

WORLD-WIDE ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHART DATABASE WORKING GROUP (WENDWG)

Terms of Reference

- Ref: 1) *1st IRCC Meeting (Monaco, June 2009)*
2) *5th IRCC Meeting (Wollongong, Australia, June 2013) – Approval of amendments from WENDWG3*
3) *9th IRCC Meeting (Paramaribo, Suriname, June 2017) – Alignment with the amendments to the Convention on the IHO (IHO CL 41/2016 refers)*
4) *10th IRCC Meeting (Goa, India, June 2018) – Expansion of the scope*
5) *11th IRCC meeting (Genoa, Italy, June 2019) – Support of the S-100 Implementation Strategy*

1. Objective

The purpose of the WEND Working Group is to advise IRCC to enable the highest societal value of Member State effort by:

- a. Facilitating a world-wide consistent level of high-quality, updated official S-57 ENC's through integrated services that support chart carriage requirements of SOLAS Chapter V, and the requirements of the IMO Performance Standards for ECDIS
- b. Reviewing options, and recommending actions, that expand the value of the Worldwide ENC Database to all marine data users applying data management principles and
- c. Supporting the S-100 based products implementation strategy.

2. Authority

This WG is a subsidiary of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC). Its work is subject to IRCC approval.

3. Procedures

The WG should:

1. Monitor the development of adequate ENC coverage to meet carriage requirements for ECDIS;
2. Develop proposals for speeding up ENC production and ensuring uniform ENC quality and consistency, and for making data available worldwide, including SENC distribution, taking advantage of any offers for production assistance, or other ways of mutual assistance and co-operation;

3. Advise MS, where appropriate, on the need, as well as on methods and tools for validating the data, and on any assistance which could be offered by the RENCs;
4. Monitor the implementation of the WEND, in response to Decision 21 of the XVIIth IHC, and advise IRCC of appropriate measures for speeding-up the implementation process;
5. Assist in harmonizing the policies of regional ENC Coordinating Centres (RENC) with respect to matters related to administration, legality, finances, technical processes, et cetera.
6. Develop WEND-like Principles, if appropriate, in order to support the production and dissemination of S-101 ENCs and the first generation of S-100 based products.

4. Composition and Chairmanship

1. Membership of the WG is open to all Member States of the IHO. The WG shall comprise representatives from IHO Member States, representatives from each RENC operator, the Chairs of the RENC governance boards, representatives from each RHC, other subject matter experts as deemed appropriate by the IRCC; and a representative from the IHO Secretariat. The IHO Secretariat will also provide a secretary.
2. Expert Contributors may be invited to join the WG as required, according to the task at hand. Expert Contributors shall be invited by the Chair.
3. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be representatives of IHO Member States and shall be decided by vote of the IHO Member States present and voting at a meeting. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Assembly. If the Chair is unable to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice-Chair shall assume the Chair with the same powers and duties.
4. The requirement for the continued existence of the WG shall be reviewed at each meeting of the IRCC.
5. The WG shall conduct its business by correspondence to the maximum extent possible. However it will plan to meet annually.
6. Decisions of the WG shall be made by consensus.