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To: Members, Associate Members and Observers of the IHO EAtHC

Subject: 17th EAtHC Conference Venue and Agenda update

Dear EAtHC Colleagues,

I am delighted to see that so many of you have already registered for the 17th Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (EAtHC17) Conference.

The EAtHC Circular Letter 6/2022 confirms the hosting of EAtHC17 (Instituto Marítimo e Portuário de Cabo Verde - IMP-CV) at Mindelo, Cabo Verde, from the 28 to 30 September 2022, preceded by 2-day Seminar on "Working with NAVAREA II and your Primary Charting Authority (Data exchange)".

The Conference and the Seminar will be organized in a hybrid format with English and French translation support.

A VTC invitation will be sent out to all participants in advance of the Seminar/Conference and a test VTC will be set up prior to the meeting to check connectivity and communications.

1. Agenda

The agendas for the 17th EAtHC Conference and for the Seminar are updated and attached to this Circular Letter.

You are kindly requested to provide your comments and suggestions for changes. The following documents are available from the IHO website:

- EAtHC16 Final Report: https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/RHC/EAtHC/EAtHC16/20220105_EAtHC16_Final_Minutes.pdf
- EAtHC16 Actions, Decisions, Recommendations, version 5, Jan 2022: <https://iho.int/en/eathc16-2021>.

2. Venue Information

The EAtHC17 is planned to convene at Instituto do Mar (IMar) Auditorium: <https://www.facebook.com/IMAR.gov.cv>.

Our hosts got promotional rates at the following hotels (all values per night per person, in Cabo Verde currency, Cabo Verde Escudo "\$"):

- Hotel Porto Grande / Oásis Atlântico, giving the promotional value of:
 - 7990\$ for a standard single room
 - 8990\$ for a double in standard

- both with breakfast included.
- Please add to these values 220\$ (per person per night) for the Tourist Contribution Fee.
- For booking/reservation under the negotiate rate, please contact Ms. Dirce Andrade by the following email dirce.andrade@oasisatlantico.com
- Please use the reservation code EAtHC17 as complementary information in order to identify the promotional package.
- Hotel Don Paco
 - 5000\$ for a standard single room with breakfast included.
 - Please add to this value 220\$ (per person per night) for the Tourist Contribution Fee. For booking/reservation under the negotiate rate, please contact the hotel by the following emails info@thedonpacohotel.com and comercial@thedonpacohotel.com
 - Please use the reservation code EAtHC17 as complementary information in order to identify the promotional package.

A bus will be provided daily for travel between the hotels and the IMar Auditorium.

3. National Report

I would like to encourage all members to submit a National Report **no later than 26 August 2022**. It helps us to understand better the issue within the region so that we may develop ways of resolving them. Please use the template/structure as documented on the IHO EAtHC webpage (<https://iho.int/en/eathc17-2022>) for both the report and the presentation.

I also take this opportunity to invite all Heads of Delegation, participating in the Conference, to review the information available in the IHO Yearbook (Publication P-5 – https://iho.int/uploads/user/pubs/periodical/P5YEARBOOK_ANNUAIRE.pdf) for their country and get ready for providing their updates (contact details in particular) when delivering their national report at the latest.

Please kindly direct all queries to the EAtHC Secretary CDR João Vicente at dt.hi.chf@hidrografico.pt and Henri Dolou for the seminar (henri.dolou@shom.fr).

Finally, I would again like to thank you for your efforts and hope you all stay well and look forward to to meeting as many of you as possible in Mindelo to progress the goals of EAtHC and build on the success of previous meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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