

From: **Rear Admiral Tim Lowe CBE**
UKHO Acting Chief Executive,
UK National Hydrographer
and SAIHC Chair



SAIHC Letter No. 4/2019

30th April 2019

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

Subject: Chairman, 16th SAIHC Meeting Dates, Agenda Input and National Report

Dear SAIHC Colleagues

Chairman

Following my re-election at the 15th SAIHC Meeting, I would like to thank you all, in my role as chair of the SAIHC, for providing me with the opportunity along with South Africa as Vice Chair in working together to progress the aims of the hydrographic commission, and I fully support and encourage engagement at the forthcoming SAIHC meeting.

16th SAIHC Meeting Dates

You will recall that Kenya very kindly offered to explore the possibility of hosting our next conference. Unfortunately, due to a number of circumstances this has not been possible. Noting the short notice, I approached the Vice Chair, Captain (SAN) Theo Stokes, South Africa, and he has very kindly agreed to host the 16th Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission Conference, which will be held from 2nd to 5th September 2019, in Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa.

The preliminary program proposed for consideration is as follows:

- The SAIHC plenary meeting, from 3rd to 5th September 2019, to include the SAIHC INT Chart Coordination Working Group (ICCWG).
- The meeting will be preceded by the SAIHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography on the 2nd September 2019.

A formal invitation will be issued, as the venue details are confirmed, along with the logistics information, registration form, draft agenda, and status of actions.

Agenda Input

Please note that proposed agenda items for SAIHC16, should be forwarded to the Chair at least four months prior to the Conference. I would appreciate it if you could send your agenda items by the 15th May 2019 by email to: International.RelationsUKHO@UKHO.gov.uk and to the SAIHC secretariat: su.marks@ukho.gov.uk.

National Report

I would like to encourage all SAIHC members, even if unable to attend SAIHC16, to submit a national report, in order to fully understand the issues within the region, and develop ways of resolving them.

~~Yes Done~~
~~W~~