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**Chief Executive UKHO**  
**and SAIHC Chair**



**SAIHC18 Letter No. 3/2022**

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

**Subject:** **Invitation to the 18<sup>th</sup> SAIHC Conference**

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you officially to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC), which will be hosted by the Instituto Nacional de Hidrografia e Navegacao (INAHINA) in Maputo, Mozambique, from the 10-12 May 2022.

An IHO Funded 1-day Hydrographic Awareness Seminar will precede the 18th SAIHC Conference, a SAIHC Letter with details regarding the seminar will follow shortly.

### **Provisional Agenda**

A provisional agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup> SAIHC Conference is attached at Annex A. You are kindly requested to review this draft and to provide your comments and suggestions for changes. The final minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> SAIHC Conference are available from the IHO website: [https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/RHC/SAIHC/SAIHC17/SAIHC17\\_2021\\_EN\\_Plenary%20Report\\_final.pdf](https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/RHC/SAIHC/SAIHC17/SAIHC17_2021_EN_Plenary%20Report_final.pdf)

### **Registration**

While I hope that many of you will be able to attend in person, I acknowledge that some will be constrained by national COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and may be unable to attend. Wishing to hold an inclusive meeting, the SAIHC18 plenary will therefore be in a Hybrid format to allow all to attend.

I now kindly ask you to register via the Online Registration tool on IHO website: <https://online.iho-khoa.kr/registration>

Please register **no later than 25 March 2022**, for participants who intend to be physically present, and **no later than 15 April 2022** for those unable to travel who will participate by VTC.

**Early registration is critical to enable our hosts, INAHINA, to finalise the venue and associated facilities.**

If you experience difficulties accessing the online registration, please forward your registration details to our new SAIHC Secretary at [Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk).

A VTC invitation will be sent out to all participants in advance of the Conference and a test VTC will be set up prior to the meeting to check connectivity and communications.

### **Venue Information**

The SAIHC18 is provisionally planned to convene at Maputo AFECG Gloria Hotel <http://gloriahotel.co.mz> and our hosts are currently negotiating accommodation package rates. Further logistic information will follow in a subsequent Circular Letter.

Please kindly direct all queries to the SAIHC Secretary [Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk) & [IBTE@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:IBTE@ukho.gov.uk).

Finally, I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Maputo, energised to take forward the important work of this hydrographic commission.

Yours sincerely


A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Sparkes". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Rear Admiral (Retired) Peter Sparkes

Chairman Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

**Annex A** – SAIHC18 Provisional Agenda 10-12 May 2022

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<b>SAIHC18 Hydrographic Seminar &amp; AGL&amp;RSWG Meeting Monday 9 May 2022</b>		
<b>Time (CAT/UTC +2)</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
0830	Registration, login, administrative update, VTC conduct	Host/SAIHC Secretary/CB Coordinator
0900 -1400	Hydrographic Seminar – see separate agenda (tbc)	CB Coordinator
1200-1300	<b>Lunch</b>	
1430 - 1630	African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group – see separate agenda and tie in MSDI	Interim Chair UK
1830 - 2030	Icebreaker	tbc
<b>SAIHC18 Plenary Day 1 and Working Group Meetings Tuesday 10 May 2022</b>		
<b>Time (CAT/UTC +2)</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
0830	Registration, login, administrative update, VTC conduct	Host/SAIHC Secretary
0845	<b>Official Opening Session</b> Welcome by the Host Opening Remarks and welcome Keynote address by Chief Guest Opening Remarks by IHO Director	Host Chair Chief Guest tbc IHO
Followed by	Group Photo 	
0930	<b>1.0 SAIHC Administration/Organisational Issues</b> 1.1 Approval of Agenda 1.2 Matters Arising from Minutes of SAIHC17 (5 mins) 1.3 Review of 17 <sup>th</sup> SAIHC Actions List (15 mins)  1.4 SAIHC Statutes review and endorse as circulated 11/06/2021 and signings of new members Kenya and Angola (20 mins)	Chair/All Chair Chair SAIHC Secretary SAIHC Secretary
1010	<b>2.0 SAIHC Developments, IHO Bodies, Policy Aspects</b> 2.1 IHO Secretariat Report (20 mins)	IHO
1030 - 1100	<b>Morning Break</b>	
1100	2.2 Council 5 Report (20 mins) 2.3 IRCC13 Report to include actions and recommendations (20 mins) 2.4 HSSC13 Report (20 mins)	South Africa Chair  IHO
1200	<b>4.0 IHO Revised Strategic Plan 2021-2026</b> Brief summary about IHO Strategic Plan, RHC responsible for coordinating response of SPIs Feedback from the IRCC workshop on the Strategic Plan	Chair
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch</b>	

