

Agenda Item 5

IHO SECRETARIAT REPORT

Report to IRCC15

TOKYO, 12 – 14 June 2023

By Luigi SINAPI

IHO Director



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

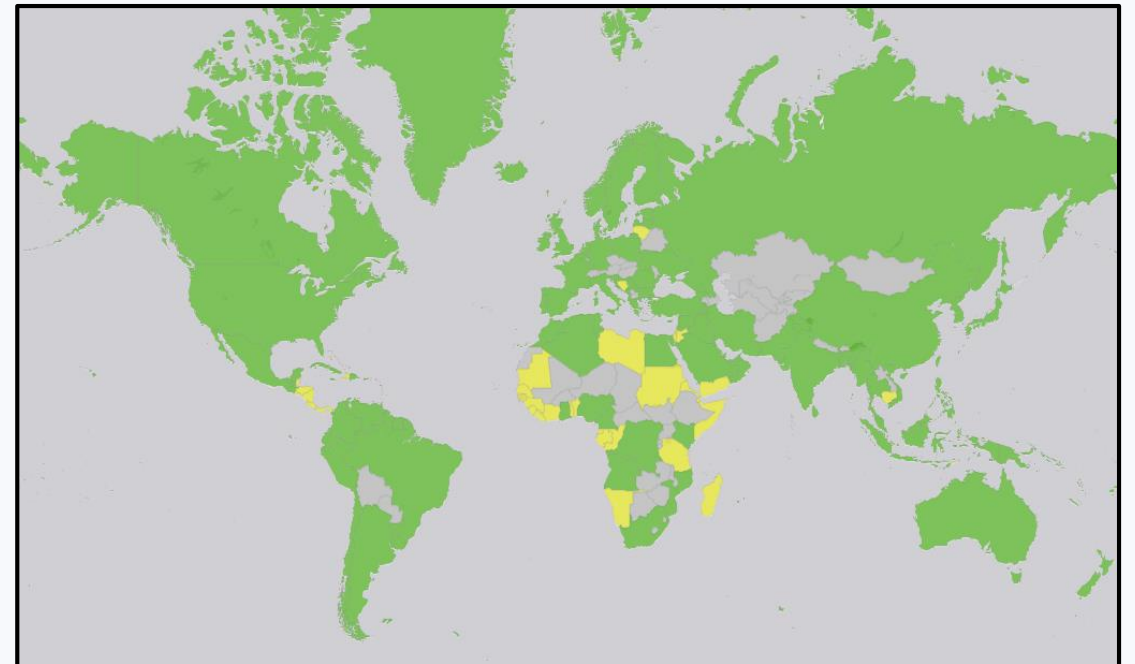
IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

IRCC15-05

IHO MEMBERSHIP

- Since IRCC 14 IHO membership now stands at **98**
- The IHO Secretariat stands ready to assist for membership of the IHO of non-member States in all 15 RHC

	IHO Member States	IMO/OMI : 172
	Other Coastal States	IOC / COI : 148
	Other Landlocked States	IHO / OHI : 98



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

OUTCOMES OF THE 3RD IHO ASSEMBLY

- A-3 took place in Monaco 2-5 May 2023
- More than 450 delegates from 75 IHO Member States
- 120th Anniversary of GEBCO and 100th Anniversary of IHR
- A Thematic Session on “*Future challenges for hydrography in the Ocean Decade*”
- IHO Work Programme and Budget for the years 2024-2026



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

OUTCOMES OF THE 3RD IHO ASSEMBLY

- 15 proposals from the IHO Secretary-General, Council Chair and IHO Member States
- 36 decisions were made by the Assembly
- Election of the Secretary-General and a Director
- All the documents and Summary Reports of A-3 are available at the following webpage:
<https://iho.int/en/3rd-session-of-the-assembly-2023>



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

OUTCOMES OF ASSEMBLY-3 – DECISIONS AFFECTING IRCC

- **Decision 8** - IRCC provide guidance to MSDIWG on Goal 2/Target 2.1.
 - Secretariat to measure the effectiveness and the efficiency through SPI's.
- **Decision 16** - endorsed the Report of the Work Programme 3.
- **Decision 18** - approved and adopted the revised Capacity Building Strategy.
- **Decision 19** - approved the recognition of the Southern Ocean.
- **Decision 20** - Approved the establishment of an ad hoc Project Team to explore funding for activities including CB and GEBCO.
- **Decision 21** - Council to discuss mechanisms to ensure greater MS inclusion



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

PREPARATIONS OF COUNCIL-7

- C-7 will take place in Monaco, from 17 to 19 October 2023
- Call for Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Third Council and Election Procedure (see CL 01/2023)
- Announcement of the Seventh Meeting of the IHO Council and Provisional Agenda (see CCL 02/2023)
- Deadline for submission of proposals by IHO Member States is 17 July 2023



