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SAIHC Letter No. 3/2015

To: Members and Observers of the IHO Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: **SAIHC CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PROGRAMME: 2015/16**

Dear Colleagues,

The 13th Capacity Building Sub-Committee of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO CBSC) met in Mexico City, Mexico on 27-29 May 2015, and reviewed its Management Plan containing all candidate bids for funding which had been received from RHC Chairmen. The following bids from SAIHC were re-confirmed for 2015 and approved for 2016:

ADOPTED 2015 CB WORK PROGRAMME: SAIHC	
EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
Phase 1 Skills Course	SAIHC, CB Fund
Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries and Baselines Workshop	SAIHC, CB Fund

ADOPTED 2016 CB WORK PROGRAMME: SAIHC	
EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
High-level Visit to Tanzania	SAIHC, CB Fund
MBES setting to work project for Mozambique	SAIHC, CB Fund

It should be noted that dates and venues for the 2015 events have not been determined as close interaction will be required with all SAIHC states. It is requested that consideration be given to the following questions and feedback be provided at the 12th SAIHC Conference.

- Will you be willing to host the Phase 1 Skills Course? (5 day event for attendees from SAIHC)
- Will you be willing to host the Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries and Baselines Workshop? (5 day event for attendees from SAIHC)

Early identification of venues will assist greatly in ensuring a successful outcome of these fully funded training opportunities as it will allow for invitations to be issued long in advance of the event. More notice will ensure that the most suitable candidates can be identified and all logistic arrangements be finalised in good time to allow better use of scarce learning opportunities and IHO Capacity Building funds.

It will be appreciated if receipt of this letter can be acknowledged. You are most welcome to contact me if anything is unclear or if more time is required to respond to the questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)