



**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



MACHC Letter 15/ 2010
26 July 2010

To:
Ms. Yvonne M. Tsikata
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The World Bank, 1818 H Street, NW
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Subject: **Invitation to the XIth MACHC Meeting**

Dear Ms. Tsikata,

1. I am writing to invite you or your designated representative to the XIth meeting of the MesoAmerican and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) from November 8-12, 2010 in Paramaribo, Suriname. First of all, let me introduce myself and the Organization I represent. I am Vice Admiral PALMER, the Director of Hydrography and Navigation of the Brazilian Navy, and the current MACHC Chair.

The MACHC is a regional arm of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). It's principal objectives are to work with participating nations to coordinate safety of navigation and promote hydrographic development, including the production and dissemination of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) in general, and hydrographic surveys (coastal mapping) and nautical charts in particular. The MACHC also promotes technical co-operation and training in the fields of hydrographic surveying, marine cartography and nautical information to assist countries expand their hydrographic capabilities. Details on MACHC activities may be found at the web site: www.iho-machc.org

The important role of the MACHC is evident given that over 30% of the world's crude oil passes through the Caribbean on very large vessels, as does 50% of the world's cruise line traffic. In addition, the Caribbean has a hurricane season between June and November which has produced storms that can and do leave a trail of devastation on the islands and their coasts. They often leave dangers to navigation under the water that can be hazardous for life, property and maritime commerce. For these reasons, it is crucial that countries in the Region conduct hydrographic surveys to keep nautical charts and related navigation publications as up-to-date and accurate as possible. The MACHC facilitates and supports these critical collaborative activities.

2. As you are aware, Haiti is seeking international support for reconstruction of its infrastructure destroyed after the severe earthquake that occurred on January 12, 2010. Specifically, the Maritime and Navigation Service of Haiti (SEMANAH) is seeking IHO support for the establishment of a Haitian Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOH). The required support will include expert consultation on the organizational structure, donation of equipment and vessels, and development of professional personnel, among others. Further details will be provided later.

Some nations have already offered to support Haiti, including Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Japan, Peru, The Netherlands UK, USA, and Venezuela, to date. The International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB - the Secretariat of the IHO) is coordinating this effort and organizing a Haiti Donors Meeting in conjunction with the upcoming MACHC meeting in Suriname the second week of November. The Donors meeting will begin the afternoon of November 9 and continue on the 10th and possibly the 11th, if necessary.

As part of the Donors meeting preparation, the MACHC identified the World Bank (WB) as a potential partner to maximize the potential respective resources brought to bear on this matter. Therefore, we would be very pleased if you or a designated representative could attend and provide a brief presentation on the WB reconstruction activities for Haiti and engagement requirements.

The majority of Hydrographic Offices that work within the Region and IHB representatives will be present at this meeting. I am certain this venue provides an excellent opportunity for the WB and the IHO community to get better acquainted with one another and begin a partnership with great potential for making a significant difference in the level of support provided to Haiti.

In the following annex you will find the logistical information and Registration Form for the meeting. The Agenda and corresponding timetable will be provided as soon as it is available.

3. Finally, knowing that this trip was unanticipated, I would like to offer 3 days of travel support (including airfare, lodging and incidentals at U.N. rates) for you or your representative to attend the meeting in Paramaribo. For further information regarding this support, please contact Captain Hugo Gorziglia, IHB Director, at: hgorziglia@ihb.mc.

For further questions or information concerning the meeting, feel free to contact me directly or Wesley Cavaleiro of my staff (who supports the MACHC Secretariat) at: wesley.cavaleiro@yahoo.com.

Lastly, another local point of contact is Ms. Kathryn Ries, who works with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, DC. Ms. Ries is one of the U.S. representatives to the MACHC. She would be happy to provide further background or information personally, if that would be useful.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your attention and positive response on this initiative to enhance cooperation between our organizations for the benefit of the Caribbean Region.

Yours sincerely,



LUIZ FERNANDO PALMER FONSECA

Vice Admiral (Brazil)
Brazilian Director of Hydrography and Navigation - MACHC Chair

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**The 11th MACHC Meeting in Suriname
A warm welcome to Suriname**

Dear participant,

The Maritime Authority Suriname welcomes you to Suriname, on behalf of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission of the International Hydrographic Organization. We are proud to host the 11th MACHC Meeting from November 8 – 12, 2010.



It's our pleasure to present to all participants of the 11th MACHC Meeting the following special rates at the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo.

Visit <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbcmcy-courtyard-paramaribo/> for more detailed information.

