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Secretariat of the IMO
Secretariat of the IALA
NAVAREA-III Coordinator
Region F INT Chart Coordinator

01-20/CL/BASWG

21 February 2020

Subject : Invitation to the BASWG15 Meeting

References : a) Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of BASWG
b) Action No. 23 of the BASWG14

The 15th meeting of Black and Azov Seas Working Group (BASWG15) will be held in İstanbul/Turkey on 6 and 7 May 2020, hosted by Turkish Navy-Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography.

The provisional agenda, logistics information and registration form for the meeting are presented in the Annexes.

Participants are kindly requested to provide information with regards to their attendance, any proposals for the provisional agenda and other comments, if any, by fax (+90 216 3310525) or e-mail (info@shodb.gov.tr, egulher@shodb.gov.tr) no later than March 20th, 2020.

We look forward to seeing you all at the BASWG15 in İstanbul, in May.

Yours sincerely.

Hakan KUSLAROGLU
Captain
Director, TN-ONHO
Chairman of the BASWG

Annexes :

1. Provisional Agenda
2. Logistics Information
3. Registration Form

15TH MEETING OF BLACK AND AZOV SEAS WORKING GROUP

AGENDA & TIMETABLE (*DRAFT*)

Time Frame	DAY 1 - Wednesday, 06 May 2020
09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30-10.30	<p>1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements - Administrative Arrangements - Opening Address (Chairman, IHO Director) <i>Docs: BASWG15-01A List of Participants (BASWG Sec.)</i> <i>BASWG15-01B ToR and RoP of BASWG (BASWG Sec.)</i></p> <p>2. Approval of the Agenda <i>Docs: BASWG15-02 Agenda and Timetable</i></p> <p>3. BASWG Administration <i>Docs: BASWG15-03A Status of actions from BASWG-14 (BASWG Sec.)</i> <i>BASWG15-03B Outcome of MBSHC21 affecting BASWG (MBSHC Chairman)</i> <i>BASWG15-03C International Coordination (National Updates)</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-1: Bulgaria</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-2: Georgia</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-3: Romania</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-4: Russian Federation</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-5: Turkey</i> <i>BASWG15-03C-6: Ukraine</i></p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.20	<p>4. IHO Work Programme – “Corporate affairs” (IHO) <i>Docs: BASWG15-04A - Cooperation with International Organizations (IHO Director)</i> - Cooperation with Member States - Information Management (IHO Web Site, WMS, CBMS, ENC Catalogue etc.) - Development on Technical Standards <i>Docs: BASWG15-04B- Outcome of the 3rd Meeting of the IHO Council</i> <i>Docs: BASWG15-04C- Outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the IHO Assembly</i></p>
12.20-12.30	Group Photo
12.30-14.00	Hosted Lunch
14.00-15.00	<p>5. Capacity Building Activities <i>Docs: BASWG15-05 - IHO CB Activities (IHO Director, CB Coordinator)</i> - Long and Short-Term Capacity Building Plan of the MBSHC (MBSHC Chair, CB Coordinator)</p>
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-17.00	<p>6. Coordination of Regional Charting <i>Docs: BASWG15-06 - Region F ICCWG Activities (Region F INT Chart Coordinator)</i> - INT Charts in the Black and Azov Seas - Status of ENCs (Gaps/overlaps in the Black and Azov Seas)</p>
17.00	End of Session
18.30- 21.30	Hosted Dinner

Time Frame	DAY 2 - Thursday, 07 May 2020
09.00-10.00	7. Maritime Safety Information (MSI) <i>Docs: BASWG15-07 - Status of MSI coverage in the Black Sea (NAVAREA-III Coordinator)</i>
10.00-10.20	Coffee Break
10.20-11.00	8. IMO Activities <i>Docs: BASWG15-08 - Update on current IMO Activities (IMO Representative)</i> 9. IALA Activities <i>Docs: BASWG15-09 - Update on current IALA Activities (IALA Representative)</i>
11.00-11.25	Coffee Break
11.25-12.00	10. Any Other Business 11. Review of the BASWG15 List of Actions and Decisions 12. Next Meeting (Dates and Venue) 13. Designation/Transfer of the Chairmanship
12.00	Proposed End of the Meeting - subject to any agenda amendment proposals
12.30-14.00	Hosted Lunch

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LOGISTICS INFORMATION

BASWG Venue

The 15th meeting of BASWG meeting will be held on 6th & 7th of May 2020, at the Beşiktaş Naval Museum (*Address: Sinanpaşa, Beşiktaş Cd. 6/1, 34353 Beşiktaş/İstanbul*).

Point of Contact (PoC) Details

The liason officer for logistical, visa and accommodation assistance is LT Emre Gülher (*Head of Chart Production; Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography, <http://shodb.gov.tr>*).

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Visa Requirements

Depending on your nationality, the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to visit Turkey. Thus, we urge you to check visa requirements at your earliest convenience. Do not hesitate to contact with the liason officer should you require further assistance, a letter of invitation, etc. Please visit: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> for detailed information on visa regulations & applications.

