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**and SAIHC Chair**



**SAIHC18 Letter No. 5/2022**

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

**Subject:** **Logistics Information for SAIHC18**

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

I am delighted to see that so many of you have already registered for the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC), meaning that we can proceed with a face-to-face meeting in Maputo, Mozambique.

### **Venue**

This Circular Letter therefore confirms the hosting of SAIHC18 at the Maputo AF ECC Gloria Hotel <http://gloriahotel.co.mz>. This will be an in-person meeting with option to dial in via VTC for those unable to attend.

Together with our hosts at Instituto Nacional de Hidrografia e Navegacao (INAHINA) we continue to finalise the plans for conference. Please find attached the Logistics Information (Annex A) with further details you may need to plan your visit. This includes accommodation package rates and visa guidance.

### **National Reports**

May I also take this opportunity to remind all Member States to submit a National Report ahead of the meeting, even if you are unable to attend. Kindly complete these using the template provided on the [SAIHC18 IHO website](#) and send to the SAIHC Secretary at [Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk) by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. This ensures they are uploaded to the IHO website in good time for all members to read ahead of conference.

### **Actions**

With reference to the SAIHC17 Actions List (Annex B) and ahead of conference, I would like to propose that we close those actions with a status of 'ongoing'. These are actions which are now being carried out by all members in partnership with regional coordinators, and as such could be closed in the actions list. I ask that Member States please contact the SAIHC Secretary at [Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Hewson@ukho.gov.uk), by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** if you disagree with this decision or have further updates against these actions. If all agree, these will be closed as part of the agenda at SAIHC18.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Sparkes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Rear Admiral (Retired) Peter Sparkes

Chair Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

**Attachments:**

Annex A: Logistics Information

Annex B: SAIHC17 Actions

## Annex B: SAIHC17 Actions

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White:	Open
Grey:	Continuous
Green:	Completed or Closed

No.	Ref	Action	Action By	Due date	Status
1	SAIHC17-2.1	Support the IHO Work Programme under the new strategic plan	SAIHC Member States	C5	Complete
2	SAIHC17-2.1	UK to send the United Nations Climate Change (COP26) 1-7 November 2021 details to the IHO	UK	March	Complete
3	IRCC 12/1	RHC to Instruct MS in the divulgation of publication of <a href="#">S-67 Mariners' Guide to Accuracy of Depth Information in Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC)</a> to the Marine Institutions and Education Schools.	SAIHC Chair	IRCC 13	Complete
4	IRCC 12/2	Member States to review the paper on the <a href="#">Future of paper Charts</a> and provide feedback on it.	SAIHC Member States	IRCC 13	Complete
5	IRCC 12/3	Member States strongly encouraged to continue updating <a href="#">C-55</a> .	SAIHC Member States	IRCC 13	Continuous
6	IRCC 12/4	RHC to implement the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended by A-2.	SAIHC Chair	IRCC 13	Complete
7	IRCC 12/6	Invite the Member States who have experience in developing and providing e-Learning contents to share their resources and experiences to the e-Learning PT.	SAIHC Chair	IRCC 13	Complete
8	IRCC 12/11	Promote the discussion of any item with relevance to SDI/MSDI/MSP and to take appropriate actions.	SAIHC Chair	IRCC 13	Complete
9	IRCC 12/12	Consider CSB and Seabed 2030 initiatives be permanently added as an agenda item at future RHC meetings.	SAIHC Chair and Member States	IRCC 13	Complete
10	IRCC 12/13 GEBCO Seabed 2030	Encourage Member States to support the CSB initiative with positive actions, such as requiring all research vessels to collect bathymetric data for late uploading, when on passage or when it does not interfere with other research activities	SAIHC Chair and Seabed 2030 Coordinator	IRCC 13	Complete

