

**9th MEETING OF THE IHO-INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO IRCC-9**

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Relations with other International Organizations and IHO Stakeholders

Submitted by:	IHO Secretariat
Executive Summary:	This paper reports on the relations between the IHO and other International Organizations and IHO Stakeholders which affects IHO programme 3 and considers IHO participation in related events.
Related Documents:	IHO Resolution 5/1957 as amended - <i>IHO relations with other organizations</i> IHO five-year Work Programme 2013-2017 Document IRCC8-8B - Relations with other International Organizations and IHO Stakeholders

Status of relations with other International Organizations

1. The International Organizations with which the IHO maintains relations are listed in IHO Publication P-5 - *Yearbook* (see Appendix 4). The list is also posted on the IHO website at Home > External Liaisons.
2. Since IRCC-8, formal relations have been established with the following international organizations:
 - Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA): as announced at IRCC-8, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in July 2016 (see IHO CL 32/2016);
 - International Seabed Authority (ISA): a MoU was signed in July 2016 (see IHO CL 35/2016);
 - Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC): a MoU was signed in December 2016 (see IHO CL 53/2016);
 - Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM): a MoU was signed in March 2017 (see IHO CL 23/2017).
3. In addition, the following non-governmental organizations have been accredited as observer organizations:
 - International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO - see IHO CL 36/2016);
 - World Ocean Council (WOC - see IHO CL 56/2016);
 - Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO - see IHO CL 02/2017).

UN Ocean Conference

4. The United Nations (UN) will convene a high-level Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: *Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development* at UN Headquarters in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017, coinciding with World Oceans Day, to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. The Governments of Fiji and Sweden are sharing responsibilities for co-hosting the Conference.
5. The IHO Secretariat registered to represent the IHO and participated in the preparatory meeting held in February 2017. The Secretary-General offered to participate as a panellist for Theme 6 of the partnership dialogue - *Increasing scientific knowledge, and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology*. Two voluntary commitments related to improving the knowledge of ocean bathymetry and to capacity building have been submitted and an IHO exhibit will be provided in the Exhibition Area that will be open during the Conference.
6. A verbal report on the outcome of the Conference will be provided at the IRCC meeting.

IHO Stakeholders' Forum and related activities

7. No specific IHO Stakeholders' Forum was held during the IRCC inter-sessional period. Two events engaging IHO Stakeholders that took place during the period were related to the GEBCO project: *the Forum for Future Ocean Floor Mapping* which was held in Monaco from 15 to 17 June 2016 and the 11th GEBCO Science Day which was held in Valparaiso, Chile on 12 October 2016 (see document IRCC9-071). A seminar titled "*Roles of the Law of the Sea and the Hydrography in Asian Region*" was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 28 October 2016 following the annual business meeting of ABLOS.
8. The following IHO-led events are planned during the next IRCC inter-sessional period:
 - The 9th ABLOS Conference will be held in Monaco on 10 and 11 October 2017 under the theme "*Pushing the limits of UNCLOS*" (see IHO CL 25/2017);
 - The 12th Science Day of the IHO/IOC GEBCO Project will take place during the week of GEBCO meetings to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea from 13 to 17 November 2017;
 - An MSDI Forum in conjunction with the 9th MSDIWG meeting in January or February 2018 in Brazil (exact dates and venue to be decided).

Calendar of future events 2017-2018

9. Annexes A and B list events planned during the second semester of 2017 and in 2018 respectively of which the Secretariat is aware and which could offer opportunities to interact with stakeholders, subject to the availability of resources. The Secretariat views on IHO participation are provided as appropriate.

Action required of IRCC

10. The IRCC is invited to:
 - a. **note** this report;
 - b. **note** the list of events in Annexes A and B and **consider** how the IHO might be represented in those events that are considered relevant, and
 - c. **take** any other actions as appropriate.

Annex A

**Potential Stakeholders' Events in the second semester of 2017
(as of 18 May 2017)**

Task (WP2017)	Event / Meeting	Date (2017)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
Programme 1 - Corporate Affairs						
1.1.3	29 th COMNAP Annual General Meeting (AGM XXIX)	31 Jul - 02 Aug	Brno, Czech Republic,	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.4	New Era of Blue Enlightenment <i>High-Level Ministerial and Scientific event on launching the Atlantic Research and Innovation Cooperation between the European Union, Brazil and South Africa</i>	12-14 Jul	Lisbon, Portugal	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.4	Our Ocean 2017	05-06 Oct	Malta	IHO Secretariat plans to attend subject to situation of travel budget	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.6.1	Hydro 2017	14-16 Nov	Rotterdam, Netherlands	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8.1	21 st Meeting IALA ENAV Committee (ENAV21)	?? Sep	Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France		Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8.2	Annual IALA-IHO Secretariat Liaison Meeting	??	??	Possibly meeting back-to-back with another meeting		
1.1.8.3	IALA Seminar on Arctic Navigation	9-10 Nov	Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France		Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.10.1	28 th International Cartographic Conference	02-07 Jul	Washington DC, USA	See IHO CL 9/2017	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.10.2	Meeting of the Commission on SDI and Standards of the International Cartographic Association (ICA) - SDI Open 2017	01-02 Jul	Washington DC, USA		Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.10.2	Meeting of the Working Group on Marine Cartography of the International Cartographic Association (ICA)	??	??			

