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To: Contributing Organisations

Subject: **INVITATION TO THE 25TH MESO AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

Dear esteemed colleagues

It is my great pleasure to officially invite you to the 25th Conference of the Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC25) from **Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December 2024** in Panama City, Republic of Panama. As there were no other formal nominations to host MACHC25, and in the interest of time and to allow detailed planning for the Conference to proceed without delay, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), as the MACHC Chair, will be this year's host.

The plan for MACHC25 is as follows:

Monday 2 December	Capacity Building Seminar
Tuesday 3 December	MACHC Working Group Meetings
Wednesday 4 December	MACHC25 Day One
Thursday 5 December	MACHC25 Day Two
Friday 6 December	MACHC25 Day Three (will conclude by 1230)

The venue for the Conference is the **W Panama** hotel in Panama City. Please refer to the Logistics Information at the Enclosure for details on how to book a hotel room, as well as important information regarding flights, and more general advice. **Please note that the hotel room registration must be completed by 1800 on Saturday 28 September.**

To confirm your in-person attendance at MACHC25, please register for the Conference via the IHO online registration website ([IHO Online Registration at iho-khoa.kr](https://iho-khoa.kr)). If you are attending the Conference in-person, you must register by Friday 18 October.

I actively encourage in-person attendance to ensure full participation in all MACHC25 discussions; if this is not possible, then you will be able to join virtually (in listen only mode with no translation provided). To attend virtually, please register by Friday 8 November at the same link.

Thank you for our patience while we sourced an appropriate venue and I look forward to seeing you in Panama!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Essenhigh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rear Admiral Angus Essenhigh OBE

NOTE: This letter is being sent by e-mail only

Enclosures:

MACHC25 Logistics Information
MACHC25 IHO Registration Guideline