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To: Members, Associate Members, Observers and the IHO Secretariat of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: SAIHC20 Invitation, Registration and Logistics Information

Dear SAIHC Colleagues

It is my great pleasure to officially invite you to the 20th Conference of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC20) from **Tuesday 17 September to Thursday 19 September 2024 (ending at midday) in Kisumu, Kenya**. In-person attendance is strongly encouraged, however once again I am pleased to confirm that the SAIHC conference will be offering full hybrid functionality via Microsoft Teams for those that are unable to travel.

On **Monday 16 September 2024**, prior to SAIHC20, there will be a Capacity Building Hydrographic Awareness Seminar. You will shortly receive further information about this from the SAIHC Capacity Building Coordinator, Ms Lucy Fieldhouse.

On **Thursday 19 September 2024** (1300-1700) there will be a Seminar on the General Principles of the IALA Maritime Buoyage System and Risk Assessment (in person only), which all in-person participants are invited to join should they wish.

The venue for SAIHC20 is **The Acacia Premier Hotel in Kisumu, Kenya**. Please refer to the Logistics Information, (Encl.1) for details on booking hotel rooms (including the special booking code). Please note that The Acacia Premier Hotel will only hold rooms for the SAIHC conference up until **Friday 15 April 2024**, thereafter the rooms will be released for general booking. **Please book early to avoid disappointment**. Further logistics information on flights, vaccination requirements and other general advice can be found in Encl. 1.

To confirm your attendance at the Conference (both in-person or via VTC), please register for the SAIHC20 via the IHO online registration website ([IHO Online Registration \(iho-khoa.kr\)](http://iho-khoa.kr)). All registrations for SAIHC20 must be done by **Friday 28 June 2024**.

Finally, in line with the Statutes, we would also like to invite you to input into the SAIHC20 provisional agenda, as well as make comment and share your opinions on the format adopted at SAIHC19 (please click [here](#) for SAIHC19 Minutes). If you do wish to comment and/or have an input into the SAIHC20 Provisional Agenda, please email the SAIHC Secretary at natalie.clatworthy-cox@ukho.gov.uk, no later than **Friday 31 May 2024**. We can then take your views into account as we plan the Provisional Agenda for SAIHC20; the intent is to issue this Agenda not later than Friday 28 June 2024.

I look forward to seeing you in Kenya!

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures: Logistics Information