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**IHO PROJECT EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HYDROGRAPHY**  
**SHOM (FRANCE) HYDROGRAPHIC TRAINING – SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

**References:**

- A. IHO CL 20/2021 dated 31 May IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography.
- B. IHO CL 06/2026 dated 28 January IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography - Shom (France) Hydrographic Training – Call for Applications

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A presented the proposal of the IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH) and encouraged Member States to consider the recommendation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly (A-2 Decision 36) to participate in the EWH Project.
2. Reference B announced the call for applications for the 2026 Hydro3 certification from Shom in partnership with ENSTA Bretagne and the French speaking Hydrographic Association (AFHy) under the EWH project.
3. After a thorough review of the applications received by Shom and the EWH team at the IHO Secretariat, **Ms. Joumana Daou** (Lebanon) was selected.
4. Candidate Ms. Tasneem Fatemah (Mauritius) is the reserve candidate
5. The IHO Secretariat would like to thank Shom (France) for offering this opportunity and encourages Member States to consider participation in the EWH Project.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,



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Director