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Subject: 23rd Conference of the MBSHC

Annexes: I. Draft Timetable.
II. Disaster Response Framework.

Dear colleagues,

We hope that you all remain well in these times of war, conflicts and the pandemic, when the effort to continue with our work is even more appreciated. We are a few short days away from the 23rd Conference of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC). I want to express my thanks to all delegations who have registered for in-person attendance, I think that this Hydrographic Commission requires a meeting with the wider attendance possible to progress with some vital issues for its efficient performance. Also, please be reminded of the importance of remote participation by those who are unable to travel to Slovenia, because we will be discussing major issues which require a quorum according to the Statutes of the MBSHC.

Please find attached a draft timetable for the conference as Annex I. This file will be uploaded to the MBSHC section in the IHO website, and will be updated as required.

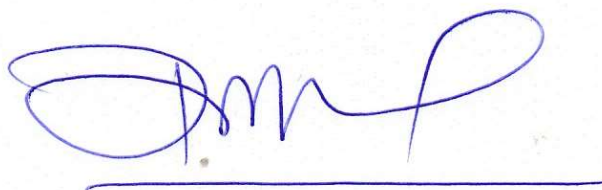
I want to highlight two core items:

- First, the need for a Region F ICCWG Coordinator. Spain will be acting as coordinator for urgent ICCWG issues up to the next meeting, and it is imperative that a Member State takes over this vital role for any Regional Hydrographic Commission, but specially for the MBSHC.
- Following the Statutes, when the conference ends the Vice Chair will take over as the MBSHC Chair, and a new Vice Chair will be nominated, normally the host of the next conference. We need to finish the conference with the nomination for a new Vice Chair, so we encourage Member States to come forward and apply for this post.

Finally, considering the current situation of our Region in the Black Sea, I think that it is very important to update our Disaster Response Framework (DRF). Please find attached the text of the DRF circulated by CL 01/14, which should have been adopted by the MBSHC19 conference, but was not. We propose the adoption of this text as the DFR for MBSHC by MBSHC23 and, if so adopted by the plenary, introduce a new action to revise it.

I want to thank Slovenia for their good work and cooperation to arrange the in person meeting. I look forward to meeting you all in Ljubljana, where I am sure we will have a most successful conference.

Best regards,



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MBSHC 23 CONFERENCE TIMETABLE*30 March-1 April 2022*

Hybrid Event

Join the meeting:

Tuesday, March 29	
Time (CEST)	Activity
16:00-17:00	MBSHC 23 VTC Testing Session
19:30-21:30	Ice Breaker event

Thursday, March 31	
Time (CEST)	Activity
09:00	Early log in testing of video and audio equipment
09:20	IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support” (continue)
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support” (continue)
12:00	Other Issues
12:30	Industry Presentations 2
13:00	Lunch
TBD	Social Event
17:30	End of day 1

Wednesday, March 30	
Time (CEST)	Activity
09:00	Early log in testing of video and audio equipment
09:30	Opening and Administrative Arrangements
10:10	MBSHC Administration
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	MBSHC Administration (cont)
11:55	IHO Work Programme 1– “Corporate affairs”
13:00	Lunch
14:30	IHO Work Programme 1– “Corporate affairs” (cont)
15:00	IHO Work Programme 2– “Hydrographic Services and Standards”
15:15	IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support”
15:45	Coffee Break
16:15	IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support” (continue)
17:00	Industry Presentations 1
17:30	End of day 1

Friday, April 1	
Time (CEST)	Activity
09:15	Early log in testing of video and audio equipment
09:30	Any other bussiness)
TDB	Closure
12:00	End of MBSHC 23

23rd Conference of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC)*29 March - 1 April 2022*

Hybrid Event

Notes: a) All time slots given below in UTC+2 (= CEST)**Draft Agenda & Timetable**

Time (UTC+2)	Tuesday, March 29, 2022
16:00 – 17:00	VTC Testing Session ¹
19:30 – 21:30	Ice-breaker (casual)

¹ In .preparation of MBSHC 23, for those interested in testing ZOOM platform, bandwidth, audio and video arrangements, etc.

