

20th Conference of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission SAIHC20



IRCC16 Report

SAIHC20, 17-19 September 2024
Kisumu, Kenya



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16th Meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee 10-12 June 2024 Galapagos, Ecuador

38 registered participants from 15 Member States

SAIHC Representation

- UK
- France
- Norway

Chair – Mr Thomas Dehling (Germany)

Vice Chair – Ms Jennifer Jenks (USA)

SAIHC Report for IRCC16 sent via email for comment 8 April 2024

IRCC17 – 3-5 June 2205 IHO Secretariat Monaco

IRCC18 - Peru (May/June 2026),

IRCC19 – Nigeria (May/June 2027)

IRCC20 – Australia / New Zealand (May/June 2028)

IRCC21 – Denmark (May/June 2029)



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IRCC Highlights

“Ad-hoc Drafting Group for making IHO events more inclusive”

CL28/2024 – IHO Stakeholder Survey

- Full remote VTC, Hybrid / in person and VTC, in person only with passive live stream and fully in person

Fund Generation of IHO Project.

- Prioritised list of activities
- Identification of opportunities for recurring funding
- ToRs adjusted and approved by IRCC



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IRCC Highlights

Future framework for an IHO social Programme (incl. Gender Balance in Hydrography)

Scoping Team created

RHC reports on their main concerns and achievements

- S-100 readiness including challenges regarding additional workload
- The need for additional resources

“Axis of Evolution of the IHO Strategic Plan”.

- Strategic Plan Structure;
- Governance and Role of IRCC;
- Measurement system (SPI), and
- Aspects concerning RHCs and IRCC bodies



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IRCC Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Chair Comment
R1	RHCs to consider supporting the IHO Secretariat in enlarging the IHO membership.	Through capacity building we are seeking to encourage membership.
R2	RHCs to encourage Members to increase the participation in the EWH project using the financial and in-kind opportunities provided by the IHO Member States.	Members within SAIHC are active in the EWH project and will discuss opportunities at SAIHC20.
R3	RHCs to advise MS to respond to the IHO CLs in a timely manner to avoid delaying the S-100 Phase 1 approval process.	Through the establishment of an S-100 coordinator, SAIHC will encourage SAIHC members to respond to CLs appropriately.
R4	RHCs to ensure representation of their region in the CBSC and encourage other IHO Member States to join in the work of the CBSC.	CB coordinator will highlight in the CBSC report to SAIHC, CBSC is open to all IHO member states and membership and involvement is strongly encouraged.
R5	RHCs to encourage Member States to contribute eLearning material to the IHO eLearning Centre	CB coordinator will cover in their presentation, please share any material with them
R6	RHC's are encouraged to investigate CSB opportunities to improve seabed knowledge in their region	Please liaise with the SAIHC CSB coordinator.



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IRCC Actions

R7	RHCs to ask members involved to engage bilaterally to address the ENC overlaps and to resolve them as a top priority issue.	Through South Africa as ICCWG Coordinator, ENC overlaps are flagged up and reported. Resolution of overlaps are reported at ICCWG session
R8	RHCs to consider more carefully the possibility of developing a capabilities-based approach at regional level; noting the complexity of the S-100 eco-system.	Through the establishment of an S-100 coordinator, SAIHC will consider a capabilities-based approach
R9	RHCS to provide adequate recognition of the respective MSDI Ambassadors relevance	The SAIHC MSDI WG met via VTC in July with a focus on this WG's future role in conjunction with the new S100 coordinator role. MSDI WG will propose, during plenary, to cease the WG however will retain MSDI Ambassador role to ensure continuity across IHO fora.
R10	RHCs to encourage Member States to engage with the IHO CSBWG, either formally (by joining the CSBWG) or informally (attending CSBWG meetings, engaging with CSBWG members or their RHC CSB Coordinators with questions, concerns).	SAIHC Chair encourages all member states to engage with the CSB WG and SAIHC CSB coordinator.



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R11	RHCs to encourage Member States to support CSB with positive actions, such as encouraging vessels, from all sectors, to collect and contribute bathymetric data when involved in routine maritime operations	SAIHC CSB Coordinator, South Africa, drives this initiative forward for SAIHC. I encourage MS to communicate with SANHO in this field.
R12	RHCs to encourage Member States and community bathymetric data contributions to the DCDB, regardless of origin, resolution or quality	SAIHC CSB/SEABED2030 Coordinator, South Africa, drives this initiative forward for SAIHC. I encourage MS to communicate with SANHO in this field.
R13	RHCs Chairs to collaborate with the DCDB on developing and highlighting annual regional breakdowns of data holdings.	SAIHC CSB/SEABED2030 Coordinator, South Africa, works with Member states and DCDB to provide breakdown of regional data holdings.
R14	RHCs to encourage Member States to support the work of the Project Team on Fund Generation	Chair encourages members to support the work of the Project Team on Fund Generation. This Project Team has great potential to increase the amount of CB funding available and we would strongly welcome any members with experience of engaging with international organisations to bid for funding to engage.



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Actions requested from SAIHC20

- SAIHC to note this presentation



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