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SAIHC Letter No. 3/2014

To: Members and Observers of the IHO Southern Africa and Islands

Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: SAIHC CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PROGRAMME: 2014/15

Dear Colleague,

The 12th Capacity Building Sub-Committee of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO CBSC) met in Brest, France on 14-16 May 2014, and reviewed its Management Plan containing all candidate bids for funding which had been received from RHC Chairmen. The following bids from SAIHC were re-confirmed for 2014 and approved for 2015:

ADOPTED 2014 CB WORK PROGRAMME: SAIHC	
EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
Introduction to Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Venue: Mozambique	SAIHC, CB Fund
Tidal and Water Levels Workshop Venue: Kenya or South Africa	SAIHC, CB Fund
Survey-on-board training for Comoros and Madagascar	SAIHC, CB Fund & France

ADOPTED 2015 CB WORK PROGRAMME: SAIHC	
EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
Phase 1 Skills Course	SAIHC, CB Fund
Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries and Baselines Workshop	SAIHC, CB Fund

It is the intention to execute all the 2014 events and invitation letters will follow in due course. It should be noted that dates and venues for the 2015 events have not been determined as close interaction will be required with all SAIHC states. It is requested that consideration be given to the following questions and feedback be provided at the 11th SAIHC Conference.

- Will you be willing to host the Phase 1 Skills Course? (5 day event for attendees from SAIHC)
- Will you be willing to host the Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries and Baselines Workshop? (5 day event for attendees from SAIHC)

Early identification of venues will assist greatly in ensuring a successful outcome of these fully funded training opportunities as it will allow for invitations to be issued long in advance of the event. More notice will ensure that the most suitable candidates can be identified and all logistic arrangements be finalised in good time to allow better use of scarce learning opportunities and IHO Capacity Building funds.

It will be appreciated if receipt of this letter can be acknowledged. You are most welcome to contact me if anything is unclear.

Yours sincerely

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)