Before and During Meeting dates 8 – 12 November 2010:

King/Double Queen Room	\$ 99.00, -	per person - \$110.00, -	with partner
Jacuzzi King Room	\$ 127.44, -	per person - \$139.24, -	with partner
Riverview Room	\$ 135.70, -	per person - \$147.50, -	with partner
Suite	\$ 218.30, -	per person - \$236.10, -	with partner

Quoted rates include: Buffet Breakfast, 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.

Quoted rates exclude: Transportation from the J.A.P. International Airport - hotel (v.v.).

After Meeting dates 8 -12 November 2010:

King/Double Queen Room	\$ 93.75, -	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Jacuzzi King Room	\$ 105.00, -	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Riverview Room	\$ 112.50, -	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-
Suite	\$ 175.00, -	per person - with partner additional \$ 30.00,-

Quoted rates include: Buffet Breakfast;

Quoted rates exclude: Transportation from the J.A.P. International Airport to the Hotel and vice versa, 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.

Methods of Reservation:

For your convenience there are two methods of making a reservation:

1. Directly at the hotel via:

Telephone: (597) 456000

Fax: (597) 456677

Email: nargiz.raghoebarsingh@courtyard.com

2. Online reservations:

Email: nargiz.raghoebarsingh@courtyard.com

Select days of arrival and departure

Mark corporate or promotional rate

Enter code: N/A

Confirm reservation

Terms and Conditions for Reservations

- Extra person \$30.00 excluding 10% Service Charge and 8% VAT Charge.
- Reservations can be guaranteed by credit card (Master card, Visa card or American Express).

Please find below the bank information and account numbers:

RBTT Bank Suriname	For USD:197.48.193
Adress: Kerkplein 1	For Euro:197.41.669
Account: IPH Suriname N.V.	For SRD: 197.48.185

Group Rate Booking Rules:

- Quoted room rate is only applicable for registered conference participants
- Maximum of 2 adults in one room
- 3rd person of 12 years and older will be charged 30 USD excluding 8% tax, 10% service charge and breakfast
- Maximum 2 children under 12 years of age stay complimentary in parent room (Breakfast for children not included)
- Full amount of at least 1 room night should be prepaid

If you find it necessary to cancel or change plans, please inform us before 30 July, 2010 by 6 pm. Cancellations after 30 September, 2010 will comprise a penalty of 100% of the invoice amount.

Airport Shuttle Transportation:

Airport shuttle transportation is provided on request for the amount of 10.00 USD per person / one way

Accommodation

You are invited to make your reservations directly with the hotel, preferably before **July 30, 2010**, in order to secure a room at this time of the year. When making reservations, it is recommended that you indicate that you will be participating in the 11th MACHC Meeting in order to benefit from the preferential rate.

Registration Form

The Organizing Committee is pleased to attach a copy of the registration form and is kindly requesting the delegates to send completed forms electronically to the Maritime Authority Suriname and a copy to the Secretariat of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission:

1. **Maritime Authority Suriname:** **info.11machc@mas.sr**
2. **MACHC secretariat:** **int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br**

Visas

In relation to visas application forms can be downloaded from the website:

www.surinameembassy.org/mvk_form.pdf

If a delegate is unable to obtain a visa from the nearest Suriname Embassy or Consulate, a diplomatic or courtesy visa can be obtained on entry into Suriname.

The Republic of Suriname is situated at the continent of South America just north of the Equator. It is bordered in the South by the Federal Republic of Brazil, in the North by the Atlantic Ocean, in the East by the French Overseas Department of French Guyana and in the West by the former British colony Guyana, now the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. For more detailed information please visit <http://www.surinameembassy.org/>.



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The 11th MACHC Meeting in Suriname
8 – 12 November 2010**



REGISTRATION FORM

(Please send this via e-mail to the Maritime Authority Suriname info.11machc@mas.sr and a copy to the Secretariat of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br before 30 July, 2010]

- Notes:**
- The boxes will expand as you type your answers
 - Contact the Maritime Authority Suriname on any logistic matter: info.11machc@mas.sr
Phone: +597 – 476733 ext. 260
Fax: +597 - 472940

Member State / Organization

Contact Details:

Last Name
 First Name
 Position / Job title / Role
 Nationality
 Telephone
 E-mail
 Name of partner (if applicable)

Your Arrival at Y.A.P. International Airport

Date	
Flight Number	
Airline	
Arrival Time	

Your Departure from Y.A.P. International Airport

Date	
Flight Number	
Airline	
Departure Time	

	En-Suite room: Yes or No?	Single or Double?	Smoking?
Selected Hotel	1. Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo	Arrival Date	
		Departure Date	
2. Other	Name of other hotel		

	Yes or No?
Transport	
1. From YAPI Airport to the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo	
2. From the Courtyard by Marriott Paramaribo to YAPI Airport	

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