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

PREPARATIONS OF COUNCIL-7 - TASKS

- Implementation and discussion of adaptations of the IHO Work programme
- Other affected IHO instruments resulting from the Strategic Plan 2021-2026
- Decisions A3/08 (a) to (d)
- Status report on the appropriateness and applicability of the Strategic Performance Indicators
- Way forward (C-9 countdown) for the preparation of a Revised Strategic Plan in preparation of A-4



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

IHO OUTREACH

- Social media such as linkedIn, facebook and twitter have become relevant communication channels in parallel to the IHO website
- In 2022, the IHO website had a total of 863,322 page views, more than doubling the 2021 page views
- The LinkedIn page had more than 7500 followers in May 2023, and saw a record of 245,573 views in June 2022



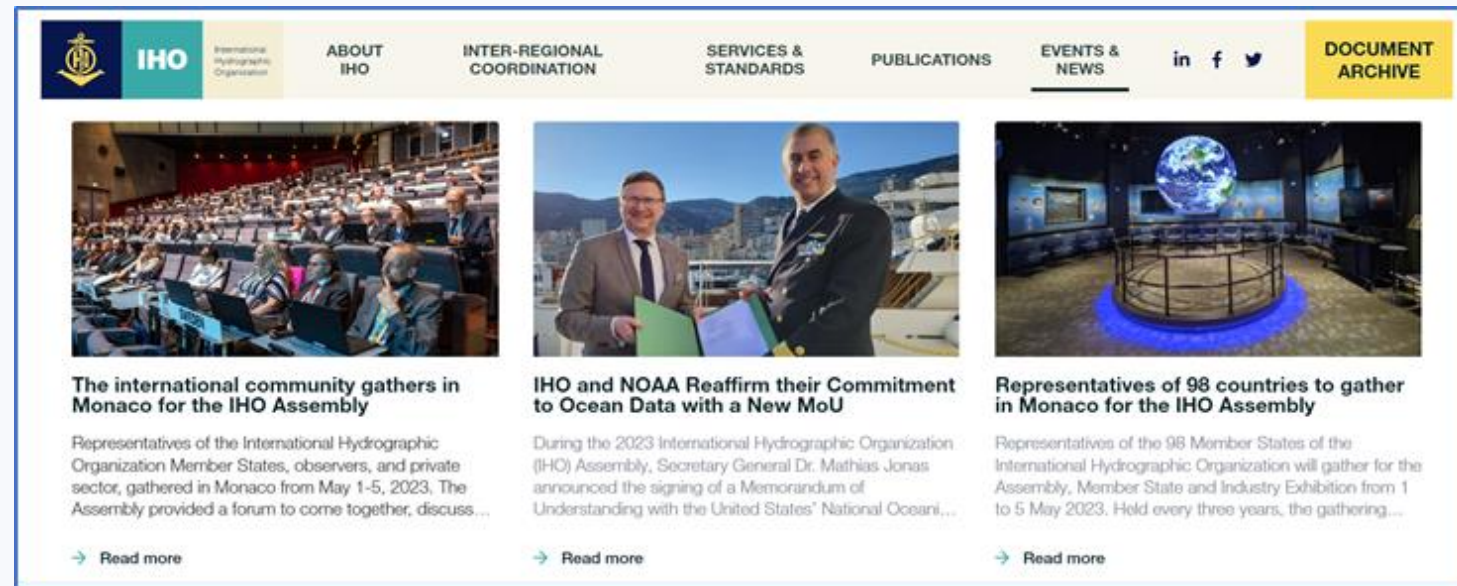
IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

IHO OUTREACH

- The Secretariat has increased its presence on social media through articles and news about its working groups, committees and subcommittees, especially in the framework of the UN Ocean Decade



The screenshot displays the IHO website's main navigation and news section. The navigation bar includes the IHO logo, 'International Hydrographic Organization', and menu items: 'ABOUT IHO', 'INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION', 'SERVICES & STANDARDS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'EVENTS & NEWS', social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, and a 'DOCUMENT ARCHIVE' button. Below the navigation, three news articles are featured:

- The international community gathers in Monaco for the IHO Assembly**
Representatives of the International Hydrographic Organization Member States, observers, and private sector, gathered in Monaco from May 1-5, 2023. The Assembly provided a forum to come together, discuss...
[→ Read more](#)
- IHO and NOAA Reaffirm their Commitment to Ocean Data with a New MoU**
During the 2023 International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Assembly, Secretary General Dr. Mathias Jonas announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States' National Oceanic...
[→ Read more](#)
- Representatives of 98 countries to gather in Monaco for the IHO Assembly**
Representatives of the 98 Member States of the International Hydrographic Organization will gather for the Assembly, Member State and Industry Exhibition from 1 to 5 May 2023. Held every three years, the gathering...
[→ Read more](#)



