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SAIHC Letter No. 3/2010

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

Subject: **SAIHC CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PROGRAMME: 2011**

Dear Colleague,

The 8th Capacity Building Sub-Committee of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO CBSC) met in New Orleans, USA on 14 to 16 June 2010, and reviewed its Management Plan containing all candidate bids for funding which had been received from RHC Chairmen. The following bids from SAIHC were approved for 2011:

ADOPTED 2011 CB WORK PROGRAMME: SAIHC	
EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
Workshop on Port and Shallow Water Surveys (SAIHC and NIOHC All countries).	SAIHC, CB Fund
Phase I Skills Course (Angola, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Kenya, S Africa, Comoros, Uganda)	SAIHC, CB Fund
Follow-up technical visits to Angola, Namibia, Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Seychelles, Mozambique and Madagascar.	SAIHC, CB Fund

The Committee was also made aware of the planned capacity building programme of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the events for Africa are as follows:

2011 IMO CB WORK PROGRAMME: AFRICA	
2-weeks Regional Training Course on Hydrographic Survey and Introduction to Chart production. EAthC, SAIHC, NIOHC (partial).	IMO Funded, IHO in kind
2-weeks Regional Training Course on Basic ENC and ENC Production. EAthC, SAIHC and NIOHC (partial).	IMO Funded, IHO in kind

It should be noted that dates and venues for the 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 by 27 September 2010 to the SAIHC Chair.

- Will you be willing to host the Workshop on Port and Shallow Water Surveys? (3 – 5 day event for 20 attendees from SAIHC & NOIHC)
- Will you be willing to host the Phase 1 Skills Course? (5 day event for 12 attendees from SAIHC)
- Angola, Namibia, Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Seychelles, Mozambique and Madagascar to indicate their agreement and the most suitable dates to receive a Follow-up Technical Visit in 2011.
- Any interest in hosting of the IMO funded events will also be welcomed.

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. A.', written in a cursive style.

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)