



NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

CIRCULAR INVITE

Date: 07th October, 2024

To the Heads of the following Departments, Authorities, and Companies that support the Papua New Guinea Maritime Search & Rescue Coordination:

1. Department of Prime Minister & NEC
2. Royal PNG Constabulary;
3. Department of Defense;
4. Department of Foreign Affairs;
5. National Information Communication & Technology Authority;
6. National Fisheries Authority;
7. Provincial Administrations & Disaster Coordination Centres;
8. Provincial Small Craft Boards;
9. Provincial Health Authorities;
10. Ship Owners & Operators;
11. PNG Ports Corporation Limited;
12. National Airport Corporation Limited;
13. Emergency Rescue & Response Services;
14. Airline Companies and Operators;
15. Telecommunication Companies; and
16. Interested Members of the Public.

Dear Heads of Departments, Authorities & Companies,

Subject: Invitation to attend the Maritime Search & Rescue Bill National Consultation & Awareness Workshop. Change of Dates to the 17th -18th of October 2024.

This letter makes reference to a Circular Invite dated 12th of August, and serves as a notice to inform you, our esteemed Stakeholder, that the Maritime Search & Rescue Legislative Reform Consultation dates for the **Port Moresby Consultations which were scheduled to take place this week from 8th -9th of October is now postponed to the 17th -18th of October 2024.**

The Consultation Venue will be at the Crown Hotel here in Port Moresby.

Refer to the attached is the Draft Program and a copy of the original Circular Invite.

To obtain a copy of the proposed legislative framework, including its concept paper and explanatory notes, please visit the NMSA Website using this link:

[https://www.nmsa.gov.pg/conventions-and-national-legislations/legislation-review/.](https://www.nmsa.gov.pg/conventions-and-national-legislations/legislation-review/)

For further queries or to confirm your agency's attendance, contact us by email at Legislation@nmsa.gov.pg or call us using this telephone number: 305 4600.

I appreciate your understanding and look forward to your support and collaboration during the consultations.

Yours sincerely,

The National Maritime Safety Authority

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Mr. Paul M. Unas
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer



NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY
Maritime Search and Rescue (MSAR) Bill
Awareness & Consultation Workshop



NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT

PROGRAM

DATE: 17 th -18 th October, 2024		Venue: Crown Hotel	
ACTIVITIES AND FACILITATORS			
TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR	COMMENTS
8:30	Registration	NMSA	Registration by participants.
9:00	Opening Prayer	Chief SAR Coordinator	All to rise for prayer
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction	Principal Legal Officer & Legal Manager of NMSA Legal Services, Mr. Trevor Potoura	Purpose of the workshop and anticipated outcome.
9:30 - 10:00	Opening Remarks	General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of NMSA, Mr. Paul Unas	Government Representative
10:00 - 10:30	National Government Remarks	Department of Transport	Policy Alignment
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea Break & Photo session	Hotel	Tea provided
11:00 – 11:30am	Presentation on the Global, Regional, and national SAR.	Manager, MSAR & Legislation Team	Reasons for developing the MSAR Bill.
11:30 – 12:30pm	Content of the Maritime Search & Rescue Bill	Senior Legal Officer - Legislation Team	Detail outline of the Bill
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Break	Hotel	Lunch provided
1:30 – 2:00pm	Presentation on the Bill Continues	Senior Legal Officer - Legislation Team	Open discussions
2:00 – 2:30pm	Challenges in Maritime SAR	Provincial Disaster Coordinator Water Police & Other Stakeholders	Open discussions
2:30 – 3:00	Stakeholders Comments	Manager, MSAR & Legislation Team	Consolidation of Feedback.
3:00	Afternoon Tea Break	Hotel	Tea provided
3:15	Closing Remarks & Announcements	MSAR Manager Provincial Government	Announcement of next workshops
3:30pm		END OF PROGRAM	
FOR DAY 2, DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED LEGAL REFORM WILL CONTINUE.			

For queries, please contact:

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