

MARINE SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES WORKING GROUP (MSDIWG)  
A Working Group of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC)

Chair: Jens Peter HARTMANN ([jepha@gst.dk](mailto:jepha@gst.dk))  
Vice-Chair: Sebastian CARISIO ([ngamaritimemdsi@nga.mil](mailto:ngamaritimemdsi@nga.mil))  
Secretary: Leonel Manteigas ([leonel.manteigas@iho.int](mailto:leonel.manteigas@iho.int))

|  |
|--|
| <b>MSDIWG LETTER 01/2021</b><br><b>15 January 2021</b> |
|--|

**To: MSDIWG Members and Expert Contributors**

**Subject: MSDIWG Online 2021 Meeting, 17 - 18 March 2021, VTC**

Reference: MSDIWG 2018-2021 WP Task H.1

Dear Working Group Members and Expert Contributors,

1. The 12th meeting of the MSDIWG (MSDIWG-12) was initially planned in Singapore April 2021. Due to the continuation of the pandemic, it has been decided that a MSDIWG online meeting 2021 will be held from Wednesday 17 to Thursday 18 March 2021 as an online meeting only. A physical MSDIWWG-12 meeting is planned to take place in week 43 in October in Singapore.
2. Registration, Logistic Information.  
The MSDIWG online meeting registration is now opened through the IHO on-line registration system. Registration should be made no later than 16 March 2021.

<http://online.iho-khoa.kr/>

The meeting will use the GoToMeeting platform. The link to be used is given on the MSDIWG online meeting MSDIWG online meeting 2021 webpage. A couple of test sessions prior to the event can be arranged by the Secretariat on request (Leonel Manteigas e-mail [leonel.manteigas@iho.int](mailto:leonel.manteigas@iho.int)).

The MSDIWG online meeting will held from 14:00 to 18:00 (UTC+1, CET).

[www.iho.int/msdiwg](http://www.iho.int/msdiwg) → MSDIWG online 2021

3. Draft Agenda for the MSDIWG online meeting 2021.  
A preliminary draft agenda and timetable for MSDIWG online meeting 2021 is provided in Annex. This draft agenda takes into account the decisions and actions made at the 2nd Session of the IHO Assembly (A-2) and at the 4th meeting of the Council (C-4). MSDIWG Members are invited to make their suggestions on the draft agenda, if any, by 22 February 2021 to the MSDIWG Secretary (Leonel Manteigas e-mail [leonel.manteigas@iho.int](mailto:leonel.manteigas@iho.int)). Considering that the time allocated to the MSDIWG online meeting will, be limited compared to full plenary meetings, the MSDIWG will have to prioritize the top priority items and possible concerns reported by MSDIWG Members. Unfortunately, it is not planned to have reports from all Member States and RHCs representatives but nothing prevents them from submitting their reports and subsequent proposals.

4. Call for nomination for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the MSDIWG.

4.1 In accordance with the MSDIWG Rules of Procedures (Art. 3), an election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the MSDIWG online meeting in 2021, as being the first meeting after A-2. This election for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the MSDIWG take effect at the end of the meeting.

4.2 Member States are invited to nominate suitable candidates for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair at their earliest convenience via email to the WENDWG Secretary no later than 26. February 2021. However, in order to facilitate the process of the elections, the IHO Secretariat is also pleased to inform Member States that Mr Jens Peter Weiss Hartmann (Denmark) and Mr Sebastian. P. Carisio (USA) have already indicated their availability to stand as candidates for their respective positions.

5. Submission deadlines for the MSDIWG online meeting 2021 Documents and other milestones.

Due to the special circumstances imposed by the pandemic, there is no specific deadline for submitting documents this time.

All the documents will be posted on the IHO website as soon as they are received.

6. Miscellaneous.

The current MSDIWG Membership List is available on the MSDIWG page on the IHO website. Any changes should be communicated to the MSDIWG Secretary to: Leonel Manteigas e-mail [leonel.manteigas@iho.int](mailto:leonel.manteigas@iho.int) or [info@iho.int](mailto:info@iho.int) at the earliest opportunity. Proposals for hosting subsequent MSDIWG meetings are welcome at any time.

Yours sincerely,



Jens Peter HARTMANN  
IHO Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group Chair

Appendix A. Draft agenda

Appendix B. Work program

Appendix C. List of actions 2019

Appendix D. ToR and RoP for the MSDIWG