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WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY
REPORT ON MEMBER STATES ACTIVITIES IN 2021 AND THE PROPOSED THEME FOR 2022

References:

- A. IHO CL 01/2021 dated 8 January - *Theme for WHD 2021 and Media Outreach*
- B. Decision C5/34 of the 5th meeting of the IHO Council, Monaco, 19-21 October 2021.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As announced in Reference A, the theme of World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2021 was “One hundred years of international cooperation in hydrography”. It was designed to highlight progress in knowledge and technology over the past 100 years, while celebrating the ground-breaking work which was done during this period. The goal was to highlight the past, present, and future of hydrography.

2. The following fifteen IHO Member States reported hosting events in connection with World Hydrography Day 2021: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ghana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and USA. Reports are available at: <https://iho.int/en/whd-2021-celebrations-around-the-world>

Proposed theme for World Hydrography Day 2022

3. At the 5th IHO Council meeting held as a hybrid meeting in Monaco, from 19 to 21 October 2021, the Secretary-General proposed the following theme for WHD 2022

“How hydrography can contribute to the United Nations Ocean Decade”

4. The theme is designed to highlight the relevant contribution of hydrography as a discipline of applied sciences to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021 – 2030). The deliberations at the 5th Council meeting confirmed that several hydrographic offices have already engaged nationally in supporting the United Nations Ocean Decade and in the efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health. The suggested theme offers the opportunity to emphasize the competencies of hydrographers in the gathering and management of marine data and their strengths in technical collaboration on a global scale.

5. The IHO Council endorsed this proposal and invited the IHO Secretariat to circulate the theme to IHO Member States by IHO Circular Letter. (Reference B¹, Decision and Action C5/34).

6. Member States are requested to note the endorsement of the IHO Council, consider the proposed theme for WHD 2022 and provide their comments, if any, to the Secretariat **no later than 31 December 2021**. The Secretariat would also welcome any comments and suggestions aimed at improving the impact and the organization of annual WHD celebrations.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Available at www.iho.int > IHO Council > C-5 > Documents > Post Meeting Documents > Summary Report