



International
Hydrographic
Organization



LETTER OF INTENT

between

THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION

and

THE MARITIME ORGANIZATION FOR EASTERN, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN AFRICA

The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the Maritime Organization for Eastern, Southern and Northern Africa (MOESNA), being aware of the benefits of close co-operation in activities of common interest to both Organizations and their collaborators, hereby declare intentions to work together on activities of common interest in the fields of hydrography, nautical charting, and navigation services.

PARTIES:

The IHO, established in 1921, is a global intergovernmental organization. MOESNA, formerly Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS), was established in 1967 and is mandated with the Promotion, Protection and Coordination of the Maritime and Shipping interests of member states in Eastern, Southern and Northern Africa.

PURPOSE:

The main purpose of this Letter of Intent is to highlight areas of cooperation and support between the two parties in order to maintain and further develop hydrography, nautical charting, and navigation services in Eastern, Southern, and Northern Africa whereby strengthening the coordinating role of the IHO and the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) for the region.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:

The activities can include but are not limited to:

- Carry out joint actions that are useful for the efficient accomplishment of each Participant's missions, in particular with regard to the safety of navigation by developing hydrographic services in the sub-region of Eastern, Southern and Northern Africa;
- Facilitate mutual assistance mechanisms between the Participants to implement the projects and programmes in which they share a common interest, within the confines of the provisions of their respective constitutional instruments;
- Consult each other regularly on matters linked to the safety of navigation with a focus on hydrographic survey and/or nautical charting;
- Establish appropriate liaison between their relevant subordinate, specialized or associated organs such as the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC);
- Exchange information that they have in their possession that is likely to promote the safety of navigation through the management of hydrographic data;

- Share their experience with regard to the collection, use and distribution of data on navigational safety;
- Jointly contribute to training their management personnel who are responsible for implementing, supporting and/or maintaining hydrographic services;
- Work together to increase membership for both organizations in the region;
- Invite each other to their technical meetings that are organised with a view to studying the matters in which they share a common interest.
- Jointly coordinate policy and advocacy programmes for hydrography, capacity building for member states for the application of IHO standards for hydrographic surveys and nautical charting.
- Assisting member states to meet their obligations under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) by improving hydrographic services.

NOTICES:

Any notice required to be given or made pursuant to this letter of intent shall be in writing. Such notice shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall have been delivered by hand, registered mail, or email to the party to which it is required to be given or made, at the address specified here below:

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Done in Monoaco this 17th day of December 2024.

For Maritime Organization for Eastern,
Southern and Northern Africa (MOESNA)



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In the Presence of.....

For International Hydrographic Organization
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