General Information regarding İstanbul

<http://howtoistanbul.com/>



General Information regarding Beşiktaş Naval Museum

<https://denizmuzesi.dzkk.tsk.tr/en>

Social Events

Hosted Lunches on 6 and 7 May and dinner on 6 May are being arranged. We kindly ask you to bring your passport with you when attending the lunches. Coach transfers, from and to the venue, will be provided for all social events.

Accommodation

There are various options for accommodation. *Renaissance Istanbul Polat Bosphorus Hotel*, *Mercure Istanbul The Plaza Bosphorus Hotel*, *Golden Pen Hotel* and *Point Hotel Barbaros* are close both to the venue and the general transportation network. Taksim district is another hotspot intensely preferred during stays in İstanbul by foreign visitors. Due to diverse options and preferences of hotels, no transport will be available between the hotels and the venue.

Transportation

Frequent Airport Shuttle Buses are available from both airports of İstanbul (İstanbul Airport to Beşiktaş: IST-5, Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Taksim). The venue is within a walking distance from the last stop of the shuttle bus if you arrive İstanbul Airport. For the passengers arriving to Sabiha Gökçen Airport, on the other hand, an additional transport is needed (taxi is recommended) either from 1. Levent or Taksim. İstanbul City Cards and Credit Cards are accepted for the fare in both shuttle bus options. Cash is also an option for taxi rides.

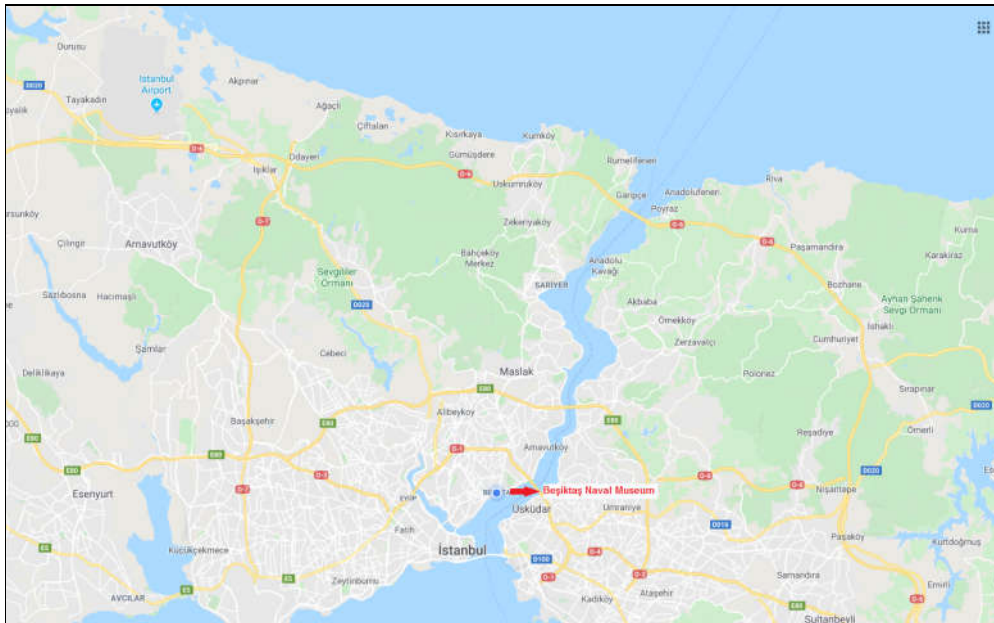
Should you need further information with regards to the transfer options to and from airports, please visit: <https://www.istairport.com/en/passenger/transport/public-transport> and <https://www.sabihagokcen.aero/passengers-and-visitors/transport-and-parking/transportation/havabus-en>.

Electricity plug and WI-FI

Electrical voltage is 220V, 50 Hz. High Speed WI-FI will be available. Login details will be provided at the meeting.



Map of Venue



General Map wrt the Location of the Venue



**15th Meeting of Black and Azov Seas Working Group (BASWG)
İstanbul, Turkey (06 – 07 May 2020)**

REGISTRATION FORM

*Please send this form via e-mail to: egulher@shodb.gov.tr (LT Emre Gülher)
by March 20th, 2020.*

Member State/Organization	
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1. Personal Details:

Family Name	
Given Name	
Phone	
E-mail address	
Accompanied Person (if any)	

2. Travel Details:

Arrival	Date	
	Airport	
	Flight Number	
	Airline	
	Arrival Time	

Departure	Date	
	Airport	
	Flight Number	
	Airline	
	Departure Time	

3. Hotel Information (participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation)

Hotel of Preference	
Check-in Date	
Check-out Date	

4. Attendance to Hosted Lunches (May 6 and 7) : Yes / No

5. Attendance to Hosted Dinner (May 6th) : Yes / No

6. Comments:

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7. Date & Signature

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