

17th Meeting of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

IHO Secretariat Report

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Regional and IHO membership

- ✓ The non-IHO Member States of the SAIHC region are: Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia and Tanzania.
- ✓ The IHO Secretariat, in cooperation with the Department of External Relations of the Government of Monaco, stands ready to assist those non-IHO Member States with the application process for membership of the IHO, as recently done with two non-IHO Member States



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2nd IHO ASSEMBLY

The 2nd Assembly, structured as 3 daily remote sessions of 3 hours each, examined 17 proposals and several reports tabled by Member States, by subordinate organs and by the Secretary-General. The Assembly agreed on 52 decisions, including the approval of the revised Strategic Plan, the Work Programme and Budget of the Organization for the next three-year period by consensus, using the silence procedure.

All the documents related to the 2nd Assembly are available at the IHO website and the Proceedings, when ready, will be available there as well. The Assembly agreed in principle to host its third session from 25 to 29 April 2023 in Monaco.



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2nd IHO ASSEMBLY main outcomes

- ✓ The IHO Member States approved (via IHO Circular Letters and at A-2):
 - **New IHO Strategic Plan**
 - **S-100 Implementation Strategy**
 - **A joint IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory**
 - **Project on Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH) proposed by CANADA**
 - **New IHO e-learning center hosted by ROK at the KHOA**
 - **IHO Resolution 2/1997**

SAIHC is invited to adapt their respective instruments to comply with the recommendations of the IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended by A-2 (Establishment of RHCs).



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Other relevant items

- **Maritime Safety Information Services**
- **Capacity Building Programme**

Recommendations.

- identify opportunities in national or regional funding agencies to incorporate hydrographic development in the broader projects supporting developing countries.
- prepare potential candidates to be nominated to the education programmes (Hydrography and Nautical Cartography) funded by the Republic of Korea and the Nippon Foundation of Japan. CL 34/2020 contains a Call for applications for a Master of Science in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA) sponsored by the Republic of Korea to be submitted until 19 February 2021.



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Crowdsourced Bathymetry and GEBCO Support

Recommendation.

- SAIHC Members and Associate Members are invited to indicate their positions on the conduct of CSB in their waters of jurisdiction (Annex B of IHO CL 11/2019) and to identify further potential sources of bathymetric measurements and survey data providers to facilitate the further completion of the DCDB data holdings.



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IHO Outreach

- The theme for WHD 2021 is:
"One hundred years of international cooperation in hydrography".
- The theme is designed to showcase progress in knowledge and technology over the past 100 years, while celebrating the ground-breaking work which was done during this period. The goal is to highlight the past, present, and future of hydrography by showing the important work of early hydrographers, progress in technology, and state of the art in technology.
- The Secretariat invites Member States to share historical pictures of their work as well as pictures/videos of modern technologies such as autonomous vehicles and drones. Member States are invited to send such material to the IHO Secretariat -attention to the Public Relations and Communication Officer (email: prco@iho.int) by 15 March 2021.
- The "peak-of-the-peak" will be World Hydrography Day (WHD) on 21 June 2021. There will also be an opportunity to present IHO's achievements at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2021 and at the IMO Assembly in November 2021.
- The newest IHR issue (November 2020) was recently uploaded and a new website www.ihr.iho.int will become operational within the first quarter of 2021 to offer IHR content in a contemporary way.



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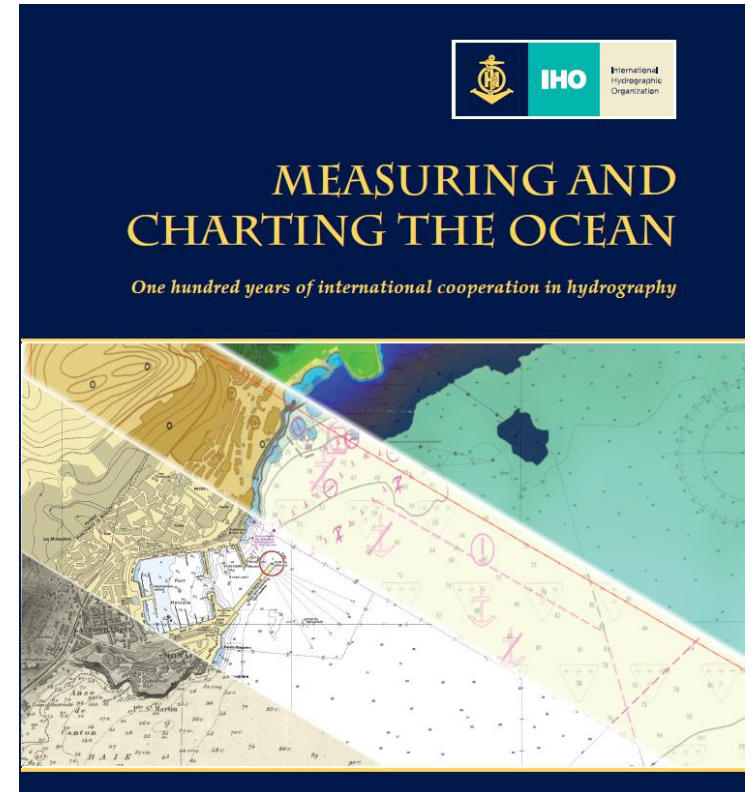


Actions requested of SAIHC

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Keep on in support of the IHO Work Programme under the new Strategic Plan consisting of the following main goals:

- Goal 1: Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation.**
- Goal 2: Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society.**
- Goal 3: Participating actively in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean.**



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