1330 - 1500	<b>International Chart Coordination Working Group (ICCWG)</b> – see separate agenda to include Gridding and Future of the Paper Nautical Chart	
1500 - 1530	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
1530 - 1630	<b>Industry Presentations (x3)</b>	
1635	Summary of Actions	SAIHC Secretary
1645	Close of day 1 meeting	Chair
1830 – 2100	Informal Dinner	tbc
	<b>SAIHC18 Plenary Day 2 Wednesday 11 May 2022</b>	
<b>Time (CAT/UTC +2)</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
0830	Registration, login, administrative update, VTC conduct	Host/SAIHC Secretary
0845	<b>Industry Presentations (x2)</b>	
0915	<b>3.0 SAIHC Committees and Working Groups</b> 3.1 MSDIWG (20 mins) 3.2 ICCWG (20 mins) 3.3 Capacity Building (20 mins) 3.4 AGL&RSWG (15 mins)	MSDI Chair ICCWG Chair CB Coordinator Interim Chair UK
1030 - 1100	<b>Morning Break</b>	
1100	<b>6.0 National Reports</b> Members – Presentations 6.1 Angola 6.2 France 6.3 Kenya 6.4 Mauritius 6.5 Mozambique 6.6 Norway 6.7 Republic of South Africa 6.8 Seychelles	Member States Head of Delegation
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch</b>	
1330	<b>6.0 National Reports Cont.</b> 6.9 United Kingdom Associate Members – Presentations 6.10 Comoros 6.11 India 6.12 Madagascar 6.13 Malawi 6.14 Namibia 6.15 Portugal 6.16 Tanzania	Member States Head of Delegation

1500 - 1530	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
1530	<b>5.0 Relevant International Organizations' Report</b> 5.1 General Bathymetric Charts of the Oceans (GEBCO) and Seabed 2030 (15 mins) 5.2 Crowd Sourced Bathymetry (CSB) (15 mins) 5.3 International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) (15 mins) 5.4 Southern and East African and Islands Regional Group for Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SEAIGNEP) (15 mins)	GEBCO Norway IALA SEAIGNEP
1630	Summary of Actions	SAIHC Secretary
1645	Close of day 2 meeting	Chair
	<b>SAIHC18 Plenary Day 3 Thursday 12 May 2022</b>	
<b>Time (CAT/UTC +2)</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
0830	Registration, login, administrative update, VTC conduct	Host/SAIHC Secretary
0845	<b>5.0 Relevant International Organizations' Report Cont.</b> 5.5 PMAESA (15 mins) 5.6 International Maritime Organisation (IMO) (tbc) (15 mins) 5.7 Nairobi Convention (tbc) (15 mins)	PMAESA IMO Nairobi Convention
0930	<b>SAIHC Input to IHO Meetings</b> Report to IRCC14 (15 mins) 6 <sup>th</sup> IHO Council considerations (15 mins)	Chair
1000	<b>Industry Presentations x 2</b>	
1030 - 1100	<b>Morning Break</b>	
1100	<b>7.0 Disaster Response</b> 7.1 SAIHC Disaster Response Plan (15 mins) 7.2 Maritime Safety, World-Wide Navigational Warnings Service and NAVAREA Coordination (15 mins) 7.3 Map Action (15 mins)	South Africa South Africa Map Action
1145	<b>8.0 S-100 Discussions – RENC Presentations</b>	
1230 - 1330	<b>Lunch</b>	
1330	<b>10.0 Closing Activities</b> 10.1 Any Other Business (AOB) 10.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair 10.3 Review of Actions and Decisions  10.4 Details for next meeting Closing remarks	Chair/All Chair Chair SAIHC Secretary Chair Chair
1400	Close of SAIHC18	Chair