

WORLD-WIDE ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL CHART DATABASE WORKING GROUP

WENDWG CL 03/2024

28 October 2024

To: WENDWG Members, WENDWG Stakeholders

Cc: IRCC Chair, IHO Secretariat

WENDWG-15, Wollongong, Australia, 18 - 20 February 2025

Dear colleagues,

1. Thanks to the kind offer of the Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO), this letter stands as **a formal invitation** to the 15th Meeting of the Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Database Working Group (WENDWG15) will take place in Wollongong, NSW, Australia from Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 February 2025 inclusive (**3 full days**). All the logistic information are already available on the [WENDWG15 webpage](#).
2. To ensure active participation, this meeting will be managed as **an in-person event**. However, please note that the feasibility of setting passive live streaming is under consideration as AHO makes the final determination regarding meeting logistics.
3. A new IHO Portal is meant to take over the IHO website on group management and meeting registration in the coming months. As agreed at the 8th HO Council Meeting (Decision C8/66), a transition period between the IHO website and the IHO Portal will take place to accompany the Member States. A tutorial is already available on the [WENDWG15 webpage](#) to guide you through account the first steps (i.e. account creation, group membership, meeting registration). During this transition phase, both WENDWG15 pages on the IHO website and the IHO portal will be 'dual-fuelled' with the meeting documents.
4. To enable our host in finalising its logistic arrangements, you are advised to register online, at your earliest convenience, using this **new IHO Portal**. For the record, meeting registration will remain opened until **20 January 2025**.
5. A draft provisional WENDWG15 agenda and timetable is already available on the IHO Portal's WENDWG15 page, and annexed to this letter. WENDWG Members and RENCs are invited to make their suggestions to the WENDWG Chair/Secretary, if any, **no later than 10 January 2025**.

6. To maximise the meeting's outcome, you are welcomed to propose your own topics of interest as soon as possible and **no later than 20 December 2024**, in accordance with the Guidelines for submission of documents to WENDWG meeting, using the dedicated template available in the [IHO Portal page](#).

If considered by the submitter as more efficient, supporting documents could be submitted in presentation format, provided the use of the dedicated slide template available in the WENDWG15 webpage. Proposals received after the **20 December 2024** deadline will be considered as information papers only.

Proposals for hosting subsequent WENDWG meetings are welcome at any time, preferably **no later than 31 January 2025**.

7. Based on the current WENDWG Membership List¹ available on the IHO website, you are invited to:
- communicate any changes to the WENDWG Secretary (eric.langlois@iho.int or info@iho.int) ahead of the meeting, and/or
 - join the [WENDWG group](#) on the IHO Portal.

Yours sincerely,



Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg,
Chair, WENDWG

Annex:

- A. Draft Provisional WENDWG15 Agenda and Timetable

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Annex A

DRAFT PROVISIONAL WENDWG15 AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Monday 17 Feb	DAY 0 OF WENDWG-15
19h00	Informal gathering (venue and time tbd)

Tuesday 18 Feb	DAY 1 OF WENDWG-15
08h30	Meeting room opens
09h00	1. Opening - Welcome address by Chair / Host / IHO – Objectives of the meeting
09h15	2. Approval of Agenda and Timetable
09h20	3. Review of the Matters arising from WENDWG-14, IRCC-16, and C-8 Meetings
10h00	4. Review of progress made on the work items of the WENDWG Programme of Work including a comprehensive discussion of WENDWG accomplishments and the future of the WG, RENCs perspectives 4.1. Progress made of the work items of the WENDWG Programme of Work, WENDWG accomplishments, and future of the Working Group
10h30- 11h00	Coffee break
11h00	4.2. RENCs Perspectives on the accomplishments and future of the WENDWG 4.3 RENCs Harmonization and ENC Distribution (S-57 ENCs)
12h00	5. Review of RHCs Representatives and/or ENC Charting Regions Coordinators, and RENCs on matters of interest to the WENDWG and on S-100 Implementation 5.1 Review of important matters raised by RHCs/ ENC Charting Regions - S-100 Coordinators
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00	5. Review of RHCs Representative and/or ENC Charting Regions Coordinators, and RENCs on matters of interest to the WENDWG and on S-100 Implementation (cont.) 5.1 Review of important matters raised by RHCs/ENC Charting Regions - S-100 Coordinators (cont.)

15h30-16h00	Coffee break
16h00	<p data-bbox="379 300 1431 405">5. Review of RHCs Representative and/or ENC Charting Regions Coordinators, and RENCs on matters of interest to the WENDWG and on S-100 Implementation (cont.)</p> <p data-bbox="379 416 1431 483">5.2 Review of important matters raised by RENCs on S-100 Implementation – Challenges and Plans</p>
17h00	END OF DAY 1

Wednesday 19 Feb	DAY 2 OF WENDWG-15
09h00	<p>5. Review of RHCs Representative and/or ENC Charting Regions Coordinators, and RENCs on matters of interest to the WENDWG and on S-100 Implementation (cont.)</p> <p>5.3 Outcome of S-100 readiness status assessment (timelines for S-100 implementation) – SPI 1.3.1</p>
10h30- 11h00	Coffee break
11h00	<p>6. INTogIS III update – S-128</p> <p>6.1 INTogIS III (Republic of Korea)</p> <p>6.2 List of Regional Coordinators</p>
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00	<p>Drafting sessions (3 groups)</p> <p>1. C-11 Part C <i>Finalization of the drafted Part C Sections, preparation of HSSC / IRCC submissions</i></p> <p>2. Extension of Guidelines on the Implementation of the WEND100 principles to other S-100 products than S-101 <i>Finalization of the draft developed for preparation of HSSC / IRCC submissions</i></p> <p>3. ENDS paper <i>Finalization of work, develop decision on best way forward</i></p>
15h30 – 16h00	Coffee break
16h00	Drafting sessions (cont.)
17h00	END OF DAY 2

Thursday 20 Feb	DAY 3 OF WENDWG-15
09h00	7. Review of progress and of drafting groups proposals made on the work items of the WENDWG Programme of Work 7.1 Drafting group results and items of WENDWG interest
10h30- 11h00	Coffee break
11h00	7. Review of progress made on the work items of the WENDWG Programme of Work (cont.) 7.1 Drafting group results and items of WENDWG interest, cont.
12h00	8. WENDWG TORs Review
12h30- 14h00	Lunch
14h00	9. Any Other Business
14h20	10. Review and update of the WENDWG Programme of Work – Preparation of Report to IRCC-17 and inputs expected from the WENDWG to IRCC/Council Chairs, if any, for C-9
14h40	11. Review of the WENDWG-15 List of Decisions and Actions
14h50	12. Next meeting(s) dates and venue – Conclusion WENDWG16, 25 – 27 February 2026, (China) Hongkong WENDWG17, <i>TBD</i>
15h00	END OF DAY 3 and END OF THE MEETING