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

Subject: SAIHC17 Postponement Update & Meeting Dates

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

SAIHC17 Postponement Update & Meeting Dates

Following positive discussions with Mauritius (Vice Chair) and South Africa (ICCWG Chair) on 16th June 2020, it has been agreed that the SAIHC17 plenary should be postponed until January 2021, subject to the Mauritian Government's approval to host the conference.

Accordingly, the following program is proposed for consideration:

- A video tele conference (VTC) on 7th September 2020 to include an introduction by the SAIHC Chair and an overview by IHO Secretariat. Working group meetings will take place on completion by VTC, led by their respective Chairs, ICCWG (South Africa), MSDIWG (UK).
- The SAIHC17 plenary meeting 3-day conference, hosted by Mauritius, has been proposed to take place either during the week commencing 18th or 25th January 2021.
- The plenary meeting will be preceded by the SAIHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography.

Further details regarding the VTC will be forwarded in due course.

Once approval, dates and venue have been confirmed for the plenary conference, a formal invitation will be issued, together with the logistics information, a registration form and a draft agenda. In the meantime, may I encourage you to consider the actions from SAIHC16 and ICCWG8, detailed at Annex A and B respectively, and to provide any updates to the SAIHC secretary, Ashley.Parker@ukho.gov.uk and International.Relations@ukho.gov.uk.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your efforts in support of SAIHC and wish you and your families and colleagues all the very best as we look to overcome the effects of COVID-19 and return to some sort of normality.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Enclosures:

Annex A - Status of Actions resulting from the 16th SAIHC Conference

Annex B - Actions resulting from 8th SAIHC ICCWG

Annex A 16th SAIHC Conference Action Items

No	Agenda Item	Action	Action By	Deadline	Status
1	SAIHC14 - 3.4.1	Countries in the SAIHC region to provide capacity building inputs by end of February each year in accordance with capacity building procedures. (Note: Urgent requirements can be forwarded at any time or brought to SAIHC meetings).	SAIHC Member States	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	SAIHC14- 3.4.4 and 3.4.5	Charting Member States requested to provide coastal bathymetric data and shallow/deep ocean bathymetric data collected to be forwarded by HOs to the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (IHO DCDB). Feedback to be provided on progress at next SAIHC Conference.	SAIHC Member States	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	SAIHC14- 3.4.9	Countries with PCA responsibility to offer assistance to nations preparing for the IMO audit process.	PCA	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	SAIHC14- 3.4.9	Invite Members which are preparing for or have undertaken the IMO audit process to consider requesting support to meet items that have been raised within the audit, and also to share best practice.	SAIHC Member States	Ongoing	Ongoing
5	SAIHC14 3.4.13	The members of SAIHC were requested to consider submitting papers for publication in the review	SAIHC Member States.	Standing Item	Ongoing
6	SAIHC14 3.4.6 and 3.4.14 and ICCWG6 Action 9	SAIHC Member States to provide new information and available survey data, and report changes that may affect safety of navigation in their national waters to INT Chart producer nations, to ensure that their responsibilities as required by SOLAS are met. Where another organisation conducts a survey on behalf of the coastal state, it is important to make the survey data available to the Primary Charting Authority in order to update charts for the area. The modalities of data sharing to be resolved bilaterally.	SAIHC Member States.	Standing Item	Ongoing
7	SAIHC14 - 6.5	All Member States and associated PCA to check relevant C-55 data and update as required. All Member States to check relevant P-5 entries, informing IHO Secretariat when either/or are complete.	SAIHC Member States and PCA	Ongoing	Ongoing
8	SAIHC14 - 6.6	Marine Disaster details, action on Member States to review and if necessary, update the contact details on the Marine Disaster spreadsheet, and to provide an alternative point of contact (if applicable) informing SAIHC Chair when complete.	SAIHC Member States and SAIHC Chair	31 October 2019	Ongoing
9	SAIHC15 - 13	SAIHC Chair to invite organisations to SAIHC17 to further develop Blue Economy within the SAIHC region for the hydrographic element.	SAIHC Chair	SAIHC17	Ongoing

