

Southern African and Islands Regional Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Report to IRCC14

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Key Achievements

- SAIHC18 attendance the biggest in 15 years.
- New IHO members Angola and Kenya.
- African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group (AGL&RSWG) continued success.
- Approval of three-year Capacity Building Plan.



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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- The provision of survey data and reports of changes that may affect safety of navigation in national waters by coastal states to INT Chart producer nations remains problematic.
- Effective exchange of information and communication to better inform Capacity Building Plan.
- The active participation of some Associate Members of SAIHC.



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Lessons Learned

- VTC option continues to be a viable option for Working Groups and intersessional meetings.
- Trial of a hybrid meeting for plenary mixed success:
 - Excellent turnout of Members
 - Technical difficulties reduced effectiveness of engagement
- SPI and supporting “Gap Analysis” work is significant and focus may vary across Members and Associate Members.



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Proposals

- Take note of this report.
- Read the full report on the IRCC webpage ([IRCC14-06.1K](#))



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