



DATA QUALITY WORKING GROUP (DQWG)

[A working group of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)]

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Letter from DQWG Vice- Chair

To: DQWG Members

Copy: HSSC Chair, Vice-Chair, IHO Director, HSSC Members

**References: A. DQWG Terms of Reference
B. Action HSSC14/62—DQWG Office Bearers**

Call for nominations for Chair and Secretary of the DQWG

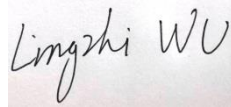
Dear DQWG Members and colleagues,

1. As mentioned in above references, Mr. Edward Hands (Norway) stepped down as chair of the DQWG at the end of May, and Mr. Yves Guillam, Assistant Director (IHO Secretariat), has been kindly acting as DQWG Secretary for a long time since the position of Secretary became vacant. Noting the vacancies at the position of DQWG Chair and Secretary, HSSC14 made a call in session inviting HSSC Members to nominate candidates by the end of May. No nomination was received.
2. The importance that the IHO could handle quality issues properly cannot be underlined enough since S-100 products will be interoperable with each other. The coordination from a Chair, assisted by a Vice-Chair and a Secretary is crucial to this important WG. Therefore, DQWG Member States (and HSSC Members in copy) are strongly encouraged to reconsider their positions and nominate suitable candidates for the vacant positions of Chair and Secretary at the earliest opportunity. Please forward your application and/or nominations to yves.guillam@iho.int , **no later than 15 October 2022.**
3. In accordance with Reference B, the HSSC Chair will report at the 6th meeting of the Council (C-6) on the situation the DQWG is facing since May, and will certainly raise the awareness of Council Members that the Roadmap of the S-100 Implementation is now at stake if the tasks allocated to the DQWG cannot be completed with high quality due to the vacant. If no nomination is received prior to C-6, the future of the DQWG will be worrying and HSSC-15 may make a decision to disband the DQWG.
4. Meanwhile, hoping that a solution will be found prior to C-6, DQWG Member States are welcomed to voluntarily consider hosting the next meeting preferably in a hybrid format or face to

face format. If your country is willing to host DQWG18 (7 – 9 February 2023, dates to be confirmed by the host), please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you and best regards,

Yours sincerely

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Lingzhi WU
Vice-Chair, Data Quality Working Group