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### Next IHO Stakeholders' Forum

**The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) maintains close relations with all the stakeholders having an interest in IHO activities.** From the IHO perspective regular discussion with its stakeholders is essential to improving the efficiency and coherence of IHO activities; ensuring that the decisions, standards and other products of the IHO are based on a robust and all inclusive approach; promoting the existence, use and support of IHO standards; promoting the use and provision of high quality hydrographic products and services; and contributing to fostering a well-informed maritime community.

Continuing the series of IHO-led stakeholders' events held over the years, the **next IHO Stakeholders' Forum** will be held as an Open Session of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee. This will take place from 10 to 13 November 2015 in Busan, Republic of Korea, kindly hosted by the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration. **Those attending the IHO Stakeholders' Open Session are also welcome to observe the whole HSSC meeting if they wish to do so.**

**The IHO Stakeholders' Open Session will take place in the afternoon of Thursday 12 November 2015.** The programme of the session will be **based on presentations proposed by IHO Stakeholders** in response to a call for abstracts posted on the IHO website at: [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > External Liaisons > External Stakeholders > Section on IHO Stakeholder Meetings / Réunions des parties prenantes de l'OHI ([Link](#)). The detailed programme of the session will be posted there in due course. **The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 31 August 2015.**

There is no registration fee for the meeting but **pre-registration is required**. A registration form is provided at the address indicated above.

#### Notes to Editors:

1. The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is an intergovernmental consultative and technical organization that was established in 1921 in Monaco to support safety of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. It currently comprises 85 Member States.
2. The Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) is the main technical body of the IHO. Its objective is to promote and coordinate the development of standards, specifications and guidelines for official products and services to meet the requirements of mariners and other users of hydrographic information. The HSSC is composed of representatives of IHO Member States and international organizations accredited as observers to the IHO. The Committee meets annually at the invitation of an IHO Member State or at the IHO Headquarters in Monaco.

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