

Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

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To: MACHC Members, Associate Members, Observers, IHO Secretariat and Contributing Organizations/Industry

Subject: INVITATION TO THE 26TH MESO AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to officially invite you to the 26th Conference of the Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC26) from **Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December 2025 in Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

We are deeply grateful to Brazil for their willingness to step in as the host of this important Conference. Although the MACHC had initially anticipated another location, unforeseen circumstances required a change of plans. Brazil's readiness to step forward as backup host is a testament to the cooperative spirit that makes the MACHC strong.

The plan for MACHC26 is as follows:

Monday 8 December	Capacity Building Seminar (further details, including support for travel, will be shared in due course)
Tuesday 9 December	MACHC Working Group Meetings
Wednesday 10 December	MACHC26 Day One
Thursday 11 December	MACHC26 Day Two
Friday 12 December	MACHC26 Day Three (will conclude by 1230)

The venue for the Conference is the **Headquarters** of the **Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN)** in Niterói, Rio de Janeiro. 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 Monday 20 October 2025 to receive the special rate discount.**

To confirm your attendance at MACHC26, please register for the Conference through the IHO registration portal at: [IHO Portal Registration – MACHC26](#)

Important: You will need an account to register. Please ensure that you create an account before proceeding with registration. If you are attending **in person**, when registering please indicate any **translation needs** in the '**Special Request**' field on the tab **Extra Info** of the IHO

portal registration form. This will help us plan translation support and manage costs effectively.
The deadline to register for in-person attendance is Saturday 8 November.

To attend virtually, please register by Sunday 7 December at the same link.

In my first year as Chair of the MACHC, I warmly encourage in-person participation to ensure the fullest possible discussions and collaboration during MACHC26.

Further details on the program and capacity-building activities will be communicated as soon as they are finalized. I also wish to thank you for your patience with this invitation and apologize for its later-than-usual timing.

On behalf of the MACHC, I look forward to your active participation and to welcoming you to Brazil in December.

With highest consideration and respect,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Bernice Mahabier', is shown.

Ms. Bernice Mahabier
Chair Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Enclosures:

MACHC26 Logistics Information
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