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**4TH SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY (A-4)
Monaco, 19-23 April 2026**

**LIVE BROADCAST OF THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE THEMATIC SESSION OF IHO
ASSEMBLY**

References:

- A. Assembly Circular Letter No.1 dated 17 April 2025 - Announcement and General Arrangements

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In accordance with Reference A, the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly will be held in Monaco from Sunday 19 April to Thursday 23 April 2026.

2. For the first time, both the Opening Ceremony and the Thematic Session will be broadcast live on the [IHO YouTube Channel](#) according to the following schedule:

- Opening Ceremony:

Monday 20 April from 10:00 CEST to 11:30 CEST.

- Thematic Session: *'Seas of Change: Innovation in Smart Navigation and Ocean Mapping'*

Wednesday 22 April from 14:00 CEST to 17:30 CEST.

3. This is an opportunity for those who cannot participate on-site in Monaco to follow in real time the keynote speeches and welcome addresses from personalities such as HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the award of the Prince Albert I Medal for Hydrography, the presentation of the flags of new IHO Member States. During the thematic session, experts will discuss the latest innovations in smart navigation and ocean mapping.

4. The IHO Secretariat encourages the sharing of this information with all staff in National Hydrographic Offices, and anyone interested, so that the wider hydrographic community is aware that they can join these sessions.

Yours sincerely,



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