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To: Members, Associate Members, and Observers of the IHO Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: 15th SAIHC Agenda Explanatory Note

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

Please find attached the agenda for our upcoming meeting.

To ensure that we have a successful and productive meeting, I would like to encourage you to consider in advance the following six key points:


1. **Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography** - this will set the scene in ensuring uniform understanding of the obligations and the governance requirements of providing a national hydrographic service. We should consider how SAIHC can best support coastal states in meeting international obligations. Please be prepared to contribute with your experience of hydrographic service best practice and highlight challenges faced, and provide feedback on your experience of the Seminar in the Capacity Building agenda item 12.2.1.
2. **Regional MSDI** - desires for a SAIHC regional MSDI will be discussed. This could be a background consideration throughout the meeting. I will be very interested to hear your opinion on how an MSDI could be established and what you hope it would deliver for the region.
3. **INT Chart Coordination Working Group** - this separate meeting aims to coordinate the allocation of production responsibilities to ensure that both paper and electronic chart coverage supports ships engaged in international voyages. Please review your current and future capability in INT chart and ENC production. Please also consider the IRCC10 recommendations from WENDWG.
4. **National Reports** - this is an important part of the meeting. If you are not yet a Member of IHO, it would be most helpful if you could provide an update on your intentions to join IHO, which includes any impediments or issues preventing membership, in your National Report, in accordance with SAIHC14 Action 15. I look forward to your input to enhance ongoing cooperation throughout the SAIHC region.
5. **Capacity Building** - we will jointly develop a SAIHC CB Strategy to augment the SAIHC CB Plan (2018-2020). Please consider your requirements and contributions.
6. **IRCC10 Action 3** - this review of draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended - Establishment of RHCs (which will be circulated separately, when available) is important as it directly impacts on our Commissions Status and ultimate relationship with the IHO as a whole. It will be a discussion point at the next Council Meeting and it would be important to ensure that the views of our Commission are represented.

Yours sincerely

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Eden Island, Seychelles

27 - 30 August 2018

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Programme SAIHC 15 incorporating 7th ICCWG		
Please note: Dress Code will be Business suit unless otherwise indicated		
Monday 27 August 2018		
Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography		
08:30 - 09:00		Registration (Host/SAIHC Secretariat)
09:00 - 17:00		Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography - see separate Programme (Annex A to SAIHC Letter No. 2/2018) (CB Coordinator)
19:30 - 21:30		Ice Breaker (Hosted by British High Commission) at the Residence Dress Code: open collar, jackets not required.
Tuesday 28 August 2018		
Day 1 - Plenary		
08:30 - 09:00		Registration (for delegates not attending the Seminar) (Host/SAIHC Secretariat)
09:00 - 10:30	1	Official Opening Session
	1.1	Opening Remarks by the Chairman (Chair)
	1.2	Opening Remarks by Hosts/Address by Chief Guest (Host/Chief Guest)
	1.3	Opening remarks by Director IHO (IHO Director)
	1.4	Presentation of memento to Chief Guest (Chair)
	2	Administrative Arrangements (Chair)
	3	Approval of Agenda (Chair/All)
	4	Approval of 14th SAIHC Minutes (Chair/All)
	5	Review of 14th SAIHC Actions (Chair/All)
	6	SAIHC Statutes
	6.1	SAIHC Membership (Chair, Seychelles and India)
	6.2	IHO Membership and MS Intentions (Chair/All)
10:30 - 11:00	7	IHO Matters
	7.1	IHO Secretariat Report (IHO Director)
	7.2	1st Council Report (Chair on behalf of South Africa)
11:00 - 11:05		Group Photo
11:05 - 11:30	Morning Coffee	
11:30 - 13:00	7	IHO Matters cont'd
	7.3	IRCC10 Report (Inter Regional Coordination Committee) (IHO Director)
	7.4	WEND-WG Report (Worldwide ENC Database - Working Group) (UK on behalf of South Africa)
	7.5	HSSC10 Report (Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee) (IHO Director)
	7.6	IHO Year Book P-5 (IHO Director)
	7.7	Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide C-55 (IHO Director)
	7.8	Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) (IHO Director/UK) In order to inform delegates of MSDI developments from IHO Secretariat, and to open discussion on the need for a regional MSDI.

