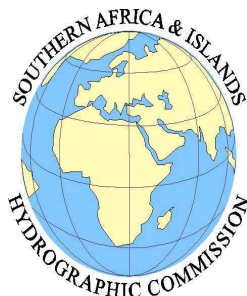


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**INVITATION TO IHO SEMINAR FOR NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMITTEE (NHC)
CHAIRMEN AND 7TH SAIHC MEETING, LA RÉUNION, 14 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Dear Colleague,

The Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) will conduct a Seminar for NHC Chairmen and the 7th SAIHC meeting in Saint Denis, French Département of La Réunion, on 14-17 September 2009. A detailed programme for the Seminar and final logistic arrangements will be promulgated as soon as all details have been finalized. It should be noted that the NHC Seminar will be held from 14 –15 September, followed by the 7th SAIHC Meeting on 16 – 17 September.

On behalf of SAIHC I would like to invite your country to be represented by the appropriate person who would benefit directly from these two events. To facilitate participation, the IHO has agreed to make use of the Capacity Building Fund to provide accommodation and meals for one participant of each country for up to five days. Annex B “Form of Appointment and Application for Funding” should be completed to register the participant and request financial support, - **only if it is needed** -, and must be sent back directly to the IHB (Captain Hugo Gorziglia e-mail hgorziglia@ihb.mc or fax 00 337 93108140), **by 01 June 2009**, at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of: MR AUGUSTO BATA
Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

- Annexes:**
- A. Provisional Agenda for the 7th SAIHC Meeting.
 - B. Form of Appointment and Application for Funding.

Distribution List:

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**7TH IHO-SAIHC MEETING
SAINT DENIS, FRENCH DÉPARTEMENT OF LA RÉUNION: 16 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements

*Docs: SAIHC7-1A List of Documents
SAIHC7-1B List of Participants*

2. Approval of Agenda

Docs: SAIHC7-2A Agenda

3. Matters arising from Minutes of 6th SAIHC Meeting

*Docs: SAIHC7-3A Minutes of SAIHC-6
SAIHC7-3B Status / Review of Actions List*

4. Feedback from other IHO bodies affecting SAIHC

4.1 4TH EIHC: Decisions

4.2 IRCC: Results from the 1st Meeting

4.3 HSSC: Preparations required for 1st Meeting

5. SAIHC Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program

5.1 INT chart scheme for Region H: progress made since last meeting; actual Charting status (S-55); ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme.

Docs:

5.2 Bilateral and Regional cooperation agreements, projects and Regional Capacity Building Management Plan. CBC Technical Visits and Regional Projects

Docs:

5.3 Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.

Docs:

5.4 Hydrographic Survey status (S-55)

Docs:

5.5 Procedures in response to Marine Disasters

Docs:

6. Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI)

7. Feedback on Marine Highway Project

8. Statutes of SAIHC

9. Election of chairman and vice-chairman

- 10. Any other Business**
- 11. Date and Location of Next Meeting**
- 12. Closure**

**FORM OF APPOINTMENT AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: IHO SEMINAR
FOR NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMITTEE (NHC) CHAIRMEN AND 7TH
SAIHC MEETING, SAINT DENIS, FRENCH DÉPARTEMENT OF LA RÉUNION:
14 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

(To returning to the IHB before June 01, 2009 E-mail: hgorziglia@ihb.mc - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40,
Please with copy to the SAIHC Vice Chairman E-mail hydrosan@iafrica.com - Fax:+272 17 87 22 33

COUNTRY: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Fax : _____ Telephone : _____

e-mail : _____

Applicant's Data

Family Name: _____

First Name: _____

Title: _____

Details of post held in the organization and other details: _____

Details of any hydrographic or maritime qualification e.g. Cat B Hydrography; Master Mariner:

Funding requirements:

Please indicate the number of days of attendance for which funding (accommodation and meals) is requested (five days maximum).

Contact address for notification:

e-mail address : _____

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Address: _____

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Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____