11	IRCC 12/14	Support the modification of the current “RHC Seabed 2030 Coordinator” to a joint “RHC CSB/Seabed 2030 Coordinator” and provide the identification of the Coordinators	SAIHC Member States	IRCC 13	Complete
12	IRCC 12/16 GEBCO Seabed 2030	Encourage MS to release datasets or subsets into the public domain via the IHO DCDB.	SAIHC Chair, Seabed 2030 Coordinator and Member States	IRCC 13	Continuous
13	IRCC 12/17 GEBCO Seabed 2030	Encourage Member States to promote the vital need to map the entire seabed.	SAIHC Chair, Seabed 2030 Coordinator & MS	Continuous	Continuous
14	IRCC 12/19 GEBCO Seabed 2030	Encourage all Member States to make existing seabed mapping data available for use by Seabed 2030 in the GEBCO Grid.	SAIHC Chair, Seabed 2030 Coordinator & MS	Continuous	Continuous
15	IRCC 12/20 GEBCO Seabed 2030	RHC to participate at Regional level in those actions of the UN Ocean Decade matching with IHO’s new strategic targets (IRCC12-08C).	SAIHC Chair, Seabed 2030 Coordinator & MS	IRCC 13	Ongoing
16	SAIHC17-3.1.1 MSDIWG	Consider and update the working group on any known MSDI activity in the SAIHC region	Member States	SAIHC18	Complete
17	SAIHC17- 3.1.2 MSDIWG	Contact SAIHC CSB/Seabed 2030 Coordinator (South Africa) in the event of any potential opportunities to use the data loggers for regional CSB activity.	Member States	SAIHC18	Complete
18	SAIHC17- 3.3.1 CB	Review the SAIHC CB workplan and submit final requests for CB activities to the CB Coordinator	Member States	5 March	Complete
19	SAIHC17- 3.3.2 CB	Inform CB Coordinator of any wider CB opportunities that the SAIHC region can benefit from	Member States	SAIHC18	Complete
20	SAIHC17- 3.4.1 Lakes	Follow up the Great Lake proposal to form a SAIHC sub working group for African Lakes via correspondence and conduct a virtual call with all delegates with an interest in the lakes.	UK	April	Open
21	SAIHC17-5.5	Engage with the PMAESA regarding collaboration opportunities and presenting at technical conference and report back at SAIHC18	UK & France	SAIHC18	Open
22	SAIHC17-5.6	Invite the Nairobi Convention to SAIHC18 meeting to give a presentation brief	SAIHC Chair	SAIHC18	Open

23	SAIHC17-5.4 SEAIGNEP	SEAIGNEP to send contact database and regional master plan to SAIHC Member States	SEAIGNEP Secretary	SAIHC18	Open
24	SAIHC17-5.4 SEAIGNEP	SEAIGNEP requests members to update contact database and regional master plan	Member States	30 April	Complete
25	SAIHC17-5.4.1 SEAIGNEP	If interested in hosting the next SEAIGNEP meeting (towards the end of 2021) please inform the SEAIGNEP Chairman / Secretariat <a href="mailto:SEAIGNEP@samsa.org.za">SEAIGNEP@samsa.org.za</a>	Member States	August	Complete
26	SAIHC17-6.5	MS invited to comment on South Africa MSI E-learning initiative	Member States	31 March 2021	Complete
27	SAIHC17-6.1	Contact Seychelles, Angola, Comoros, Namibia, and Tanzania and ask them to produce a National Report that can be shared on the SAIHC webpage	SAIHC Secretary Seychelles, Angola, Comoros, Namibia, Tanzania	April	Open
28	SAIHC17-8.1	Members are invited to comment on the Draft Framework, and complete the contact details in Annex D	Member States	SAIHC18	Open
29	SAIHC17-9.4	Mozambique offered to host SAIHC18 in December 2021. Agree a date for SAIHC18 in December and monitor the COVID-19 pandemic to see if a physical meeting is possible.	SAIHC Secretary & Mozambique	September	Complete

#### Annex B - SAIHC 16 Open Action Items

No.	Agenda Item	Action	Action By	Deadline	Status
10	SAIHC15-14	Angola to provide an update on MSI structure at next SAIHC and send MSI information to both Portugal and South Africa.	Angola	December 2019	Ongoing
11	SAIHC16-5	Mozambique to update next SAIHC on how they have overcome their internal communication issues regarding the coordination of MSI.	Mozambique	SAIHC17	Ongoing
12	SAIHC15- 14	Comoros requested to improve communication with NAVAREA coordinator	Comoros	December 2019	Ongoing
34	SAIHC16 - 28	Portugal to engage with Angola on MSI warnings.	Portugal and Angola	SAIHC17	Ongoing