Task (WP2017)	Event / Meeting	Date (2017)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
1.1.11	Plenary Meeting of IEC Technical Committee TC80	29-30 Aug	Espoo, Finland	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.1	30 th Session IMO Assembly	27 Nov - 6 Dec	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.2	118 th Session IMO Council	24-28 Jul	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.2	29 th Extraordinary Session IMO Council	23-24 Nov	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.2	119 th Session IMO Council (C 119)	7 Dec	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.4.2	13 th Session IMO/ITU Expert Group (IMO/ITU EG 13)	10-14 Jul	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.4.2	4 th session of the Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments	25-29 Sep	London, UK	IHO attendance subject to agenda items	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.5	67 th Session IMO Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 67)	17-19 Jul	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.6	2017 World Maritime Day	28 Sep	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.12.7	2017 World Maritime Day parallel event	01-03 Oct	Panama City, Panama	IHO Secretariat plans to attend subject to situation of travel budget	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.15.1	ISO TC 211 Meeting Week (45 th Plenary)	?? Nov-Dec	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.16	Meeting of the Joint Board of GIS (JB-GIS)	31 Jul or 1 Aug (tbc)	New-York, NY, USA (tbc)	IHO Secretariat plans to attend as an Observer in conjunction with UN-GGIM-7		
1.1.18.1	72 nd Session of the UN General Assembly - Oceans and Law of the Sea	?? Dec	New York, NY, USA	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.18.4.1	7 th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)	31 Jul - 04 Aug	New York, NY, USA	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.18.4.2	5 th High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM HLF)	28-30 Nov	Mexico City, Mexico	IHO attendance subject to agenda items		

Task (WP2017)	Event / Meeting	Date (2017)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
1.1.18.6	3 rd UN Environment Assembly	04-06 Dec	Nairobi, Kenya	IHO Secretariat plans to attend subject to situation of travel budget	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.18.7	30 th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UN-GEGN)	07 & 18 Aug	New York, NY, USA	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.18.7	11 th Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UN-CSGN)	08-17 Aug	New York, NY, USA	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.19.1	5 th Session of WMO-IOC Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM)	25-31 Oct	Bali, Indonesia	IHO Secretariat plans to attend + Scientific and Technical Workshop, 23-24 Oct.	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.20	OGC Technical and Planning Committee Meetings	11-15 Sep	Southampton, UK	IHO attendance subject to agenda items	Other Int. Organizations	
		03-07 Dec	Palmerston North, New Zealand	IHO attendance subject to agenda items	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.20	40 th Session of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)	17-18 Oct	IMO, London, UK	IHO attendance subject to agenda items	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.20	5 th Sustainable Ocean Summit	29 Nov - 01 Dec	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO <i>Deadline for abstracts: 30 June 2017</i>	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.20.2	GEO-XIV Plenary Meeting	25-26 Oct	Washington DC, USA	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.20.3	23 rd Session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Assembly	31 Jul - 18 Aug	Kingston, Jamaica	IHO attendance subject to agenda items	Other Int. Organizations	
1.4.3	Digital Ship Events					
	Maritime Cyber Resilience Forum	10 Oct	Hamburg, Germany	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO		
	Athens 2017	01-02 Nov	Athens, Greece	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO		

Task (WP2017)	Event / Meeting	Date (2017)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
Programme 2 - Hydrographic Services and Standards						
2.1.3	World ECDIS Day	20 Sep	Hamburg, Germany	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO	Other Organizations	Int.
2.1.3.1	E-navigation Underway North America 2017	16-18 Oct	Saint-John's, Newfoundland, Canada	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO	Other Organizations	Int.
Programme 3 - Inter-Regional Coordination and Support						
3.8.3.2	8 th Meeting of the Atlantic Seabed Mapping International Working Group (ASMIWG)	?? Oct-Nov	??, Europe	EU funded		

Annex B

**Potential Stakeholders' Events in 2018
(as of 18 May 2017)**

The theme for 5th Sustainable Ocean Summit (29 Nov – 1 Dec 2017, Halifax, Canada) is

Task (WP2018)	Event / Meeting	Date (2018)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
Programme 1 - Corporate Affairs						
1.1.2	41 st Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (CEP XXI & ATCM-XLI)	??	Ecuador	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.3	CIRM Annual Meeting	23-27 Apr	San Sebastian, Spain	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.4	European Maritime Day	?? May	??			
1.1.5	GEO-XV Plenary Meeting	?? Nov-Dec	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.6	22 nd Meeting IALA ENAV Committee (ENAV22)	?? Mar	Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France			
1.1.6	19 th IALA Conference	28 May - 2 Jun	Incheon, Republic of Korea	IHO Secretariat plans to attend Chairs of S-100WG and NIPWG encouraged to attend		
1.1.6	23 rd Meeting IALA ENAV Committee (ENAV23)	?? Sep	Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France			
1.1.6	Annual IALA-IHO Secretariat Liaison Meeting	??	??	Possibly meeting back-to-back with another meeting		
1.1.7	Plenary Meeting of IEC Technical Committee TC80	?? (3 days)	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.8	5 th Session IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 5)	19-23 Feb	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8	99 th Session IMO Maritime Safety Committee	16-25 May (tbc)	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8	68 th Session IMO Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 68)	18-20 Jun (tbc)	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		

Task (WP2018)	Event / Meeting	Date (2018)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
1.1.8	120 th Session IMO Council (C 120)	2-6 Jul (tbc)	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8	14 th Session IMO/ITU Expert Group (IMO/ITU EG 14)	?? Jul (tbc)	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.8	121 st Session IMO Council (C 121)	19-23 Nov (tbc)	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8	100 th Session IMO Maritime Safety Committee	3-7 Dec (tbc)	London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.8	2018 World Maritime Day	?? Sep	London, UK	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.8	2018 World Maritime Day parallel event	?? Nov	?? Poland	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.9	51 st Session of the IOC Executive Council	?? Jun	Paris, France	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.10	ISO TC 211 Meeting Week (46 th Plenary)	?? Jun	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.10	ISO TC 211 Meeting Week (47 th Plenary)	?? Nov-Dec	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.11	Meeting of the Joint Board of GIS (JB-GIS)	??	??	IHO Secretariat plans to attend in conjunction with another meeting		
1.1.12	73 rd Session of the UN General Assembly - Oceans and Law of the Sea	?? Dec	New York, NY, USA	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.12	19 th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process (UNICPOLOS)	?? Jun	New York, NY, USA	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.12	28 th Meetings of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (SPLOS-27)	?? Jun	New York, NY, USA	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.12	8 th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)	?? Aug	New York, NY, USA	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.12	6 th High Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM HLF)	??	??	IHO attendance subject to agenda items		

Task (WP2018)	Event / Meeting	Date (2018)	Location	Comments	IHO Calendar	Update
1.1.13	70 th Session of the WMO Executive Council	?? Jun	Geneva, Switzerland	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.14	24 th Session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Assembly	??	Kingston, Jamaica	Consider representation by Monaco		
1.1.15	19 th session of the Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) forum	?? April	Viña del Mar, Chile	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO		
1.1.15	4 th Conference of the Association of African Maritime Administrations	??	?? Egypt			
1.1.15	30 th COMNAP Annual General Meeting (AGM XXX)	??	??			
1.1.15	41 st Session of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)	14-15 May (tbc)	IMO, London, UK	IHO attendance subject to agenda items		
1.1.15	42 nd Session of the Advisory Committee of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)	06-07 Sep (tbc)	IMO, London, UK	IHO attendance subject to agenda items		
1.1.15	25 th Session of the Assembly of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)	09-12 Oct (tbc)	IMO, London, UK	IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.1.15	24 th Congress of the International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)	23-27 Apr	Dakar, Senegal	No IHO attendance anticipated		
1.1.15	FIG Congress 2018	06-11 May	Istanbul, Turkey	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
1.1.15	Hydro 2018	??	??			
1.1.15	Meeting of the Commission on SDI and Standards of the International Cartographic Association (ICA)	??	??			
1.1.15	Meeting of the Working Group on Marine Cartography of the International Cartographic Association (ICA)	??	??			

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1.1.15	5 th annual meeting of international organizations on international rule-making	?? Apr	??	Partnership led by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) IHO Secretariat plans to attend		
1.3.1	Monacology 2018	?? Jun	Monaco			
1.3.3	World Hydrography Day 2018	# 21 Jun	Monaco		IHO deadlines and Repeating Actions	
Programme 2 - Hydrographic Services and Standards						
2.1.6	E-navigation Underway International 2018	24-26 Jan	Ferry Route Copenhagen, Denmark – Oslo, Norway – Copenhagen, Denmark	IHO Secretariat plans to attend	Other Int. Organizations	
2.1.6	E-navigation Underway Asia-Pacific 2018	??	??	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO		
2.1.6	E-navigation Underway North America 2018	??	??	Local MS to be invited to represent the IHO		
2.1.6	Digital Ship Event(s)	??	??			
2.1.6	OGC Technical and Planning Committee Meetings	??	??	IHO attendance subject to agenda items		
2.1.6	Meeting of the OGC Marine Domain Working Group	??	??			
Programme 3 - Inter-Regional Coordination and Support						
3.6.5	Meeting of the Galway Statement Tri-Partite Implementation Committee	??	??			
3.6.5	Meeting(s) of the Atlantic Seabed Mapping International Working Group (ASMIWG)	??	??	EU funded		