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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 - 15:10	8	7th SAIHC INT Chart Coordination Working Group (ICCWG) Meeting - see separate Agenda (Closed Session) (UK on behalf of South Africa)	
15:10 - 15:30	9	Industry Presentation (Session 1/4) - AML Oceanographic	
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon Coffee		
16:00 - 17:00	10	National Reports - 10 mins each (All)	
	10.1	Members	
		A	France
		B	Mauritius
		C	Mozambique
		D	Norway (unable to attend)
		E	Republic of South Africa
		F	Seychelles
	G	United Kingdom	
17:00 - 17:10		Summary and Approval of Actions (SAIHC Secretariat)	
End of Day 1 - Plenary			
19:00 - 20:30		Cocktail Reception (Hosted by SMSA at Eden Bleu) then free evening Dress Code: Hawaiian shirt attire - smart casual open collar	
Wednesday 29 August 2018 Day 2 - Plenary			
08:40 - 10:20	10	National Reports - cont'd - 10 mins each (All)	
	10.2	Associate Members	
		H	Angola
		I	Comoros
		J	India
		K	Kenya
		L	Madagascar
		M	Malawi
		N	Namibia
		O	Portugal
P	Tanzania		
10:20 - 11:00	11	Industry Presentations (Session 2/4) - e-marine, IMarEST	
11:00 - 11:30	Morning Coffee		
11:30 - 13:00	12	SAIHC Committees and Working Groups	
	12.1	SAIHC ICCWG7 Report (UK on behalf of South Africa)	
		12.2	SAIHC Capacity Building (CB Coordinator)
		12.2.1	Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography feedback from delegates
		12.2.2	Update on Capacity Building activities and submissions since the last meeting
		12.2.3	Report on IHO CB Courses since the last SAIHC
12.2.4	Strategy for CB in the SAIHC region		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		

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14:00 - 15:30	13	Relevant International Organizations' Report
	13.1	International Maritime Organisation (IMO) - Member State Audits (IHO)
	13.2	General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) (IHO)
	13.3	International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
	13.4	RENCs
	13.5	SEAIGNEP (UK on behalf of SEAIGNEP - tbc)
	14	Maritime Safety and the World Wide Navigational Warnings Service (UK on behalf of South Africa - tbc)
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon Coffee	
16:00 - 16:40	15	Industry Presentations (Session 3/4) - Fugro, Kongsberg Maritime
16:40 - 16:50	Summary and Approval of Actions (SAIHC Secretariat)	
End of Day 2 - Plenary		
18:30 - 21:00	Conference Dinner (Hosted by - tbc) Dress Code: smart casual	
Thursday 30 August 2018 Day 3 - Plenary		
08:40 - 09:40	16	Blue Economy (Seychelles - guest speaker) Presentation on the Blue Economy developments for the Seychelles
	17	Experience in dealing with maritime disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (IHO)
09:40 - 10:00	18	Industry Presentation (Session 4/4) - Underwater Surveys
10:00 - 11:00	19	Actions and recommendations arising from IRCC10 (in particular MS and AS views on IHO resolution 2/1997 - Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs)) (Chair)
11:00 - 11:30	Morning Coffee	
11:30 - 12:00	20	Any Other Business (Chair)
12:00 - 13:00	21	SAIHC input to IHO meetings (Closed Session) (Chair)
	21.1	2nd IHO Council considerations
	21.2	SAIHC Report to IRCC11
	22	Date and venue of next meeting (Chair)
	23	Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Chair)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 14:30	24	Approval of Action List (Chair)
Meeting Closure - Closing Remarks from the Chair		