

**9th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC9
Paramaribo, Suriname, 12-14 June 2017**

SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

SAIHC report to IRCC9

- 1. Chairman:** Captain Abri KAMPFER (South Africa)
Vice Chairman: Rear Admiral Tim LOWE (United Kingdom), since Sept 2015
 - 2. Membership:** France, Mozambique, Mauritius, Norway, South Africa and United Kingdom.
 - 3. Associate Members:** Angola, Kenya, Malawi, Madagascar, Tanzania, Portugal, Comoros, Namibia and Seychelles.
- Observers:** Brazil and United States of America

Meetings:

9th SAIHC Conference in Mauritius: 18 – 19 September 2012
 10th SAIHC Conference, Lisbon, Portugal: 17 – 18 September 2013
 11th SAIHC Conference, Maputo, Mozambique: 11 – 13 August 2014
 12th SAIHC Conference, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania: 21 – 23 September 2015
 13th SAIHC Conference, Cape Town, South Africa: 30 - 31 August 2016

14th SAIHC Conference, Saint-Gilles, French Department of la Réunion: 6 – 8 September 2017

4. Current SAIHC Working Group:

SAIHC ICCWG

5. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the SAIHC):

No	ACTION (AGENDA ITEM)	RESP.	DEADLINE	STATUS
IRCC8/6	Encourage the attendance of Member States and Observers at WWNWS-SC meetings	RHC Chairs	Permanent	Standing discussion at SAIHC Conference. Next meeting in Cape Town in August. If no countries in region attend, local observers will most definitely do so.

No	ACTION (AGENDA ITEM)	RESP.	DEADLINE	STATUS
IRCC8/7	Raise awareness of the impact of e-navigation on the provision of MSI in the respective regions and to highlight the use of the Joint Manual on MSI to ensure correct terminology and formats are used in MSI messages	RHC Chairs	Permanent	Lack of MSI delivery to the NAVAREA Coordinator remains problematic. Efforts to improve the status by Phase 1 Chart Awareness and MSI Courses
IRCC8/8	encourage closer engagement of the National MSI Coordinators of Member States with the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator	RHC Chairs	Permanent	Lack of MSI delivery to the NAVAREA Coordinator remains problematic. Constant reminder at SAIHC Conferences
IRRC8/9	Encourage closer coordination between NAVAREA and Capacity Building Coordinators in planning and student selection for the CB MSI training courses	RHC Chair	Permanent	Close cooperation with SAIHC Capacity Building Coordinator
13	Work to reduce overlaps by applying the WEND Principles in defining approve ENC schemes	RHC Chair	Permanent	Finalising the SAIHC ENC Scheme in near future. Standing topic at the SAIHC ICCWG. Representatives of both RENCs also invited to SAIHC Conferences

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21	Invite Member States to provide following information in the National Reports to RHC meetings: the status of MSDI; plans for involvement in MSDI; and challenges facing the HO	RHC Chair	Permanent	The majority of states within the SAIHC have not progressed past Phase 1 of Hydrographic development and MSDI is not high on the agendas. MSDI is a standing SAIHC agenda item and feedback and presentations.
31	In coordination with Member States, to be attentive to opportunities to raise awareness on the role of hydrography and the importance of improving mankind's knowledge of the seas and oceans in support of the sustainable development goals, disaster risk reduction and the integrity of the oceans	RHC Chair	Permanent	SAIHC Associate Member States are continuously encouraged to make the most use of World Hydrographic Day celebrations to raise awareness and highlight the importance of hydrography. It is a good opportunity to influence their decision makers.
IRCC8/32	Invite Member States to send updated information to the Secretariat with respect to the IHO Publications C-55 and P-5 on an annual basis	RHC Chair	31 Jul 2016	Requirement constantly communicated at SAIHC Conferences
IRCC8/37	Send to the IHB a copy of their regulations regarding the designation of Member States to occupy the seats on the IHO Council allocated to their Commission	RHC Chair	23 Jan 2017	Completed and SAIHC Statutes been updated accordingly

6. Agenda Items:

The SAIHC Conferences tend to work to a standing agenda with modifications for new issues as they arise. The principal agenda items dealt with during the above-mentioned meetings are:

- Feedback from other IHO Bodies affecting SAIHC
 - IRCC
 - CBSC
 - IHB
- SAIHC Activities in the light of IHO Work programme
 - ICCWG - INT chart scheme for Region H. Progress made since last meeting; actual Charting Status; ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme.
 - MSI - NAVAREA VII Self-Assessment.
 - Bilateral and Regional Cooperation Agreements, Projects and Regional Capacity Building Management Plan. CBSC Technical Visits and Regional Projects.
 - Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status
 - Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting (C-55)
 - Procedures in response to Marine Disasters
- Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Feedback on Regional Projects
- Revision of SAIHC Statutes

7. SAIHC cooperation with stakeholders (organizations, industry, etc.):

There has been a high level of industry participation in SAIHC meetings with ample opportunities to share experiences and contribute to discussions. Active participation of IALA and GEBCO in SAIHC Conferences have added value to discussions and contributed positively to capacity building efforts within the region.

8. Difficulties encountered and challenges yet to be addressed:

Participation of Associate Members of SAIHC is unpredictable and non-attendance of Conferences often results in no submission of national reports and therefore no information to improve the SAIHC Capacity Building programme. Technical visits are therefore still the only effective measure to determine progress, gauge capacity building requirements and interact with decision makers on the importance of hydrography.

The provision of survey data and reports of changes that may affect safety of navigation in national waters by coastal states to INT Chart producer nations remains problematic and these requirements are constantly communicated.

The effective exchange of information is difficult to achieve and communication must improve to allow for better execution of the SAIHC Capacity Building Strategy. Limited Capacity Building options are available as the majority of coastal states must still achieve Phase 1 of Hydrographic development.

9. Achievements and lessons learned Conclusions:

SAIHC Statutes have been amended to reflect the amendments to the IHO Convention and the process to be followed to determine council representation.

A SAIHC Response to Marine Disasters emergency contact details have been established and are maintained. Efforts will be made to identify and publish secondary contacts for each coastal state.

The SAIHC ICCWG has been very successful to maintain the INT Chart Catalogue for Region H and good progress has been made to create a similar ENC catalogue. Future ICCWG meetings will be conducted as an agenda item of SAIHC Conferences to improve the participation of the recipients of an INT Chart production service.

10. Actions required of IRCC:

The IRCC is invited to note the report.

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