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COUNCIL CIRCULAR LETTER
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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF
CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE THIRD IHO COUNCIL
AND ELECTION PROCEDURE**

References:

- A. Decision A3/32 & /33 endorsing the selection process of Council Members (Doc. A3_2023_G07) and approving the List of Council Members for 2023-2026 (Doc. A3_2023_G08).
- B. Publication M-1 - Edition 2.1.2, March 2023 - *Basic Documents of the IHO*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The composition of the third IHO Council for the period 2023-2026 was approved at the 3rd Session of the Assembly (A-3, Reference A). The Membership List of the Council is available and kept maintained¹ on the IHO Council webpage and also given in Annex for ease of convenience.
2. As announced at A-3, the first formal activity of the new Council is the election of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair by the Council members. The election must be held by secret postal ballot *within ten weeks after the last day of the Assembly* (Reference B, Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of IHO Council). To mitigate the risks of undelivered postal mails, all Council Members present were briefed individually on the last day of A-3, and were hand given an envelope with paper ballots for this election.
3. This Council Circular Letter invites Member States represented on the Council to submit the name of suitable candidates for the positions of Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Third Council of the IHO using the nomination form at Annex B. In the case that the proposing Member State of the Council would wish to nominate a candidate from another Member State represented on the Council, it must confirm the acceptance of the State of which the candidate is a representative and the candidate's readiness to assume the responsibility of Chair or Vice-Chair until A-4 in 2026, as appropriate, if elected.
4. Member States are invited to note that the meetings of the Council will be conducted in English with no interpretation in other languages

¹ Contact details to be confirmed to the IHO Secretariat at the earliest convenience.

5. Using the nomination form, responses for nominations are required by email to the IHO Secretariat (cl-lc@iho.int) within five weeks in accordance with Reference B, which is **not later than 9 June 2023**.

6. At the closure of the nomination phase, and to facilitate the procedure, the IHO Secretariat will communicate immediately the names of the nominees directly to the Council Members, by email only.

7. The second phase will be the election. Council Members are then invited to proceed with their vote as soon as they have received the information by which the nomination phase is closed. Council Members are invited to report to the IHO Secretariat (cl-lc@iho.int) when their vote in sealed envelope has been posted. Only ballots received at the IHO Secretariat within ten weeks after the last day of A-3, which is **no later than 14 July 2023**, will be counted.

8. Finally, and on behalf of all Member States, I wish to express my personal gratitude for the excellent leadership of the former Council Chair, Dr. Geneviève Béchard, Canada and former Vice-Chair, Mr Thai Low Ying-Huang, Singapore.

Yours sincerely,



Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General

Distribution:

- IHO Council Members

Annexes:

- A. Council 2023-2026 Membership List
- B. Nomination form for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the IHO Council

Annex A to IHO CCL 01/2023

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Membership List of the Council 2023-2026

No	Member State – <i>Etat membre</i>	Selected by – <i>sélectionné par</i>	Point(s) of contact – <i>Point(s) de contact</i>	Email address – <i>Adresse courriel</i>
1	Angola - <i>Angola</i>	SAIHC - <i>CHAIA</i>	Manuel NARCISO	mnarciso156@gmail.com
2	Brazil - <i>Brésil</i>	SWAHC- <i>CHAISO</i>	Carlos ANDRE Coronha MACEDO	dhn.intrel@marinha.mil.br reinert@marinha.mil.br
3	Canada	USCHC- <i>CHUSC</i>	Geneviève BÉCHARD	Genevieve.Bechard@dfp-mpo.gc.ca
4	Chile- <i>Chili</i>	SEPRHC- <i>CHRPSE</i>	Arturo OXLEY	shoa@shoa.cl / director@shoa.cl
5	Croatia - <i>Croatie</i>	MBSHC- <i>CHMMN</i>	Vinka KOLIĆ	vinka.kolic@hhi.hr
6	Denmark - <i>Danemark</i>	ARHC - <i>CHRA</i>	Pia Dahl HØJGAARD	pdh@gst.dk
7	Fiji - <i>Fidji</i>	SWPHC- <i>CHPSO</i>	Jervis M. ROBINSON	hydrographic@connect.com.fj
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13	Malaysia - <i>Malaisie</i>	EAHC - <i>CHAO</i>	Dato' Hannafiah HASSAN	nhc@navy.mil.my
14	Netherlands – <i>Pays-Bas</i>	MACHC- <i>CHMAC</i>	Toine BARTEN	info@hydro.nl / WA.Barten@mindef.nl
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16	Norway - <i>Norvège</i>	NHC- <i>CHN</i>	Birte Noer BORREVIK	sjo@kartverket.no
17	Portugal	EAHC- <i>CHAO</i>	João Paulo Ramalho MARREIROS	dirgeral@hidrografico.pt
18	Saudi Arabia – <i>Arabie saoudite</i>	RSAHC- <i>CHZMR</i>	Mohammed AL-SAYEL	hydro@gasgi.gov.sa / s.alruways@gasgi.gov.sa
19	Sweden - <i>Suède</i>	BSHC- <i>CHMB</i>	Magnus WALLHAGEN	sjofartsverket@sjofartsverket.se
20	Thailand- <i>Thaïlande</i>	EAHC- <i>CHAO</i>	PATHOMPHOTE KAENCHAN	hydrotechhdrt@gmail.com hydrotech@navy.mi.th
21	China - <i>Chine</i>	Hydrographic Interest	Cao DESHENG	hydro@msa.gov.cn
22	Singapore - <i>Singapour</i>	Hydrographic Interest	THAI LOW Ying-Huang	hydrographic@mpa.gov.sg
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25	United Kingdom – <i>Royaume- Uni</i>	Hydrographic Interest	Rhett HATCHER	rhett.hatcher@ukho.gov.uk / ibte@ukho.gov.uk
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27	Greece - <i>Grèce</i>	Hydrographic Interest	Dimitrios EFSTAHIOU	director_hnhs@navy.mil.gr
28	Japan - <i>Japon</i>	Hydrographic Interest	Masayuki FUJITA	iao@jhod.go.jp
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30	Cyprus - <i>Chypre</i>	Hydrographic Interest	Elikkos ELIA	director@dls.moi.gov.cy

**Nomination Form
for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the IHO Council**

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat at *cl-lc@iho.int* as soon as possible
and **not later than 9 June 2023**)

Proposing Member State: _____

1. Nomination for the position of Chair of the Council

Name of nominee	Member State represented in the Council

2. Nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council

Name of nominee	Member State represented in the Council

Signature	
Name	
Function of signatory	
Date	