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**From:** Tim Lewis  
SAIHC MSDI Working Group Chair

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

**Subject:** SAIHC MSDI Working Group Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

I trust you are doing well and are looking forward to the forthcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC) meeting in Kisumu, Kenya between 16-19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

This short letter provides the details of the forthcoming SAIHC Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG) VTC.

During this meeting, we will be fortunate to receive a presentation from the IHO MSDIWG Chair, who will update us on the activity across the wider IHO community regarding MSDI matters.

The meeting details and agenda are as follows:

1. Venue – Virtual using Microsoft Teams.
2. Date – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024;
3. Time 1100-1300 (UTC); 1100-1300 (WAT); 1400-1600 EAT; 0700-0900 (EDT);
4. Agenda:
  - a. Welcome and introductions; - All – 5 Minutes
  - b. SAIHC-MSDIWG activities since SAIHC19 – SAIHC MSDIWG Chair, Tim Lewis, UK – 10 minutes
  - c. SAIHC-MSDIWG Annual Report input from MS – SAIHC MSDIWG Chair/All; - 15 minutes
  - d. Data Portal requirements – AGL&RSubWG Chair; - 30 minutes
  - e. SAIHC-MSDIWG next steps - SAIHC MSDIWG Chair – 15 minutes
  - f. Overview of activity from IHO MSDIWG Chair – IHO MSDIWG Chair Caitlin Johnson, USA – 40 minutes
  - g. Any Other Business (AOB) – 5 minutes

There is no need to register on IHO SAIHC website; simply respond to the Microsoft Teams invite sent by SAIHC Secretary alongside this letter.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours,

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Chair of the SAIHC MSDIWG