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	Open
12	SAIHC15-14	Comoros requested to improve communication with NAVAREA coordinator	Comoros	December 2019	Ongoing
13	SAIHC16-7.1	UK to retrieve SHOM data from portal to include in generation of 100m grid for SAIHC region.	UK, SAIHC MSDI working group	31 October 2019	Open
14	SAIHC16 - 7.2	Circulate IHO CL11/2019 - Call for Approval of Edition 2.0.0 of IHO Publication B-12 Crowdsourced Bathymetry Guidance Document, to SAIHC Associate Members. (see SAIHC16 Action 28)	SAIHC Secretary	30 September 2019	Complete
15	SAIHC16 - 7.2	SAIHC Members and Associate Members requested to inform SAIHC Chair and Vice Chair with indication of what CSB activity would be permitted in their EEZ and TTW. To enable discussion at C-3 and to inform CSBWG in October 2019.	SAIHC Secretary, SAIHC Member States	30 September 2019	Complete
16	SAIHC16 - 7.2	SAIHC MSDI WG to include Seabed 2030 activity and support in ToR.	SAIHC MSDI WG coordinator	During SAIHC16	Open
17	SAIHC16 – 8.1	SAIHC Member at IHO Council to raise concern on CL11/2019 - Call for Approval of Edition 2.0.0 of IHO Publication B-12 Crowdsourced Bathymetry Guidance Document.	SAIHC Member at IHO Council	C-3	Open
18	SAIHC16-8.1	SAIHC Member at IHO Council to raise concern at C-3 on the impact on NAVAREA Coordinators as a result of the expansion of Satellite services e.g. Iridium.	SAIHC Member at IHO Council	C-3	Open
19	SAIHC16-12	Marine Spatial Planning and National Oceans and Coastal Information Management System presentation from the Department of Environmental Affairs to be uploaded to SAIHC website.	SAIHC Secretariat	30 September 2019	Open
20	SAIHC16 - 13	SAIHC Member States are encouraged to explore the draft MSDI training material available on the SAIHC website and join the SAIHC MSDI WG to progress MSDI within the SAIHC region.	SAIHC Member States	SAIHC17	Open
21	SAIHC16 - 13	SAIHC Member States are requested to complete the SAIHC MSDI ISAIHC Member questionnaire, if not already completed.	31 October 2019	SAIHC17	Open

22	SAIHC16 – 15.1G	UK to write an article for IH Review on the challenges of remote surveying in St Helena.	UK	31 January 2020 (for inclusion in the May 2020 Edition)	Open
23	SAIHC16 - 21	SAIHC CB Coordinator to reach out to SAIHC Member States following SAIHC16 to plan for training within the next IHO CB plan 2020 - 2023.	SAIHC CB Coordinator	31 October 2019	Open
24	SAIHC16 - 21	SAIHC CB Coordinator to show the realised benefit of IHO CB activities attended by SAIHC Member States, to feed into the regional plan.	SAIHC CB Coordinator	SAIHC17	Open
25	SAIHC16 - 25	SAIHC Chair to consider inviting Map Action to attend SAIHC17.	SAIHC Chair	1 March 2020	Open
26	SAIHC16 - 25	SAIHCCB Coordinator/India/South Africa to develop Disaster Response Framework for the SAIHC region.	SAIHC CB Coordinator/ India/South Africa	SAIHC17	Open
27	SAIHC16 - 11	IHO Secretariat to provide feedback on status of IHO CL11/2019 - Call for Approval of Edition 2.0.0 of IHO Publication B-12	IHO Secretariat	SAIHC17	Open
28	SAIHC16 - 11	SAIHC Member States to include feedback from IHO CL11/2019 - Call for Approval of Edition 2.0.0 of IHO Publication B-12 Crowdsourced Bathymetry Guidance Document, in country reports to A-2. (see SAIHC16 Action 14)	SAIHC Member States	15 December 2019	
29	SAIHC16 - 11	South Africa to consider providing an article for IH Review on the development of SANHO hydrographic capability, when delivered.	South Africa	SAIHC17	Open
30	SAIHC16 - 11	Mozambique to consider providing an article for IH Review on the IDAI disaster and the lessons learnt.	Mozambique	SAIHC17	Open
31	SAIHC16 - 27.2	SAIHC Member States to note the recommendations from the IALA presentation and act on them as applicable.	SAIHC Member States	SAIHC17	Open
32	SAIHC16 – 27.3	CB Coordinator to include SEAIGNEP in SAIHC activities	CB Coordinator	SAIHC17	Open
33	SAIHC16 - 28	SAIHC Member States to note the recommendations from the NAVAREA VII presentation and act on them as applicable.	SAIHC Member States	SAIHC17	Open
34	SAIHC16 - 28	Portugal to engage with Angola on MSI warnings.	SAIHC Member States	SAIHC17	Open

