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**Subject: Mesoamerican & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC)
Capacity Building Work Programme: MSI training course, Rodney Bay, ST Lucia, 16
to 18 August 2016**

The 2015 IHO Capacity Building Work Programme allows for the provision of support for the delivery of, and attendance at an MSI training course with the objective of providing practical instruction and guidance to participants who are involved with MSI and the drafting of navigational warnings or the issuance of MSI for the high seas. The training course will be held at Rodney Bay, St Lucia, from 16 to 18 August 2016. Details of the course are provided in Annex A. Please note that the course is given in English.

The IHO Capacity Building Fund will provide support (all meals, accommodation and air travel) for **ONE** participant per country. **Please note that no allowances will be paid to participants and any other associated expenses (e.g. insurance, pocket money and travel from the airport to hotel and back) should be covered by the candidate's organisation.**

If you would like to propose a candidate for the course you are kindly requested to return, electronically*, the accompanying Application Form (Annex B), to Jeff Bryant, (Email address: jeff.bryant@ukho.gov.uk), **no later than 03 June 2016.**

*N.B. It is important that the accompanying application form is completed electronically and returned as an Excel file or on an Excel-compatible format.

In order to facilitate the provision of e-tickets to selected participants, you are strongly encouraged to include with the application form a copy of the applicant's passport and a reliable e-mail address where the ticket can be sent to. Please note that if trainees require a visa in order to attend the course they should apply as soon as they are accepted on the course. If trainees fail to attend due to their own oversights or errors then costs incurred by the IHO on their behalf may be recovered from their employing authority.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:

Annex A: Course Outline

Annex B: Digital Application Form (sent separately as a Word file)

NOTE: To improve efficiency this letter is being sent by e-mail only.

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COURSE OUTLINE

Description

The 2015 IHO Capacity Building Work Programme allows for the provision of support for the delivery of, and attendance at an MSI training course with the objective of providing practical instruction and guidance to participants who are involved with MSI and the drafting of navigational warnings or the issuance of MSI for the high seas.

Objective

The training course is designed to provide practical guidance for those persons who are concerned with the drafting of radio navigational warnings or with the issuance of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) for the high seas under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The course is therefore not intended for policy or administrative persons but specifically for those involved with collating and issuing navigational warnings and will be conducted in English.

Outcome

Participants on the MSI course will gain knowledge of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service, Maritime Safety Information (MSI), the role of the NAVAREA Coordinator, their role as National Coordinators, evaluating MSI and its suitability and application to navigational warning. Participants will engage in practical exercises to demonstrate their proficiency in the subject areas including charting.

Specifically the participants will:

1. Be informed of all events that could significantly affect the safety of navigation within their coastal region.
2. Assess all information in the light of expert knowledge for relevance to navigation in the coastal region.
3. Draft navigational warnings in accordance with the IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on MSI.
4. Pass NAVAREA Warnings for further promulgation to the NAVAREA Coordinator, using the quickest means possible.

Duration

3 days. 16 to 18 August 2016.