IALA Strategic Vision and Goals for 2026

Goal 1
Marine Aids to Navigation are developed and harmonized through international cooperation and the provision of standards.

Goal 2
All coastal states have contributed to a sustainable and efficient global network of Marine Aids to Navigation through capacity building and the sharing of expertise.
Developed and Harmonized
The Maritime Buoyage Agreement
IALA A and IALA B

During the IALA conference in November 1980 two navigation marking systems, i.e. the System A (red color at left hand side of the ship) and the System B (red color at right hand side of the ship), were combined into one - the IALA Maritime Buoyage System.
The Committees
The “Power House” of IALA

• AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM)
• Engineering and Sustainability (ENG)
• Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)
• e-Navigation (ENAV)
Publications
Main result of the Committees’ work

• **Standards** which can be referred to directly in IMO and other international conventions and in national maritime laws.

• **Recommendations** which advise what should be done.

• **Guidelines** which advise how to implement the recommendations as ‘best practice’.

• **Manuals** which provide general reference materials (NAVGUIDE; MBS; VTS Guide; IALA Dictionary).

• **Model courses** which provide guidance on the training of VTS personnel, Aids to Navigation Managers and Aids to Navigation Technicians.