

IHO CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

**CBSC21**

**Southern African & Islands Hydrographic  
Commission  
(SAIHC)**

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Capacity Building Update

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# 1. Activities completed since CBSC20

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- A Technical Visit to the United Republic of Tanzania - October 2022
- A Technical Visit to Comoros 17- 22 - October 2022
- A Technical Visit to Madagascar 13-21 - February 2023



## 2. SAIHC planned for 2023 (funded activities)

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- **Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography** – 1 day seminar will precede this year's SAIHC19 meeting, 28 August. The Seminar will focus on Alternative Survey methods and S-100
- **MSI Course** - Scheduled for October and hosted by Oman.
- **ENC Training for Mozambique** – Tbc

# 3. Regional update - Challenges

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- Diverse region - Coastal Ports and traffic alongside the African Great Lakes Ports.
- Broad range of Maritime security challenges such as energy security with Oil and gas exploration programmes requiring systematic Hydrographic Surveying
- One of the most significant challenges the SAIHC faces is generating engagement from the Associate Members (AM) and those land linked states that have not engaged with the work of the IHO.
- With the exceptions of Portugal and India, none of the AM states are IHO members so do not qualify for the higher-level, Phase 2 and Phase 3, training opportunities which are only available to members.

## 4. SAIHC Achievements & Lessons Learned

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- Commencement of face-to-face engagement
- The development of Phase 1 capability in the region continues to be a priority
- Establishment of the SAIHC African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group (AGL&RsWG) - December 2022 Members of the group met in Malawi to discuss common issues and took part in a practical survey demonstration
- 2 new IHO Members
- **IHO – NF GEOMAC Project Cat B GeoMAC** (Aug - Dec 22) Ms Steffi Nibourette (SEYCHELLES)
- **EWH** Participation at A-3 - s Victoria Obura (KENYA)
- **IHO – NF GEOMAC Project Cat B GeoMAC** (Jul – Dec 23) Mr Anthony Waiyego (KENYA)

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The CBSC is invited to :

1. Note this report
2. Take any action considered appropriate