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IHO South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission CL 01/2009

Objet : 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Hydrographic Organization  
South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission.

Reference : IHO SWPHC CL 02/2008 dated 6 October 2008.

Enclosure : 1-Registration form.  
2-Technical workshop time table.  
3-Draft agenda of the SWPHC conference.  
4-Actions list resulting from the 8<sup>th</sup> SWPHC meeting.

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Dear Hydrographer, dear colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IHO South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) will be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 10 to 11 March 2009. This meeting will be preceded by a one-day technical workshop on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

The venue is the Port Moresby Holiday Inn hotel. A registration form is attached in enclosure 1. Attendees are requested to confirm their participation in the workshop and conference **by 6 February 2009** to the Chair, Papua New Guinea and IHB.

An information paper on logistics will be posted on the IHO website (9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SWPHC home page).

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Destinataire(s) : SWPHC members - [+ all IHO rep. in countries of INT charting Area L] - Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) - Pacific Islands Maritime Association - Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) - IHB - European Commission (Voir liste jointe) – IMO regional representative - SPTO.

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A draft agenda for the technical workshop is attached in enclosure 2 for your consideration. Lecturers are invited to confirm their participation. Any comments from lecturers and SWPHC members should be sent to the Chair<sup>1</sup> as soon as possible and not later than **15 February 2009**.

A standard draft agenda for the SWPHC meeting is attached in enclosure 3. In order to prepare the plenary session, you are kindly requested to send to the Chair<sup>1</sup>, **by 15 February 2009**, your proposals and comments about the draft agenda and also your inputs and documents related to the agenda items and the actions resulting from the 8<sup>th</sup> SWPHC meeting (see action list attached in enclosure 4).

A situation report on CBC matters will be prepared by the Chair and distributed to the members by **15 February 2009**.

I would be grateful to member states if you can provide the Chair<sup>1</sup> with your national reports, **by 20 February 2009**.

Addressees are also kindly requested to check their contact information in the distribution list and report any change or update to the Chair<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure 1: Registration form.

**9<sup>th</sup> IHO - SWPHC meeting**  
**Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 9-11 March 2009**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please send this registration form via e-mail **before 6 February 2009**

- to Gwladys THEUILLON (gwladys.theuillon@shom.fr)
- copy to Louisa KARIKO (l.kariko@nmsa.gov.pg) and Rhonda AMOS (ramos@nmsa.gov.pg)
- copy to IHB (info@ihb.mc)

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Name of partner (if applicable)

Your Arrival at Port Moresby International Airport

Date

Flight Number

Airline

Arrival Time

Your Departure from Port Moresby International Airport

Date

Flight Number

Airline

Departure Time

Participation

	yes	no
workshop		
conference		

Hotel booking

	Number of nights	Single / double
Holiday Inn hotel		
Do you intend to stay in another hotel?		

Comments



Enclosure 2: Technical workshop time table.

Raising the importance of hydrography in the South West Pacific area

9:00	Welcome address by PNG authorities (tbd)
9:30	IHB and France opening speeches
10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	<b>Morning session</b>
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role of IHO (IHB) and importance of nautical information in the area (IMO)</li></ul>
11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hydrography (UK)</li></ul>
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>
	<b>Afternoon session I</b>
13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nautical information and charting issues in the area (NZ)</li></ul>
14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technology for surveying and nautical services (USA)</li></ul>
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	<b>Afternoon session II</b>
15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity building: development of hydrographic capabilities in the Island States – S55 (AU)</li></ul>
16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conclusions (FR and PNG)</li></ul>

Enclosure 3: Draft agenda of the SWPHC conference.

Time	Agenda item	Subject	Pilote
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
09:00	1	Welcome & opening remarks.	<i>Chair and Host Nation</i>
09:15	2	Approval of the agenda.	<i>Chair</i>
09:30	3	Review of action items from the 8th SWPHC conference (Papeete – September 2007).	<i>Chair, all members</i>
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00	4	Exchange of information through national reports.	<i>All members</i>
11:45	5	Reports from other international, regional agencies and observers.	<i>IHB, SOPAC, SPC, PacMA, IMO</i>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00	6	Reports on IHO meetings (ISPWG, WEND, CHRIS).	<i>Chair, IHB, all members</i>
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:00	7	Reports on IHO CBC meetings and actions.	<i>Australia</i>
16:45	8	Preparation of the 4th Extraordinary IHO Conference, June 2009.	<i>IHB, all members</i>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
09:00	9	Review of the INT chart scheme for area L.	<i>Australia</i>
09:45	10	Regional co-operation in surveying and chart production.	<i>All members</i>
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00	11	IHO special publication S-55	<i>IHB and all members</i>
11:45	12	Progress with production and distribution of ENC's (Impact of WEND 11 and CHRIS 20)	<i>Australia, IHB, all members</i>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00	13	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the World Hydrography Day 2009</li> <li>• Name of the commission</li> <li>• Tsunami</li> </ul>	<i>Chair, IHB, all members</i>
15:00	14	Date and venue of next conference	<i>Chair</i>
15:15	15	Election of Chair and Vice Chair.	<i>Chair</i>
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:00	16	Summary of resolutions, decisions, recommendations and actions	<i>Chair</i>
16:30	17	Closing remarks	<i>Chair</i>

