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**REPORT OF THE 2018 WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY  
CELEBRATION HELD AT ADMIRALTY CONFERENCE CENTRE  
NAVAL DOCKYARD LIMITED VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS ON 21  
JUNE 2018**

Reference:

A. IHO Circular Letter 03/2018 dated 11 Jan 18.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The United Nations, through Resolution A/60/30 of 2005, adopted 21 June of every year as World Hydrography Day (WHD). This is aimed at raising public awareness on the importance of hydrography to safety of navigation and protection of marine environment. Accordingly, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), vide Reference A, directed its member states to mark the Day in their respective countries on 21 June 2018. The theme for the 2018 WHD Celebration is "**Bathymetry – The Foundation for Sustainable Seas, Oceans and Waterways.**" The theme centers on raising



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awareness on the critical role of bathymetry as the bedrock in sustenance of the world's oceans, seas and waterways.

2. In marking the day in Nigeria, the Nigerian Navy Hydrographic Office (NNHO), in collaboration with the Nigerian Hydrographic Society (NHS) and other maritime stakeholders in Nigeria conducted a one-day seminar at the Admiralty Conference Center (ACC), Naval Dockyard Limited Victoria Island Lagos. This report, therefore, seeks to highlight the series of activities carried out to mark the 2018 WHD in Nigeria.

### **CONDUCT OF THE 2018 WHD CELEBRATION**

3. Prior to the celebration, hydrographic sensitization visits were carried out by a select team of hydrographers to selected secondary and tertiary institutions in Lagos area. This was to create awareness of the benefits of hydrography at the grass roots, so as to give young and upcoming Nigerian youths more options to choose their career from. On 21 June 2018, the WHD was celebrated at Admiralty Conference Centre Naval Dockyard Limited Victoria Island Lagos with a one-day seminar on the theme of the 2018 WHD.

4. The event witnessed goodwill messages from selected executives of maritime agencies such as Nigerian Ports Authority, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency and Nigerian Institute of Oceanography and Maritime Research. They reiterated the need for professionalism and competence to be brought to bear in the conduct of surveying operations in Nigeria as well as synergy between hydrographic surveying operators. Rear Admiral SAG Abbah represented the Chief of Naval Staff as the Special Guest of Honour and declared the event open. After declaring the 2018 WHD open, he proceeded to the exhibition



stand where some companies had different hydrographic equipment and software on display. Hydrographic exhibitions were carried out by NNHO where the new training charts produced by the Office were displayed. Thereafter, the session went on tea break and reconvened shortly for the main highlight of the event which was the presentation of papers and interactive session.

5. In the second part of the main event, 2 papers were presented. The first presentation was on Hydrographic Survey Data Management in Nigeria by Lt UK Erege, where he looked at the diverse types of coastal and littoral dataset acquisition and archival. The second Presentation was titled: Typical hydrographic Survey – is it Easier or More Difficult to Execute? It was presented by Mr Bankole Falaye, a staff with Shell Petroleum Development. He looked at bathymetry as key component of a typical hydrographic survey and foundation of the science of hydrography. On the whole, over 200 delegates that cut across various sectors of Nigeria's maritime operators, school pupils, the academics and professionals attended the one-day event

### **CONCLUSION**

6. The 2018 WHD celebration in Nigeria was celebrated on 21 June at Admiralty Conference Centre Naval Dockyard Limited Victoria Island Lagos with maritime stakeholders in attendance. The theme for 2018 WHD Celebration was "**Bathymetry – The Foundation for Sustainable Seas, Oceans and Waterways.**" The theme centers on raising awareness on the role of bathymetry sustainable management of the world's oceans, seas, creeks and waterways. Prior to the event, sensitization tour was conducted in different secondary and tertiary schools. Keynote addresses were delivered by few selected executives of

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maritime agencies. The event was declared open by the Chief of the Naval Staff. Two Papers were presented as well as exhibition of hydrographic equipment and software by different companies.

7. Events in pictures are hereby attached.



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Enclosure:

1. Photographs of 2018 WHD Celebration.



















