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SAIHC Letter No. 1/2008

To: Members and Observers of the IHO Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: **IHO Seminar for National Hydrographic Committee (NHC) Chairmen and 7th SAIHC Meeting, Antananarivo, Madagascar, 14 – 18 September 2009**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have received confirmation from Mr Henri Bien Aimé Ramaroson, State Deputy Administrator of the National Geographic and Hydrographic Institute of Madagascar, that the 7th Meeting of SAIHC and the IHO Seminar for National Hydrographic Committee (NHC) Chairmen will be held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on 14-18 September 2009. A provisional agenda for the 7th SAIHC is attached at **Annex A**. You are kindly requested to review this draft and to provide your comments / suggestions for changes **before 15 February 2009**.

IHO Seminar for NHC Chairmen. A detailed programme for the Seminar and the logistic arrangements will be promulgated as soon as all details have been finalized. It should be noted that the NHC Seminar will be held from 14 –16 September, followed by the 7th SAIHC Meeting on 17 – 18 September. The IHO Capacity Building Fund has made provision for the partial funding (**per diem only**) for the attendance of the NHC Chairmen to both events.

Actions from 6th SAIHC Meeting, Mangochi, Malawi, 27 – 28 August 2007. The final minutes of the 6th SAIHC meeting is available from the IHO website (www.ihoint.org) Hyd Commissions > SAIHC). They included a number of actions, the status of which is provided at **Annex B**.

Signature of SAIHC Statutes. The representatives of the following members and associate members have signed the original SAIHC Statutes at the inaugural meeting of SAIHC in Cape Town on 28 August 1996: France, Mozambique, Mauritius, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom, Angola, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania, Portugal and Seychelles. Change 2 to the Statutes has been incorporated. All SAIHC members and associate members are invited to consider signing the updated statutes at the 7th SAIHC Meeting.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of: MR AUGUSTO BATA
Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Enclosures: Annex A – Draft Agenda
Annex B – Status of Actions resulting from the 6th SAIHC Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

[Please provide comments to hydrosan@iafrica.com before 15 February 2009]

**7th IHO-SAIHC Meeting
ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR, 17– 18 SEPTEMBER 2009**

- 1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements**
Docs: SAIHC7-1A List of Documents
SAIHC7-1B List of Participants
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
Docs: SAIHC7-2A Agenda
- 3. Matters arising from Minutes of 5th SAIHC Meeting & Special SAIHC Meeting**
Docs: SAIHC7-3A Minutes of SAIHC-6
SAIHC7-3B Status / Review of Actions List
- 4. Feedback from other IHO bodies affecting SAIHC**
 - 4.1 CB Committee: Technical Visits and Regional Projects
 - 4.2 ISPWG
 - 4.3 4TH EIHC
- 5. SAIHC Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program**
 - 5.1 INT chart scheme for Region H: progress made since last meeting; actual Charting status (S-55); ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme.
Docs:
 - 5.2 Bilateral and Regional cooperation agreements, projects and Regional Capacity Building Management Plan.
Docs:
 - 5.3 Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.
Docs:
 - 5.4 Hydrographic Survey status (S-55)
Docs:
- 6. Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI)**
- 7. Feedback on Marine Highway Project**
- 8. Election of chairman and vice-chairman**
- 9. Any other Business**
- 10. Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- 11. Closure**

LIST OF ACTIONS RESULTING FROM 6TH SAIHC MEETING

No	Subject	Action
1.	Production of chart INT 7746. Prince Edward Island Group, Macdonald & Heard Islands.	SANHO & UKHO Progress: Ongoing
2.	Mozambique to respond to IHO CL 62/2007 and to serve on the WG when established.	Mozambique Progress: ??
3.	CB Funds were approved for successful bids for Angola, Namibia and Malawi in 2008. Advisors to be identified and dates to be determined	SAIHC Chair, Angola, Namibia & Malawi Progress: Malawi - completed, Angola – completed Namibia – No response
4.	Respond to CB Chairman regarding capacity building initiatives in region.	SAIHC Chair Progress: Completed
5.	MSI course. Selection of candidates. Draft letter of invitation and logistics of course.	Mozambique to draft letter. MS. Progress: Completed
6.	Mauritius to provide UKHO with hydrographic survey data.	Mauritius Progress: ??
7.	Seychelles requests a technical visit. Assistance with development of priority survey plans and compilation of their NHC Statutes.	UKHO Progress: Included in SAIHC CB Programme
8.	Malawi requests assistance with completing S-55 Questionnaire.	SANHO. Malawi. to provide data. Progress: Completed
9.	IALA to be invited to future SAIHC Meetings.	IHB. SAIHC Chair Progress: Ongoing
10.	All MS and associate members to update S-55 data.	All Progress: Ongoing
11.	Changes to SAIHC Statutes to be applied. All MS and associate members to sign Statutes.	SAIHC Chair. MS & associates Progress: Completed Awaiting signatures
12.	All MS and associate members are to identify their national capacity building requirements.	All Progress: Ongoing
13.	All MS and associate members are to develop their priority survey plans.	All Progress: Ongoing
14.	SDI as a standing Agenda Item at future SAIHC Meetings.	Chair Progress: To be included in Agenda for 7th SAIHC
15.	Capacity building ideas to be developed and circulated for comment	Chair Progress: Completed
16.	Date of next SAIHC Meeting and hosting in Madagascar in Sep 2009 to be confirmed.	Chair & Madagascar Progress: Completed