



**SAIHC18 MSDIWG
Letter No. 2/2021**



To: Members of the IHO Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) African Great Lakes & Rivers sub Working Group

Subject: AFRICAN GREAT LAKES & RIVERS SUB WORKING GROUP MEETING – 8th September 2021 – PORTAL REQUIREMENTS

1st November 2021

Dear SAIHC colleagues,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to meeting during SAIHC18 in March.

I am writing following the African Great Lakes & Rivers sub Working Group meeting held by VTC on 8th September 2021. During this meeting, agenda item 8 provided an overview of MSDI. Following this discussion, I took an action as the SAIHC MSDI WG Chair, to write to African Great Lakes & Rivers sub Working Group Members to better understand any data portal requirements in respect of the aforementioned group. For reference, the report from this will shortly be hosted on the SAIHC website <https://iho.int/en/agl-rswg>

As this sub working group next convenes in early December 2021 by VTC, I have requested that a dedicated agenda item is allocated for members to input any requirements for meta data into a data portal. Could I request you consider any data portal requirements and provide input to me tim.lewis@ukho.gov.uk ahead of the meeting in December or provide detail during the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your input will still be valued and appreciated.

Any requirements that we are made aware of, will help drive the next steps for this important sub working group.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you, albeit virtually, in December and hopefully in person at SAIHC18.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman, SAIHC Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG)