



**International Hydrographic
Organization**



**Maritime Organization of
West and Central Africa**

Letter of Intent

between the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa (MOWCA) relating to the establishment of regional training courses in hydrography and nautical cartography

The International Hydrographic Organization on the one hand,
and
The Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa on the other hand,

Within the predefined framework of the Memorandum of Understanding of July 15, 2016 between the IHO and the MOWCA;

Deploring, in West and Central Africa, the total absence of internationally recognized training courses in hydrography and nautical cartography;

Recognizing the urgent need for recurrent regional training offerings in hydrography and nautical cartography;

Decide to join efforts for cooperation on the development and the conduct of sustainable and recurring courses of recognized training in hydrography and nautical cartography in accordance with the applicable IHO Standards and recognized schemes in the specialized organs of MOWCA which are its maritime academies, in particular:

- The Regional Academy of Marine Sciences and Techniques of Abidjan (Académie Régionale des Sciences et Techniques de la Mer d'Abidjan: ARSTM);
- The Regional Maritime University of Accra (RMU);

Signed in Abidjan on 17 January 2025

**For the International Hydrographic
Organization**

**John NYBERG
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**For the Maritime Organization
of West and Central Africa**

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