



12th NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION
Taj Samudra, Colombo, Sri Lanka
20th to 23rd March 2012

NIOHC CL 01-2012 Agenda, Registration and Logistics

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

I am pleased to provide further NIOHC meeting and travel information. A suggested provisional agenda is attached at Annex A. I would be grateful if you could send any proposals or comments for additional Agenda Items to Miss Kerrie Howard at the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office by e-mail Kerrie.Howard@ukho.gov.uk or fax on +44 1823 723380, by 31st January 2012.

I would also like to take this opportunity to request that you forward your National Report, in the standardised structure, at least two weeks prior to the meeting (by 5th March 2012). Please send your reports to Miss Kerrie Howard, by e-mail or fax, as above.

I very much hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you all. I would be grateful if you could complete the Registration Form at Annex B and return it to June Thompson (June.Thompson@ukho.gov.uk), by e-mail or fax as above by 28th February 2012. A list of hotels identified by our hosts, the National Aquatic Resource, Research and Development Agency (NARA) of Sri Lanka, is attached at Annex C.

Finally, I look forward to an informative and productive meeting in Colombo.

Rear Admiral Nicholas Lambert
NIOHC Chairman

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Draft Agenda

1. Opening
 - 1.1 Opening Remarks by Hosts
 - 1.2 Opening Remarks by the Chairman
 - 1.3 Opening Remarks by Director IHB
 - 1.4 Address by Chief Guest
 - 1.5 Agenda and Timetable Approval
 - 1.6 List of Documents
 - 1.7 Administrative Arrangements
2. 11th NIOHC Minutes Approval
3. 11th NIOHC Actions List Review
4. NIOHC Statutes
 - 4.1 NIOHC Membership Applications
 - 4.2 Review NIOHC Statutes to include clause that will enable inclusion / exclusion of industry from NIOHC meetings and on what terms (NIOHC Action11.1)
5. IHO / IHB Matters
 - 5.1 Status of the ratification of the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention (Report by IHB)
 - 5.2 NIOHC to adopt objectives to accelerate the process of ratification of the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention
 - 5.3 NIOHC to encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership
 - 5.4 Status of pending Member States in the region for depositing the instrument of Accession
 - 5.5 Forthcoming International Hydrographic Conference
 - 5.6 Update on encouragement to IHO suspended members to rejoin
6. National Reports
7. NIOHC Committees, Working Groups, and Commission Representatives Reports
 - 7.1 Electronic Chart Working Group
 - 7.2 INT Chart Committee
 - 7.3 Discussion on the adoption of HSSC proposal (Action HSSC1/24) for NIOHC Paper INT Charting coordinator to take on the NIOHC ENC coordinator role and rename as the North Indian Ocean International Charting Coordination Working Group (NIOICCWG)
 - 7.4 Capacity Building
 - 7.4.1 Update on Capacity Building activities and submissions since the last meeting

- 7.4.2 Report on the Port and Shallow Water Survey workshop
- 7.4.3 Update on the 5 year Capacity Building plan
- 8. Relevant International Organizations' Report
 - 8.1 PERSGA (Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden)
 - 8.2 IMO (International Maritime Organisation)
- 9. Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI)
- 10. Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide C-55
 - 10.1 Development of C-55
- 11. Experience in dealing with maritime disasters in relation with IHO guidelines
- 12. Strategy to involve non-Member States in RHC's activities
- 13. NIOHC representative to the IHR Editorial Board
- 14. Crowd Sourcing Survey Techniques
- 15. Satellite Bathymetry
- 16. IMO Member State Audits
- 17. Any Other Business
- 18. Date and Venue of the next meeting
- 19. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- 20. Approval of the Action List
- 21. Closing Remarks from the Chair



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Hotels & Logistics

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been block booked at the Taj Samudra which is also the venue for the NIOHC12 meeting. A special rate of US\$135 per night for a single room or US\$145 for a double, both include breakfast has been agreed for the duration of the meeting. Delegates should make their reservations directly with the hotel quoting reference: 12th North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission by 15th March 2012 to obtain the conference rate.

Main Conference Hotel:

Taj Samudra
25, Galle Face Centre Road,
Colombo 3,
Sri Lanka.
Tel No. : (94 - 11) 2446622
Fax : (94 - 11) 2446348
Email: samudra.colombo@tajhotels.com
Website: <http://www.tajhotels.com/business/taj%20samudra,colombo/#>

Please have the following information available when booking:

- a. Guest first and Last name
- b. Nationality
- c. Passport Details
- d. Arrival Time
- e. Flight details (If airport transfers required)

Transport

The Colombo is 35 km from Katunayake International Airport and delegates should allow a minimum of 2 hours transfer time to the hotel. Taxis are available at approximately US\$46 for a one way trip.

Visa Requirements

Depending on your nationality and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to enter Sri Lanka. We urge you to check visa requirements at your earliest convenience <http://www.immigration.gov.lk/>. If you require assistance or a letter of invitation, please contact Mrs June Thompson, UKHO External Relations: june.thompson@ukho.gov.uk.