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Time (UTC+2)	DAY 1: Wednesday, March 30, 2022	
08:30	In person Administrative Registration.	
09:00	Early Log In Testing of video and audio equipment (Use the next format to login "COUNTRY Code-Name-Organism" example: ES-Salvador Moreno-IHM)	
09:30	1. Opening and Administrative Arrangement	
15 min	1.1 Opening Address	Chair IHO Director Host authority
10 min	1.2 Administrative Arrangements <i>Docs: MBSHC23-01.2A List of Documents (Chair)</i> <i>MBSHC23-01.2B List of Participants (Chair)</i>	Chair Chair
10 min	1.3 Confirmation of Vice-Chair and Arrangements for Secretariat of 23 rd Conference <i>Doc: MBSHC23-01.3 MBSHC CL 08/21</i>	Chair
5 min	1.4 Approval of the Agenda <i>Docs: MBSHC23-01.4 Agenda and Timetable</i>	Chair
10:10	2. MBSHC Administration	
10 min	2.1 Chair's report <i>Docs: MBSHC23-02.1 Chair's report</i>	Chair
10 min	Group photo	
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	2. MBSHC Administration (Cont)	
10 min	2.2 Matters arising from Minutes of 22 nd MBSHC Meeting <i>Docs: MBSHC23-02.2A Minutes of MBSHC22</i> <i>MBSHC23-02.2B Status Report on the MBSHC22 Action List</i>	Chair Chair
30 min	2.3. Review of MBSHC Statutes <i>Docs: MBSHC23-02.3</i>	Chair
10 min	2.4. Review of Region F ICCWG ToR <i>Docs: MBSHC23-02.4</i>	Chair
15 min	2.5 Black and Azov Seas Working Group – BASWG <i>Docs: MBSHC23-02.5 Report of BASWG</i>	BASWG Chair
12:05	3. IHO Work Programme 1– "Corporate affairs"	
20 min	3.1 IHO Secretariat Report <i>Docs: MBSHC23-03.1 IHO Secretariat's Report</i>	IHO Secretariat
20 min	3.2 Cooperation with European Union (EU) <i>Docs: MBSHC23-03.2 IHO-EU Network WG Report (IENWG)</i>	Greece
15 min	3.3 Cooperation with the Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM) <i>Docs: MBSHC23-03.3 CIESM Activities that may affect MBSHC</i>	CIESM
13:00	Lunch – Hotel restaurant	
14:30	3. IHO Work Programme 1– "Corporate affairs" (cont)	
15 min	3.4 Cooperation with International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) <i>Docs: MBSHC23-03.4 IALA Activities that may affect MBSHC (IALA)</i>	IALA
15 min	3.5 Cooperation with Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) <i>Docs: MBSHC23-03.5 IOC general activities that may affect MBSHC (IOC)</i>	IOC
15:00	4. IHO Work Programme 2– "Hydrographic Services and Standards"	

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5 min	4.1 HSSC Activities that may affect MBSHC <i>The MBSHC Chair will provide a short overview of HSSC activities.</i>	Chair
10 min	4.2 S-100 Roadmap <i>Docs: MBSHC23-04.2</i>	Chair
15:15	5. IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support”	
15 min	5.1 Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) <i>The MBSHC Chair will provide a short overview of IRCC activities and report on the outcomes of the IRCC13 meeting.</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.1</i>	Chair
	5.2 Cooperation with Member States	
5 min	5.2.1 IHO Membership <i>The IHO Secretariat will provide an overview on the status of IHO Membership within the region.</i>	
10 min	5.2.2 Lebanon National Report <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.2.2</i>	Lebanon
15:45	Coffee Break	
16:15	5. IHO Work Programme 3– “Inter-Regional Coordination and Support” (cont)	
15 min	5.3 Activities of WENDWG <i>WENDWG12 Outcome, and Actions and Decisions that may affect MBSHC</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.2</i>	Spain
	5.4. Regional ENC Coordination Centre (RENCs) Operations	
15 min	5.4.1 IC-ENC presentation <i>IC-ENC will provide presentation of their activities since MBSHC22, and of the evolution of their strategies, if any.</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.4.1</i>	IC-ENC
15 min	5.4.2 PRIMAR presentation <i>PRIMAR will provide presentation of their activities since MBSHC22, and of the evolution of their strategies, if any.</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.4.2</i>	PRIMAR
17:00	Industry Presentations	
	Industry Presentations <i>Teledyne-Caris – Presentation (confirmed)</i> <i>Kongsberg – Presentation (confirmed)</i> <i>FUGRO - Presentation (confirmed)</i>	
17:30	End of DAY 1 Session	

