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To: Members, Associate Members and Observers of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Subject: Introduction to the new SAIHC Secretary

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

I trust you are well and have had a fruitful start to 2024?

UKHO, in our capacity as SAIHC Chair, have now started the preparations for the 20th Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC20), which will be taking place in the week commencing 16 September 2024 in Kisumu, Kenya. Further details, including your formal invitation, will be sent to you in due course.

In the meantime, I wanted to introduce you to your new SAIHC Secretary, Mrs Natalie Clatworthy-Cox, who has taken over from Mrs Nicky Willoughby. Some of you may know Natalie from other Regional Hydrographic Commissions (in particular the MACHC for which Natalie is also the Secretary). Natalie will be supporting me in my role as SAIHC Chair and will be your main contact for SAIHC correspondence and SAIHC20 planning, her email address is natalie.clatworthy-cox@ukho.gov.uk. From recent experience I can assure you Natalie is a brilliant Hydrographic Commission Secretary as you are about to find out!

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that Nicky Willoughby will still be involved in the SAIHC region in her new UKHO job role as Partnership and Engagement Officer for the African region, working alongside Mr Tim Lewis (UKHO's Head of Partnering and Engagement for the Middle East and Africa).

I look forward to meeting you all later this year.

Yours sincerely

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