



**Circular Letter 2026/03**

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**Subject: 15<sup>th</sup> IALA Symposium 2029 and 22<sup>nd</sup> IALA Conference 2030**

**To: Member States**

Dear Member States,

At the 3rd<sup>st</sup> session of the Council, it was agreed to invite interested Member States to host the 15<sup>th</sup> IALA Symposium in 2029 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> IALA Conference in 2030.

In accordance with the Convention Article 8.8(I) and the General Regulations Article 15, IALA organizes conferences to exchange information on all types of Marine Aids to Navigation and symposia to discuss specific topics in the field, with venues and dates determined by the Council. The 21st Conference is scheduled for 8–12 November 2027 in Mumbai, with the following conference planned for May/June 2030.

Traditionally held between conferences, symposia is organized approximately 1.5 years after a conference. Accordingly, the 15th IALA Symposium is proposed for January 2029. The symposium would be open to international organizations, companies, and individuals, and would include an exhibition of Marine Aids to Navigation equipment and services. While previous symposia often focused on Vessel Traffic Services, the most recent in 2021 emphasized connectivity for maritime safety and efficiency.

The proposed theme for the 15th Symposium is Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Resilient Infrastructure.

Offers to host the 15<sup>th</sup> Symposium and the 22<sup>nd</sup> conference should be submitted by Member States to the Secretary-General ([secgen@iala.int](mailto:secgen@iala.int)) no later the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

The decision to accept an offer rests with the Council and will be taken at its meeting in June 2026. If more than one offer to host a Symposium or a Conference is received, the Council will select the Host.

For additional information, please feel free to contact the secretariat at [secgen@iala.int](mailto:secgen@iala.int).