



# Current status and future strategy for MET in the Philippines

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# CURRENT STATUS

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- ❖ Filipino seafaring
  - ❖ Significance
  - ❖ History as source of crew for ocean-going vessels
  - ❖ Recruitment and deployment
- ❖ MET&C system
  - ❖ Schools
  - ❖ Training centers
  - ❖ Seafarers requiring certification/revalidation



# CHALLENGES

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- ❖ **STCW Manila Amendments**
  - ❖ **Scope of amendments**
  - ❖ **Number of Filipino seafarers**
  - ❖ **1 January 2017 deadline**
- ❖ **Manning crisis (looming)?**





# CHALLENGES

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- ❖ Pitfalls of aspirational legislation
  - ❖ Continued advancement is necessary
  - ❖ Need to balance against realistic timelines
    - ❖ Security related training and certificates (STCW Reg. VI/6)
    - ❖ 1 January 2017 deadline





# STRATEGY: fundamental reform

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- ❖ Challenge: adapting a 30-yr old system to 21<sup>st</sup> C
- ❖ Response: reorganization and restructuring of STCW administration
  - ❖ Organization: consolidation under MARINA
  - ❖ Policy: rapid interpretation and implementation
  - ❖ Education: outcomes and performance based
  - ❖ Training: on-board
  - ❖ Monitoring: professionalization & harmonization





# STRATEGY: best practices

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- ❖ Challenge: staying ahead
- ❖ Response: international cooperation (why reinvent the wheel?)
  - ❖ Bilateral
    - ❖ In-house seconded experts
    - ❖ Observation tours and workshops
  - ❖ Multilateral: IMO
  - ❖ Non-governmental: IAMU





Thank you for your kind attention.  
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