Enclosure 4: Actions list resulting from the 8<sup>th</sup> SWPHC.

Decision	Action	Pilote
1	<b>Agreed</b> to deal with this item under Agenda #24.	chair
2	<b>NZ agreed</b> to follow-up this action which was for Tokelau to advise NZ of the location of reported chart deficiencies for Chart NZ 885. <i>On going.</i>	NZ
3	Chair <b>to provide</b> to the SWPHC members, and ascertain if the documents have also been provided to SOPAC. <i>NZ to confirm the provision to SOL and TGA. No effective contact with SOPAC during 2008, despite emails and letters sent by FR (Chair).</i>	chair
4	It was <b>agreed</b> to continue to provide M11 updates to Australia. <i>AU to report on the relevant agenda item.</i>	chair
5	The Commission <b>agreed</b> : - in principle to join the PacMA as an Associate Member, - that a member of the SWPHC represent the SWPHC, - that the Chair is to approach the CBC with a funding bid (initially) for costs associated with travel, - to invite the IHB to participate, - to invite PacMA to SWPHC meetings, - to share relevant documents, - to invite maritime administrators to join their hydrographic delegations at SWPHC meetings, - that in future, where appropriate, SWPHC meetings be scheduled in conjunction with PacMA meetings. <i>Tentatives to contact PacMA by mail during 2008 failed. No reply. Action still active and to be considered at IEHC if PacMA rep. don't show up at the SWPHC9.</i>	chair
6	<b>Noted</b> the recommendations at item 5 in the report on the CBC Technical Visit to Samoa. <i>Complete.</i>	chair
7	<b>Agreed</b> to remove "illustrated at Appendix 2" from item 1(b) of the SWPHC statutes. <i>On going.</i>	chair
8	<b>Agreed</b> the Chair will promulgate a formal letter to appropriate national representatives in the PacMA. <i>Letter announcing SWPHC meeting sent to PacMA. No reply. Action still valid.</i>	chair
9	<b>Agreed</b> that the PacMA representatives to address the letter to are those within the extents of the SWPHC region. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	PacMA
10	<b>Agreed</b> a copy of the letter to also be sent to the hydrographic authority of each of these jurisdictions. <i>Complete.</i>	chair
11	<b>Agreed</b> a copy of the letter, for information, be sent to all SWPHC members, the SOPAC Secretariat, and IHB (Directing Committee). <i>Complete.</i>	chair
12	<b>Agreed</b> to alert the IMO to this initiative.	chair

	<i>Complete but no reply at all from any of islands States Rep .to IMO in London. Seminar in Fiji in Oct. 2008.</i>	
13	<b>Agreed</b> to introduce the CBC template for submitting funding bids. <i>On going.</i>	chair
14	<b>Agreed</b> to attach the CBC Strategy Paper Annex B Assessment Criteria for definition of appropriate hydrographic capability. <i>On going.</i>	chair
15	<b>Agreed</b> to append an appropriate segment from S-55 to each letter. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	chair
16	<b>Agreed</b> the letter will outline the opportunity presented by the CBC. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	chair
17	<b>Agreed</b> the letter will outline the role of the SWPHC <i>Complete (CL1/2008).</i>	chair
18	<b>Agreed</b> the letter will set a deadline for replies. <i>Complete.</i>	chair
19	<b>Agreed</b> that the letter will ask that the SWPHC be informed of any other relevant initiatives being pursued by the jurisdiction. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	chair
20	<b>Agreed</b> that the SWPHC should provide details to the IHB on implementation details for CBC previously endorsed technical visits. <i>To be covered under the appropriate agenda item.</i>	chair
21	<b>Agreed</b> that the Chair is to write to PNG and Fiji. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	chair
22	<b>Agreed</b> to support the bid from Fiji for technical assistance re a Digital Chart Production System. <i>Complete at CBC.</i>	chair
23	<b>Agreed</b> that a scoping exercise is needed to better identify what service Fiji requires. <i>To be covered under the appropriate agenda item (report from Fiji seminar).</i>	chair
24	<b>Agreed</b> the Chair to recommend (to CBC) a technical visit preferably by one of the SWPHC members to assess whole of government commitment, ongoing support for maintenance, availability of financial resources for hardware and software and the overall effectiveness of the proposed initiative. <i>Postponed.</i>	chair
25	<b>Agreed</b> Fiji must demonstrate commitment to fund what they will need to purchase. <i>Fiji to report.</i>	Fidji
26	<b>Agreed</b> that costs for an initial visit be submitted to CBC for funding; up to €4000.00 (noting that the cost will depend upon which member responds). <i>To be covered under the appropriate agenda item.</i>	IHB
27	<b>Agreed</b> Chair is to reply to CBC's request for evidence with reference to the PacMA and how other measures may potentially be brought into play. <i>Nothing to report.</i>	chair
28	<b>Agreed</b> that members should ask NAVArea Coordinators to assess status of existing arrangements within their area for providing nautical information (as	all

