



## DATA QUALITY WORKING GROUP (DQWG)

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

**DQWG/Letter 01/2023, 21 December 2023**

- References:** A. **DQWG Terms of Reference**  
B. **HSSC15- List of Decisions and Actions**

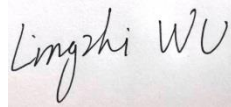
### **Invitation to attend the DQWG-19 Meeting**

Dear DQWG Members and colleagues,

1. As you know, the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Data Quality Working Group was planned to be hosted by China early February 2024. Due to administrative reasons and time constraints, after consultation with the HSSC Chair and IHO Secretariat, China will be considering to host the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DQWG in 2025 instead. As a consequence, I am therefore pleased to invite you to the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Data Quality Working Group which will be arranged as a full VTC format, from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2024. The meeting documents will be posted on the DQWG page of IHO website when they are ready.
2. All members are encouraged to participate in this meeting as much as possible. All delegates intending to participate in DQWG19 are kindly requested to register using the Online Registration page on the IHO website.
3. A draft agenda has been attached to this Letter. All of you are kindly invited to consider proposals to the agenda, and no later than February 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.
4. According the TORs of DQWG Terms of Reference, elections of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be decided at the DQWG19 which is the 1<sup>st</sup> WG meeting after the 3<sup>rd</sup> ordinary Session of the Assembly. Therefore, Member States are invited to nominate suitable candidates for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary at their earliest convenience via email to the IHO Secretariat at [yves.guillam@iho.int](mailto:yves.guillam@iho.int) and no later than March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. In order to facilitate the process of the elections, the IHO Secretariat is pleased to inform Member States that Mr. Lingzhi WU (China, current Chair) and Mr. Scott YOUNGBLUT (Canada, current Secretary), has indicated their availability as candidates for the positions of DQWG Chair and Secretary, respectively.
5. DQWG Member States are welcomed to voluntarily consider hosting the 21<sup>th</sup> meeting (dates to be confirmed by the host), preferably in a hybrid format or face to face format. If your

country is willing to host DQWG21 in 2026, it would be useful that the information is shared at the next DQWG19 meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background, reading "Lingzhi WU". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lingzhi WU  
Chair, Data Quality Working Group