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Time (UTC+1)	DAY 2: Thursday, March 31, 2022	
09:00	Early Log In Testing of video and audio equipment (Use the next format to login "COUNTRY Code-Name-Organism" example: ES-Salvador Moreno-IHM)	
09:15	Welcome and Administrative Issues	
09:20	5. IHO Work Programme 3– "Inter-Regional Coordination and Support" (cont)	
45 min	5.4 Urgent Region F ICCWG decisions <i>Doc: MBSHC23-5.4</i>	Spain
10 min	5.5 Election of Region F ICCWG Coordinator	Chair
15 min	5.7 GEBCO/Seabed 2030 Project/Crowd-Source Bathymetry Activities <i>GEBCO/Seabed 2030 Project/Crowd-Source Bathymetry Activities</i> <i>Doc: MBSHC23-5.7</i>	Lebanon
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	5. IHO Work Programme 3– "Inter-Regional Coordination and Support" (cont)	
20 min	5.8 Maritime Safety Information (MSI) <i>Report of NAVAREA III</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.8</i>	Spain
20 min	5.9 Maritime Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) <i>Report of MSDIWG</i> <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.9</i>	Italy
20 min	5.10 Capacity Building (CB) <i>Docs: MBSHC23-05.10.1 CB Report</i> <i>MBSHC23-05.10.2 3-year MBSHC CB Plan</i>	Turkey
12:00	6 Other issues	
15 min	6.1 SPI <i>Docs: MBSHC23-06.1</i>	Chair
10 min	6.2 Disaster Response Framework update <i>Docs: MBSHC23-06.2</i>	Chair
12:25	Industry Presentation	
12:25	Industry Presentations <i>SeventCs –Presentation (To be confirmed)</i> <i>IXBLUE – Presentation (To be confirmed)</i> <i>ESRI – Presentation (To be confirmed)</i>	
13:00	Lunch – Hotel restaurant	
cca 17:30	Dinner in brewery Union with visit of museum – 15 min walk (Casual)	
	End of DAY 2 Session	

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Time (UTC+1)	DAY 3: Friday, April 1, 2022	
09:15	Early Log In Testing of video and audio equipment (Use the next format to login "COUNTRY Code-Name-Organism" example: ES-Salvador Moreno-IHM)	
09:30	Welcome and Administrative Issues	
09:35	7. Any Other Business	
	8. Closure	
	8.1 Date and Venue of the Next Meeting	
TBD	Coffee Break	
	8.3 Designation of MBSHC Representatives	
	8.2 Review of Actions, Decisions and Recommendations	
	8.4 Transfer of the Chairmanship	
	8.5 Closing remarks	
12:00	End of MBSHC23	

THE DRAFT DISASTER ACTION PLAN for MBSHC

In case a disaster happens within the region;

1. The Chair shall be responsible for co-ordinating the actions needed.
2. The Chair will communicate, by the quickest means available, with the relevant focal points (preferably the Heads of the Hydrographic Offices) of the States in Table-1, in order to make an initial evaluation of the extent of the damage and the actions required (e.g. re-survey of the navigationally most sensitive areas, promulgation of MSI etc.-see resolution 1/2005, as amended).
3. The Chair shall ask the State(s) affected for the official request of support and cooperation in context of Table-2.
4. In case of an official request is received, the Chair shall ask the focal points what assistance could be provided iaw Table-2 and decide, based on the information collected, whether an extraordinary meeting of the MBSHC is needed or not, in order to discuss in detail the problems, evaluate the damage and respond to requests for support.
5. The Chair shall inform the IHB on the situation, the actions taken and the need, if any, for external support.
6. The Chair shall monitor the progress of the actions agreed in the area and keep the MBSHC States and the IHB informed accordingly.
7. The Chair shall include this issue as a permanent agenda item in the MBSHC meetings in order to monitor the readiness of the Commission to respond to disasters, conducting regular table-top exercises to evaluate the procedures and revise the plan.
8. In case of the disaster occurs in State the Chair and he/she is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice Chair of the last meeting will act as the Chair.

Note: If any Bilateral/Multilateral Support and Cooperation Protocol exists on this matter, it should beannexed to the plan.

TABLE 1: Focal Points of the MBSHC States

MBSHC States	Name and Surname	Phone	Mobile Phone	Fax	e-mail	Note
Algeria (DZ)						
Croatia (HR)						
Cyprus (CY)						
Egypt (EG)						
France (FR)						
Georgia (GE)						
Greece (GR)						
Israel (IL)						
Italy (IT)						
Lebanon (LB)						
Libya (LY)						
Malta (MT)						
Monaco (MC)						
Montenegro (MN)						
Morocco (MA)						
Romania (RO)						
Russian Federation (RF)						
Serbia (RS)						
Slovenia (SI)						
Spain (ES)						
Syria (SY)						
Tunisia (TN)						
Turkey (TR)						
Ukraine (UA)						

TABLE-2: Means of Support and Cooperation

MBSHC States	Evaluating Team for Hydrographic Damage and Support	Hydrographic Survey			Chart Production		MSI Promulgation		Note
		Survey vessel	Survey team	Equipment	Paper Chart	ENC	NAVTEX	SafetyNET	
Algeria (DZ)									
Croatia (HR)									
Cyprus (CY)									
Egypt (EG)									
France (FR)									
Georgia (GE)									
Greece (GR)									
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