is to provide a common approach for States to adopt in the conduct of marine safety investigations into marine casualties and marine incidents. It emphasizes that marine safety investigations do not seek to apportion blame or determine liability. Instead a marine safety investigation is one which is conducted with the objective of preventing marine casualties and marine incidents in the future.

OVERARCHING GOALS

The overarching goals of MAIIF are to:

1. Encourage cooperation between administrations by:

- a. Promoting the work of MAIIF to the international maritime safety investigation community
- b. The appointment of a MAIIF 'ambassador' to promote the benefits of MAIIF membership
- c. Encouraging investigators from developing countries to participate in MAIIF
- d. Using the experience of MAIIF members to move accident investigation forward globally
- e. Promoting the value of MAIIF members' contributions to international regulation (eg: The Casualty Investigation Code)
- f. Sharing experiences and lessons learned from accident investigations
- g. Maintaining an up-to-date database of contact information on investigators in each Administration
- h. Actively participating as an Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO) at the IMO

2. Disseminate information through:

- a. The MAIIF website (www.maiif.org)
- b. Social media
- c. Electronic Newsletters
- d. International and Regional meetings

- e. The promulgation of lessons learned from investigations
- f. The promulgation of IMO Lessons Learned for seafarers to mariners, operating companies, and owners
- g. Exploiting MAIIF website resources by making as much information as possible available to the public domain

3. Improve the quality of accident investigation globally by:

- a. Establishing MAIIF as the arbiter of Best Practice
- b. Maintaining a collective experience through the MAIIF website and international and regional meetings to create a 'one stop shop' for every administration with regard to assistance with the establishment of marine investigating bodies the development of investigation procedures, training, analysis and methodology
- c. Sharing information about training, course content and delivery of content
- d. Assisting administrations when requested
- e. Promoting the IMO Model Course
- f. Improving data availability in support of marine safety and pollution prevention
- g. Supporting improvements in GISIS
- h. Establishing MAIIF-recommended training course frameworks
- i. Maintaining a database of MAIIF-approved investigator trainers
- j. Establishing a set of MAIIF-approved training tools

- k. Embedding lesser experienced investigators (from other investigation authorities) within more mature investigation organizations for enhanced training
- l. Taking any issues resulting from the annual meeting forward inter-sessionally.
- m. Maintaining links with other like-minded organizations

This document will be reviewed at each annual MAIF meeting