



Circular Letter 2026/09

17 June 2026

Subject: **Second half 2026 committee invitation and committee arrangements for first half 2027**

To: Members and Sister Organizations

Dear members,

We are pleased to invite you to the next committee season.

Further information on the arrangements for each committee will be provided shortly. Some committees may begin with an online opening plenary before the in-person meeting, to allow more time for substantive work at Headquarters.

Please note that all physical meeting weeks will start on Monday morning.

Online participation will be available. However, based on experience, attendance in person for the full week at Headquarters remains the preferred format. Closing plenaries will be held online, normally during the week following the physical meeting.

The agreed dates for each committee are set out below:

Session	Deadline input paper	Physical week (Monday to Friday at IALA HQ unless otherwise stated)
VTS60	24 August 2026	21 – 25 September 2026
LAP29	1 September 2026	29 – 30 September 2026
DTEC7	7 September 2026	5 – 9 October 2026
ENG23	14 September 2026	12 – 16 October 2026
ARM23	21 September 2026	19 – 23 October 2026

Exceptionally, during the first half of 2027, the committees listed below will meet away from Headquarters. This is due to the new Headquarters building project. Members were invited by Circular Letter 2026/01 to express interest in hosting the committee meetings and the Council have decided that the hosting arrangements are as follows:

Session	Location and Host Member State	Provisional dates for the physical week
VTS61	TBC, China	1 – 5 March 2027
DTEC8	TBC, Republic of Korea	8 – 12 March 2027
ENG24	Oeiras, Lisbon, Portugal	5 – 9 April 2027
ARM24	Ålesund, Norway	12 – 16 April 2027



Further details will be made available closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail at contact@iala.int.

The Secretariat looks forward to welcoming you again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "F. Zachariae". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Francis Zachariae
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