	per S-55). <i>AU and NZ to report.</i>	
29	<b>Agreed</b> USA to provide details on a way forward or methodology for seeking US capacity building assistance. <i>USA to report.</i>	USA
30	<b>Agreed</b> that UK (involved with marine spatial data infrastructure development, MSDI) would keep in contact with Australasian metadata developments (via <a href="http://www.anzlic.org.au">www.anzlic.org.au</a> ). <i>UK to report.</i>	UK
31	<b>Agreed</b> that UK would represent SWPHC in the IHO Working Group on Hydrographic Community Inputs to National Spatial Data Infrastructures. <i>Complete.</i>	UK
32	<b>Resolved</b> in accordance with decision 23 at the XVIIth International Hydrographic Conference, the SWPHC requests the IHB to actively engage its member states in the Region to ratify the new IHO convention. <i>Postpone due to the lack of responses to CL1/2008.</i>	IHB
33	<b>Agreed</b> Australia will represent the SWPHC on the IHO Strategic Planning WG. <i>Complete.</i>	AU
34	<b>Agreed</b> Australia will prepare draft changes to the statutes regarding the election of SWPHC representative on Council (one paragraph). To be tabled at the 9 <sup>th</sup> SWPHC meeting. <i>On going.</i>	AU
35	<b>Agreed</b> that Australia, NZ, UK and France investigate whether INT611-614 and 619 charts have to be included in their INT catalogues. <i>Complete, AU to report at the appropriate agenda item.</i>	AU,NZ, UK,FR
36	<b>Agreed</b> that any changes be notified to Australia. <i>To be covered at the relevant agenda item.</i>	all
37	<b>Agreed</b> all members to review and provide updates to the IHB. <i>Permanent.</i>	all
38	<b>Agreed</b> all members note importance of this publication. <i>Complete.</i>	all
39	<b>Agreed</b> Chair to produce a table or diagram showing areas of responsibility of each charting authority in the Region. <i>On going. Should be done in liaison with INT chart co-ordinator.</i>	chair
40	<b>Agreed</b> there must be an on-going agenda item on ENC schemes. <i>Complete.</i>	chair
41	<b>Agreed</b> that the basis of discussion will be the diagram maintained by Australia. <i>Complete.</i>	AU
42	<b>Agreed</b> that the scheme for navigation purpose codes (usage bands) 1 and 2 be developed by the end of December 2007. <i>On going.</i>	AU
43	<b>21 Agreed</b> that Australia will provide Australian use of the object catalogue to all SWPHC members for	AU

	information. <i>AU to report.</i>	
44	<b>Agreed</b> UK and Soloman Islands will discuss the low paper chart stocks and find a resolution. <i>UK and SO to report.</i>	UK, Soloman
45	<b>Agreed</b> to prepare a proposal for the 9 <sup>th</sup> SWPHC meeting to consider funding from the IHO Budget for the SWPHC representative to attend the annual IHO Council meetings. <i>On going.</i>	chair
46	<b>Agreed</b> that the SWPHC supports a proposal be put to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference that the IHB actively encourage new countries acceding to the IHO convention to ratify the new amendments at the same time. <i>Complete.</i>	IHB
47	FR was <b>elected</b> the new Chair of the SWPHC. <i>Complete.</i>	FR
48	<b>Agreed</b> the outgoing Chair will ascertain where the next meeting of PacMA will be, or SOPAC. <i>Complete.</i>	Outgoing chair