

MSDIWG update 20th Meeting of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission

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Update since SAIHC19

- Annual report delivered to SAIHC delegates (Aug 2024)
- ToR/RoP reviewed for S100 support and gender inclusive language.
- Intersessional VTC held in July 2024.
- Consideration of Data Portal, initially to support the Great Lakes Project.



Key actions of SAIHC MSDIWG annual report

1. With reference to the MSDIWG Annual report from Aug 2024 key actions, items of note, considerations and provisions are as follows:
 - a. Note the MSDIWG report,
 - b. Consider withdrawal of SAIHC MSDI WG but retain a MSDI Ambassador representative,
 - c. Consider and update the WG on any MSDI activity in the SAIHC region,
 - d. Provide requirements for data information portal through the African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub-Working Group.

IHO MSDI WG update

1. The IHO MSDI WG Chair, (USA), presented a comprehensive overview of activities during the SAIHC MDSI WG VTC on 30th July 2024. Main topics discussed included:

- a. Summary of latest meeting
 - b. Regional MSDI WG Initiatives
 - c. New IHO MSDI WG Work Plan 2024 - 2027
 - d. Partnership with UN-GGIM WG-MGI 6th Expert meeting
 - e. Partnership with OGC Marine Domain Working Group
- The update to the IHO C-17 publication was discussed. Link here: [IHO C-17 v. 3.0 Spatial Data Infrastructures: “the Marine Dimension” - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices](#)



SAIHC 20 MSDIWG CB/Training requirements:

1. There is nothing of note to report since SAIHC19. Please provide your training and capacity building requirements relating to MSDI, either within the national report update, through the SAIHC Capacity Building Coordinator lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk or direct to SAIHC MSDIWG Chai/Ambassador Tim.lewis@ukho.gov.uk



SAIHC 20 MSDIWG Next Steps:

1. Portal development to ease data “discovery”, in line with the UN-GGIM strategic pathways.
2. SAIHC MSDIWG withdrawal - The aim is to retain an ambassador for MSDI to be alert to items of relevance for this regional commission.



SAIHC 20 is invited to:

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