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

Subject: SAIHC18 Plenary Details, Agenda Input, National Report, New IHO Member Angola

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

SAIHC18 Plenary Details

Following positive discussions with Mozambique and the IHO and monitoring the ongoing pandemic the decision has been made to defer the dates of SAIHC 18. I am delighted to confirm the SAIHC18 plenary will convene a Hybrid meeting on 10-12 May 2022 in Maputo. It is hoped that many of you will be able to attend physically and there will be a virtual option available for those unable to travel and details on this will follow. The plenary will be preceded by a dedicated SAIHC Hydrographic Seminar on the 9 May 2022.

Please mark in your calendars and further details and registration information will follow in subsequent Circular Letters.

Agenda Input

It is vital that we maximise the benefits of an in-person meeting with a rich and varied agenda. Therefore, may I request your thoughts and ideas for agenda items. I would be most grateful if you could send your agenda items by email to: IBTE@ukho.gov.uk and to the SAIHC secretariat Ashley.Parker@ukho.gov.uk by the 18th February 2022.

National Report

I would like to encourage all SAIHC members, even if unable to attend SAIHC18, to submit a National Report. It helps us to understand better the issue within the region so that we may develop ways of resolving them. Please use the template/structure as documented on the [IHO SAIHC webpage](#) for both the report and the presentation.

New IHO Member Angola

I'm sure that you will all join me in warmly welcoming Angola as a member of the IHO. We will invite them to sign the statutes at SAIHC18 to become a full SAIHC member when we meet.

Finally, I would again like to thank you for your efforts and hope you all stay well and look forward to meeting you at SAIHC18 to progress the goals of SAIHC and build on the success of previous meetings.

Yours sincerely

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