

7th MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

AU, NZ & UK joint proposal:
Greater inclusion and participation of all
Member States at IHO meetings



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Making IHO Events More Inclusive

- The Issue
 - SWPHC20 Feb 2023 – Cost, Carbon, Climate, travel-time
 - Benefits of membership – Voice & Vote
 - Meeting technology is ubiquitous & accepted by society but underutilized
- The Risk
 - IHO Vision is not achieved - *actively engages all coastal and interested States*
 - Successful delivery of the IHO Strategic plan by SWPHC
 - Reduced engagement from MS unable to travel leading to a reduction in membership
 - IHO discussions do not include all perspectives across a broad geographic footprint
- The Value
 - Increased membership, participation and diversity
 - Clear ROI for MS
 - Meetings can evolve, i.e. papers for noting & preparation may be delivered online prior to the main hybrid meeting, leaving more time for discussion/decisions
 - Enduring value of recordings, e.g. [World Bank](#)
- Other Intergovernmental Orgs – IMO, IALA, ILO



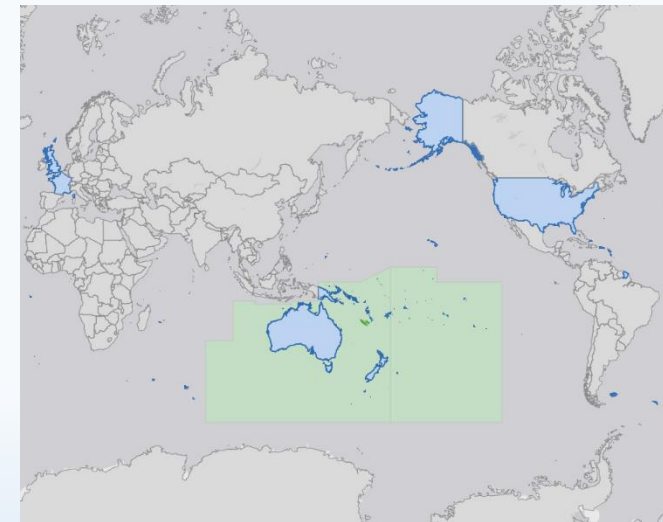
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- Challenges of Pacific Island Coastal State (PICS)
 - Reliance on Blue Economy – Tourism/Fisheries/Maritime Trade/Transport/Security
 - Need for accurate and Up to Date Nautical Products
 - Effects of Climate Change
 - Limited representation at International Organizations
 - Commitment of Governments to supporting Hydrographic Initiatives
 - High Cost of travel and billeting
- Aspirations from a PICS Perspective
 - 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent
 - Voice of the Pacific to be heard at IHO
 - Collective Representation at IHO Events
 - “Leave No One Behind”



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Proposed Way Ahead for C-7

- Council to make a decision, that IHO events are to be inclusive on all working levels and task subordinate bodies to reflect this in their TORs and ways of working
- Install an Ad hoc Drafting Group to prepare a proposed IHO Resolution on Guidelines for Making IHO events more inclusive:
 - implementation plan, cost efficiency measures, investments to be made
 - impact assessment on existing IHO Basic Documents
- Post C-7: IHO Secretariat to refine the draft proposed IHO Resolution if appropriate and submit it to IHO Member States for approval



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