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SOUTHERN AFRICAN & ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC)



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To Members and Associate Members of the SAIHC

**Subject: SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(SAIHC) CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PROGRAMME:
MSI TRAINING COURSE, OMAN 23 to 25 October 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

MSI Training Course

The 2023 IHO Capacity Building Work Programme allows for the provision of support for the delivery of, and attendance at an MSI training course with the objective of providing practical instruction and guidance to participants who are involved with MSI and the drafting of navigational warnings or the issuance of MSI for the high seas.

The training course will be held in Oman, from the 23 to 25 October 2023 and will be held in conjunction with the North Indian Ocean and ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commissions. Details of the course are provided at Annex A. Please note that the course is given in English.

The IHO Capacity Building Fund will provide support (bed & breakfast accommodation, course meals and air travel) for **ONE** participant from 10 of the countries listed. Places will be allocated in coordination with the WWNWS. **Please note that no allowances will be paid to participants in respect of any other associated expenses (e.g. evening dinner, insurance, pocket money etc). Nominated trainees should refer to their employing authority should they require such additional allowances.**

If you would like to propose a candidate for the course you are kindly requested to return, electronically*, the accompanying Application Form (Annex B), to Lucy Fieldhouse, (Email address: lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk) and to Gabriella Wilkinson (Gabriella.Wilkinson@UKHO.gov.uk), **no later than 23 September 2023.**

*N.B. It is important that the accompanying application form is completed electronically and returned as an Excel file or on an Excel-compatible format.

To facilitate the provision of e-tickets to selected participants, please provide a copy of the applicant's passport and a reliable e-mail address where the ticket can be sent to. Please note that if trainees require a visa in order to attend the course they should apply as soon as they are accepted on the course. If trainees fail to attend due to their own oversights or errors, then costs incurred by the IHO on their behalf may be recovered from their employing authority.

Yours sincerely,



Rear Admiral (Retired) Peter Sparkes
Chair Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Distribution List:

1. Angola
2. Comoros
3. Kenya
4. Madagascar
5. Malawi
6. Mauritius
7. Mozambique
8. Namibia
9. Seychelles
10. Tanzania
11. Uganda
12. Zambia

Attachments:

Annex A: Course Outline
Annex B: Digital Application Form (sent separately as an Excel file)

NOTE: To improve efficiency this letter is being sent by e-mail only.

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COURSE OUTLINE

Description

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Objective

The training course is designed to provide practical guidance for those persons who are concerned with the drafting of radio navigational warnings or with the issuance of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) for the high seas under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The course is therefore not intended for policy or administrative persons but specifically for those involved with collating and issuing navigational warnings and will be conducted in English.

Outcome

Participants on the MSI course will gain knowledge of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service, Maritime Safety Information (MSI), the role of the NAVAREA Coordinator, their role as National Coordinators, evaluating MSI and its suitability and application to navigational warning. Participants will engage in practical exercises to demonstrate their proficiency in the subject areas including charting.

Specifically the participants will:

1. Be informed of all events that could significantly affect the safety of navigation within their coastal region.
2. Assess all information in the light of expert knowledge for relevance to navigation in the coastal region.
3. Draft navigational warnings in accordance with the IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on MSI.
4. Pass NAVAREA Warnings for further promulgation to the NAVAREA Coordinator, using the quickest means possible.

Duration

3 days. 23 to 25 October 2023.