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

IHO OUTREACH – WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY

- IHO CL 01/2023 announced the theme for WHD 2023:
“Hydrography - underpinning the digital twin of the ocean”
- The theme for WHD is designed to highlight the relationship between hydrography and oceanography, and how hydrography can play a key role in developing the digital twin of the ocean.
- IHO Member States are invited to forward to the Secretariat any materials on their WHD celebrations



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

IHO OUTREACH – INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW

- During the third session of the IHO Assembly, the 100th anniversary of the IHR was celebrated. A printed anniversary issue was provided to Assembly participants. It included a compendium of 13 reprinted articles chosen by the editorial board and showcased the new format for the review
- On day 3 of A-3, the IHR Editor – Dr Patrick Westfield from Germany presented on the history of the IHR and the achievements of the two latest years



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

CAPACITY BUILDING

- 2023 CBWP continues to benefit from unused funds for activities planned but not executed in the previous 3 years (2020-2022) and from the support of funds from donors outside the IHO (ROK, Nippon Foundation and CANADA)
- Following the USA (and others) proposal, the IHO Assembly in Decision 20 point b) above mentioned, approved the establishment of an ad-hoc Project Team under IRCC to explore the possible establishment of reliable alternative funding for activities including capacity building and GEBCO



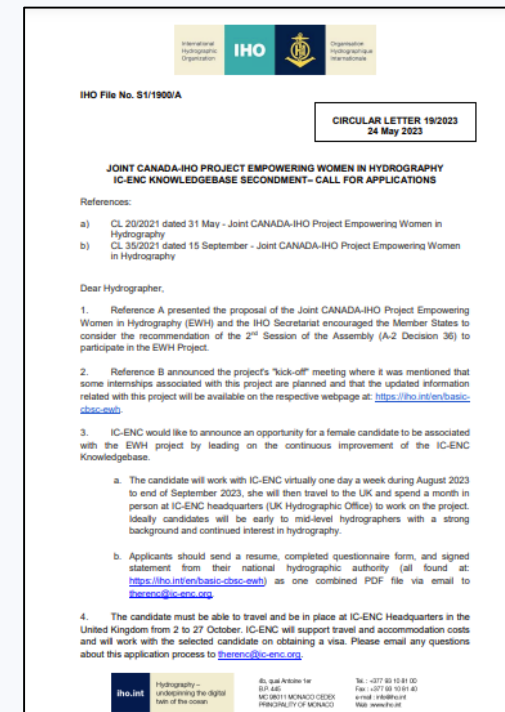
IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

CAPACITY BUILDING – EWH project 3rd YEAR

- Letter of Intent (LoI) between the IHO and WMU, signed in March 2023
- IHO CL 19/2023, to announce the IC-ENC opportunity

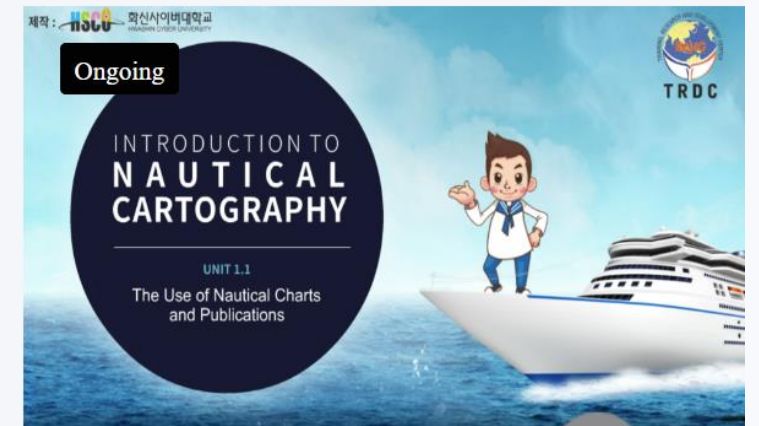
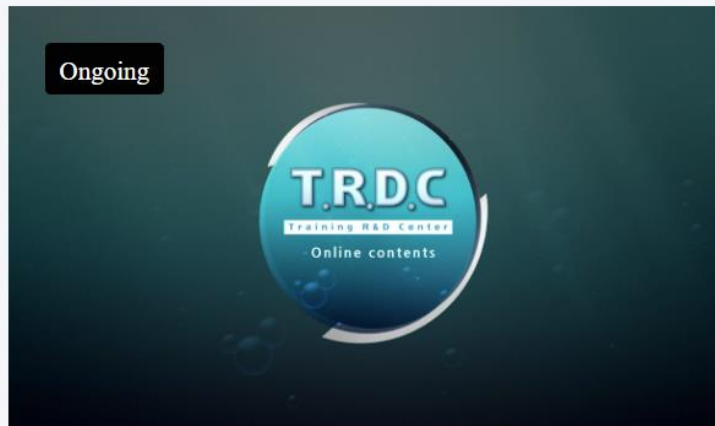
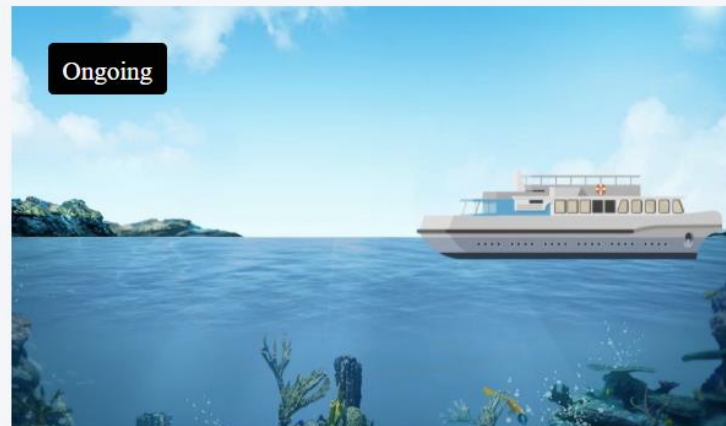
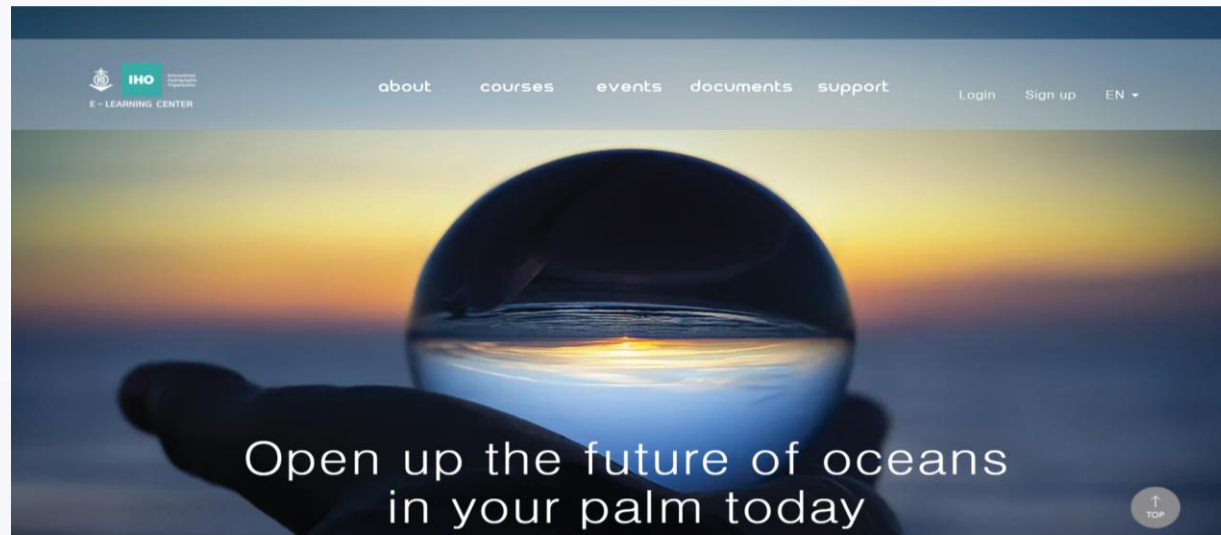


IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

CAPACITY BUILDING – IHO e-learning center



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

GEBCO programme, Nippon Foundation Seabed2030 project and Crowdsourced Bathymetry

- During A-3, the new percentage of seabed coverage (24.9%) was announced by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco
- Thanks to the Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 project, during the project's first six years, data sharing and ocean mapping mobilization efforts have quadrupled the area covered by directly measured depth soundings



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

GEBCO programme, Nippon Foundation Seabed2030 project and Crowdsourced Bathymetry

- The IHO Crowdsourced Bathymetry initiative is gaining momentum and attracting more and more players: Research vessel operators, cruise ship operators, commercial survey ship operators, fisheries, super yacht owners, and leisure boat equipment manufacturers are growing more aware that they can contribute to seabed mapping and are increasingly willing to do so, and a new CSB work-plan will facilitate the inclusion of various potential contributors.



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF IRCC:

A. Note the Report

B. Take any action as considered appropriate



IHO

International
Hydrographic
Organization

IRCC15
TOKYO, 12 – 14 June, 2023