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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE XXXX GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC)

**IHO SECRETARIAT, MONACO AND VTC
9-10 NOVEMBER 2023**

1st August 2023

Dear Colleagues,

1. On behalf of the Chair of the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC), I invite you to attend the 40th Meeting of the GGC, which will be convened at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco from 9-10 November 2023. The meeting will be held face to face, but there will be the provision for delegates to participate via Video teleconference (VTC) should they wish or are otherwise unable to attend in person. Please note that full hybrid functionality is not guaranteed.
2. Please register your attendance using the [IHO online registration system](#) **no later than 29 September 2023**. When registering, please be sure to indicate whether you intend to attend in person or via VTC when prompted.
3. Details of the hotel options can be found on the GGC40 Webpage. Logistic arrangements will be made available in due course.
4. As in previous years, the "Map the Gaps" Symposium will be held from the 7-8 November as part of the 2023 GEBCO week. The symposium will be held at the historic Oceanographic Museum of Monaco and is being delivered in collaboration with the Map the Gaps not-for-profit organisation. It is generously supported by the Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project and is organised in partnership with the Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert 1er Foundation. The draft agenda and registration details are available directly at the map the gaps [website](#). Deadline for registration is 29 September 2023.
5. Please note that GEBCO Sub-committee meetings will be planned for 6 November 2023, to be held at the IHO Secretariat. Further details will be circulated by the Chair Teams of the Sub-committees in due course.
6. As I anticipate a full GGC agenda with discussions requiring at least until midday on Friday 4 February, I encourage those attending the GGC meeting in person to make their travel arrangements to depart with enough time to get to the airport, especially with the enhanced COVID security measures in place.

On behalf of the Chair
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Harper', written over a faint dotted line.

Sam Harper
GEBCO Secretary