



South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

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SWPHC Circular Letter 03/2016

14th Conference of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

Noumea, New Caledonia, 30th November - 2nd December 2016

To: SWPHC Members, Observers and Industry Representatives (refer to list at Annex A)

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the 14th Conference of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) will be held in New Caledonia, Noumea, 30th November - 2nd December 2016. I would like to thank the Government of New Caledonia for agreeing to host our Conference and for providing information on the venue and accommodation. I would also like to thank SPC for providing the Conference venue. Please take note of the following information and action as necessary.

Agenda: A draft agenda for the Conference is enclosed (Annex B). You are requested to review this draft and provide your comments or recommended changes by **28th October 2016**. Please forward comments or suggestions to international.relations@hydro.gov.au.

Conference Venue: The Conference will take place at the SPC Headquarters, Promenade Roger Laroque, Noumea.

Flights: There are limited flights to and from Noumea, so please book early.

Accommodation: Please note that delegates are requested to make their own accommodation reservation. A limited number of rooms have been blocked booked at the Nouvata Park Hotel at a special room rate of between 7400-9400 XPF (room and breakfast).

The Nouvata Park Hotel details are:

Address: Promenade Roger Laroque, Noumea
Telephone: +687 26 05 12
Email: resasociete@glphotels.nc; sc@glphotels.nc; commercial@glphotels.nc
Website: <http://www.glphotels.nc/nouvata-parc-hotel-en.html>
Booking ref: SWPHC

There are a number of other hotels in close proximity to the SPC Headquarters from which to choose if the Nouvata Park does not suit your requirements or budget.

Note: applicants that have been confirmed for attendance at the SWPHC *Technical Workshop for PICTs in Developing Strategic Development Plans for Hydrography* and are funded under the IHO

Capacity Building Programme are not required to make any hotel reservations. This will be done directly by LINZ/AHO.

Transportation: The Government of New Caledonia has kindly offered to provide a shuttle service between the airport and hotel for arrivals and departures. Please ensure when you are completing your registration form you provide your flight details to facilitate arrangement of transportation.

Registration: Those attending the SWPHC Conference are requested to complete the registration form provided at Annex C and send it to international.relations@hydro.gov.au at their earliest convenience and **not later than 16th October 2016**.

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National Reports: I would like to take this opportunity to request submissions of National Reports, in the standardised structure, at least two weeks prior to the meeting (**by 16th November 2016**).

Visa: Depending on your nationality, the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to enter New Caledonia. It is the responsibility of individual travellers to ascertain if they require a visa and perform the necessary steps to acquire one. If a letter of support is required to accompany your visa application please contact Eric Mevelec (eric.mevelec@gouv.nc).

Documents: Conference documentation will be uploaded to the IHO website as it comes to hand. Please refer to http://iho.int/mtg_docs/rhc/SWPHC/SWPHC14/SWPHC14_Docs.htm for updates.

I hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you in New Caledonia.

Yours sincerely,



Commodore Brett Brace, RAN
Hydrographer of Australia
Chair, SWPHC

07 September 2016

Annex A – Distribution List
Annex B – SWPHC14 Draft Agenda
Annex C – SWPHC14 Registration Form

ANNEX A (to SWPHC CL 03/2016)

SWPHC Members		
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ANNEX A (to SWPHC CL 03/2016)

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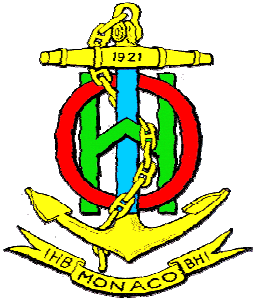
14th SWPHC CONFERENCE
Noumea, New Caledonia, 30th November- 2nd December 2016

DRAFT AGENDA (Rev 1 : 07/09/2016)

Venue: SPC Headquarters - Promenade Roger Laroque, Noumea

1. Welcome & opening remarks (*Chair & Host*)
2. Confirmation of Agenda (*Chair*)
3. Review of action items and confirmation of minutes from the 13th SWPHC Conference (Cook Islands, February 2015) (*All Members*)
4. IHO/IHB Matters (*IHB, Chair & CB Coordinator*)
 - 4.1 IHB Report
 - 4.2 IHO Year Book
 - 4.3 Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide (C-55)
 - 4.4 IHO Assembly update & information session
 - 4.5 IHO Council
5. Membership and Statutes (*Chair*)
 - 5.1 Update on SWPHC membership & status of IHO membership applications
 - 5.2 Review and vote on amendments to SWPHC Statutes
6. Exchange of information through National Reports (*All Members*)
7. Associate Members, Regional Organisations and Observers are invited to provide written or verbal reports on the status of hydrography
8. Vote on SWPHC 'representation' on the IHO Council (*Chair and Vice-Chair*)
9. Capacity building
 - 9.1 Report on the IHO CBSC meetings and actions (*CB Coordinator*)
 - 9.2 Future capacity building initiatives (*All Members*)
 - 9.3 Regional capacity building initiatives (*CB Coordinator*)
 - 9.4 Update on the Capacity Building Plan (*CB Coordinator*)
10. Review of status of the INT Chart Scheme for Area L (*Australia, IHB*)
11. Progress of production and distribution of ENCs (*IHB and all Members*)
12. Report on GMDSS, MSI and NAVAREA Coordination (*Australia- NAVAREA X, New Zealand- NAVAREA XIV*)
13. Training and technical assistance (*IHB and all Members*)
14. Industry/stakeholders session (*Industry representatives are invited to put forward proposals for presentations to the Conference by 28th October 2016*)

15. Any other business
16. Date and venue of next meeting
17. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
18. Review of resolutions, decisions, recommendations and actions of the Conference (*Chair*)
19. Closing remarks (*Chair*)



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Member State / Organization

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1. Contact Details:

Head or Member of delegation?
 Rank or Title
 Family Name
 Given or Personal Name
 Position / Job title / Role
 Nationality
 Telephone /fax
 E-mail
 Special Dietary Requirements?

2. Participation: Please indicate if you would like to attend the *Technical Workshop for PICTs in Formulating and Implementing Strategic Development Plans for Hydrography* as well as the Conference

	Yes	No
Tech. Workshop (28- 29 November 2016)		
SWPHC Conference (30 November- 2 December 2016)		

3. Travel Details: (For administrative purpose only). Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements.

Your arrival in Noumea

Date	
Flight Number/ Airline	
Arrival Time	

Your departure from Noumea

Date	
Flight Number/ Airline	
Departure Time	

4. Hotel Information (For administrative purpose only). Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements

Hotel at which booking has been made

Nouvata Park Hotel	Yes/No
Other	(Name)

Signature

Date

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