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IRCC GRIDDING WORKSHOP
25 November 2026, Online event

Reference: *IRCC18 Decision 72 - IRCC endorsed the proposal to hold a virtual workshop on a Unified Global Grid Scheme and tasked IRCC Chair to provide the information to C-10.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As stated in the reference, the IRCC endorsed the proposal submitted by the United States of America to organize a virtual workshop *on a Unified Global Grid Scheme*. The organizers, in consultation with the IRCC Chair and IHO Secretariat, decided to schedule an online workshop on the subject on 25 November 2026.
2. The draft Agenda along with the associated documents will soon be available on the IHO Portal at: <https://portal.iho.int/page/meetings/2222>.
3. The organizers kindly invite Member States to complete a questionnaire available at the following link: <https://forms.gle/mdwhtboEeXTmwAbC8>.
4. The objective of the workshop is to bring together IHO Member States to share experience and develop a common understanding of gridding under S-100/S-101, taking stock of existing national and regional approaches and exploring opportunities for greater harmonization. In particular, the workshop will assess the benefits and challenges of gridding, its wider application beyond ENC production, and the feasibility and Member State interest in developing a shared Antarctic grid scheme, building on lessons learned from previous Arctic initiatives and identifying possible next steps.
5. Member State Hydrographic Offices (whether established or new to gridding), HCA members and IHO S-100/S-101 working group members, are strongly encouraged to participate. All delegates intending to participate in the IRCC Workshop on Gridding are invited to register on the IHO Portal (<https://portal.iho.int/page/meetings/2222>) no later than 23 November 2026. The TEAMS link to join the workshop is available on the Information page of the workshop on the IHO Portal.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely



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