35	SAIHC16 - 29	SAIHC Secretary to allocate 3 hours for ICCWG in SAIHC Agenda.	SAIHC Secretary	SAIHC17	Open
36	SAIHC16 - 29	SAIHC Member States to support resolving all ENC overlaps by A-2.	SAIHC Member States	21 April 2020	Open
37	SAIHC16 - 29	UK to support ICCWG Coordinator in progressing the ENC scheme for the SAIHC region.	UK	SAIHC17	Open
38	SAIHC16 - 30	SAIHC Member States to read the C-3 documentation and refer to the C-3 presentation topics of interest to RHCs, to provide feedback for SAIHC region to SAIHC Secretary.	SAIHC Member States	30 September 2019	Open

Annex B 8th ICC-WG Action Items

No.	Action	Action By	Deadline
1	ICC-WG Coordinator to contact Russia and Australia to resolve ENC overlap	ICC-Coordinator	<p>The ICCWG Coordinator had contacted the countries by formal letter on 12 February 2018 and has had no response to date. No progress</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>
2	Provide link to ENC portal demonstrator to MS	IHO Secretariat	<p>INToGIS superceded the ENC Portal. ENC schema included in the IHO GIS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item closed</p>
3	Define minimum meta data required to support trial ENC scheme	ICC-Coordinator	<p>The INToGIS 2 system has been undergoing development and minimum metadata would therefore be incorporated into the INToGIS 2 system.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item closed</p>
4	To define ENC scheme for SAIHC Region H.	ICC-Coordinator	<p>Developments wrt the IHO GIS will assist in identifying existing gaps in the ENC schema and serve as a tool for future planning of ENC within the region.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>
5	Suggested trial teleconference	ICC-Coordinator	<p>There will more focus on improving communications between MS to discuss pertinent charting matters by means of teleconference once we have established an effective and appropriate 'freephone' solution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>

6	INT 7582 – is to be removed from S11 and the chart is to become INT 7583 (new INT number). A copy of this chart needs to be circulated to the members for comment and will be pending until this is done.	SAIHC Member States	INT 7582 removed from S11. New chart INT 7583 has been added to S-11 (national number still to be decided). Mozambique and Portugal still in discussions and work is progressing. Ongoing
7	INT 7631 & INT 7632 - ongoing discussions between UK, MZ and PT. New survey data is awaited and this will affect buoyage's and chart limits (which still need to be confirmed).	UK Portugal Mozambique	Ongoing
8	INT 7645 – the Scheme has been proposed and is in process. As soon as the limits have been established they are to be forwarded to the chairman for inclusion in S11.	PT/MZ	Ongoing
9	Member States to feedback comments on how CATZOC is to be used to DQWG.	Member States	Only 6 nations have provided feedback. Ongoing
10	UK, Tanzania, Kenya, and India to coordinate ENC requirements to provide the latest data in a carriage compliant product for the Mariner and report back to ICCWG coordinator.	UK, Tanzania, Kenya, India	Ongoing
11	PCA to coordinate with Kenya and Tanzania ENC priorities and create a plan for ENC scheme.	UK, Kenya, Tanzania	This action would be included and is part of defining the ENC scheme for SAIHC Region H using the tools in the newly developed IHO GIS. Item closed
12	India and UK to confirm when overlaps with GB ENCs have been removed in Seychelles, Tanzania and Mozambique	India and UK	Ongoing
13	To provide a report on the latest state of overlaps in SAIHC region.	ICC-Coordinator	Item closed