

**12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**IHO-IRCC12**  
**VTC, 6-7 October 2020**

**DRAFT LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO RHCs FROM IRCC12**

**1. Opening Remarks, Introductions and Administrative Arrangements**

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**2. Approval of Agenda**

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**3. Matters arising from Minutes of IRCC11 Meeting**

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**4. Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs)**

**4.1 RHC Reports**

Recommendation 1: Member States to proceed with the projects to the establishment of vertical Reference Frames, not only at a national level but also at a Regional level and in understanding the differences at national boundaries and how to reduce it.

Recommendation 2: Member States to proceed or implement MSDI Regional initiatives. RHCs requested to include MSDI as a permanent agenda for their meetings.

Recommendation 3: Member States to increase the data contributions to the IHO DCDB and to the Seabed2030.

Recommendation 4: Member States to promote the bilateral discussions regarding the ENC overlapping issues.

Recommendation 5: Member States to promote the regional cooperation in different activities.

Recommendation 6: Member States to improve their contribution to the work of the IHO, providing active participants to IHO working groups.

Recommendation 7: RHC's to continue with the provision of intensive Capacity Building activities (i.e. courses, technical and high level visits, workshops) and also to actively seek Capacity Building partnerships.

Recommendation 8: RHC's to promote the enlargement of the regional membership assisting in the recruitment of new IHO Member States

Recommendation 9: RHC's to establish a common set of criteria on which an individual recognition scheme of individual competence for hydrographers and nautical cartographers should be based on, to be then applied at international level.

Recommendation 10: RHC's to develop a Disaster Response Framework.

**5. The consequences of the pandemic on RHC activities and business continuity of the IRCC Subordinate Bodies the Secretariat**

Recommendation 11: RHC's consider having in their meetings, in addition to the regular face-to-face participation the possibility of VTC participation, to allow increasing the number of participants.

**6. Capacity Building, IHO Education Requirements and E-Learning**

**6.1 Level of CB activities**

Recommendation 12: Consider developing and implementing a system with face to face and also remote learning activities in the CB training.

Recommendation 13: To set up a system of performance indicators to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of CB activities.

**6.2 The education requirements and difficulties**

Recommendation 14: Member States and submitting institutions are encouraged to engage with the IHO Secretariat early in the process of them preparing submissions for programme recognition.

Recommendation 15: Member States and submitting institutions are encouraged to consult the Guidelines,

the FAQs and the White Paper (IHR-Nov-2017 – Article: Maintaining the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers) early in the process of preparing submissions for programme recognition.

### **6.3 IHO E-Learning Center**

Recommendation 16: Invite the Institutions who have experience in developing and providing e-Learning contents to share the resources and experience to the PT through the respective Member States.

Recommendation 17: To contact with other organizations that may want to participate and contribute with contents.

### **6.4 The Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH) project**

Recommendation 18: MS to consider to participate in the Empowering Women in Hydrography project.

## **7. MSDI and update on UN-GGIM activities**

### **7.1 Importance of MSDI activities**

Recommendation 19: MS to engage with MSDI WG to have a more active collaboration.

### **7.2 Update on UN-GGIM activities**

## **8. Ocean Mapping Activities**

### **8.1 Crowd Sourced Bathymetry**

Recommendation 20: Encourage all Member States to review and respond to IHO CL 21/2020

Recommendation 21: Encourage all Coastal States to review and respond to IRCC CL 1/2020

Recommendation 22: To set up a proactive management and monitoring procedure of dataflow between stakeholders proactive management and monitoring procedure of involved in crowdsourced bathymetry notably as part of the support provided to the NF-GEBCO Seabed 2030 project.

### **8.2 Update on Seabed 2030 project**

### **8.3 Update on the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030**

## **9. WEND-100 principles**

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### **10. Next IRCC Meetings (Venue and Date)**

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### **11. Any other business**

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### **12. Review of the Actions and Decisions**

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### **13. IRCC Work Programme Management**

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### **14. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

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### **15. Closure**

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