

RECAP OF PREVIOUS DCOC HIGH LEVEL MEETING RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR

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28 – 30 November 2024

DCoC High Level Meeting Dar es Salaam, URT



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- Recap of Previous DCoC HLM Resolutions
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DCoC Update: Video Recap of the Cape Town Meeting and actioned Resolutions

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Dubai High-Level Meeting - 28 - 30 June 2022

Resolutions Adopted:

- 1. Resolution One: (Roadmap for Enhancing the Information Sharing Network (ISN)): Focused on coordinated maritime security through robust policy, infrastructure, collaboration, and resource allocation.
- 2. Resolution Two (Capacity Building Coordination): Highlighted the importance of coordinated capacity-building efforts, leveraging partnerships, and prioritizing sustainable development to secure the maritime domain.
- **3. Resolution Three (Re-energizing the DCoC Trust Fund):** Stressed consistent financial contributions and the sustainability of the Trust Fund to support maritime security goals
- 4. Resolution Four (Evolving Maritime Challenges): emphasizes the need for dynamic, evolving partnerships and frameworks to address emerging maritime security threats, ensuring sustained regional and international collaboration.





Jeddah High-Level Meeting (22 -24 Nov 2022)

Resolutions Adopted:

- 1. Resolution #1 ENHANCEMENT OF THE DCOC/JA INFORMATION SHARING NETWORK Agreed the Mission and Vision of the ISN and emphasizes building a robust, cooperative, and sustainable ISN to enhance regional maritime security through effective information sharing and operational collaboration.
- 2. Resolution #2 RESPONDING TO EVOLVING MARITIME CHALLENGES AND SECURITY PRIORITIES OF SIGNATORY STATES TO THE DCOC/JA" calls for strengthened implementation of the DCoC/JA, expanded cooperation, and the development of sustainable maritime security strategies to respond to evolving regional and global challenges.





Cape Town High-Level Meeting (24 – 26 October 2023)

Resolutions Adopted:

- 1. Resolution #1 OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE DCOC/JA INFORMATION SHARING NETWORK adopted the adopt the SOPs for the DCoC ISN as interim guidance on the proviso that they shall be further reviewed in the light of operational experience. The Resolution focuses on the operationalization of NMISCs, ensuring effective information sharing, collaboration, and coordination to enhance maritime security at national, regional, and international levels.
- 2. Resolution #2 DEVELOPMENT OF A DCOC SIGNATORY STATES' MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY - Reaffirmed the provisions in Jeddah Resolution Two focused on addressing evolving maritime challenges and security priorities for DCoC/JA signatory states. Invited the Friends of DCoC to provide sufficient funding through the DCoC Trust Fund to support the development of the Maritime Security Strategy (MSS). It focuses on developing a comprehensive Maritime Security Strategy for DCoC signatory states, aiming to enhance maritime security and law enforcement for greater prosperity.





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Resolution #3 ESTABLISMENT OF THEMATIC SUB-WORKING GROUPS FOR WG 2 ON CAPACITY BUILDING COORDINATION. Creation of Thematic Sub-Working Groups based on the following thematic areas:

- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- Port and Ship Security / Protection of Vital Coastal Installations
- New and Emerging Threats to Maritime Security
- Trafficking in Arms, Narcotics, and Psychotropic Substances
- Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Items Violating CITES
- . Threats to Maritime Environment
- Human Trafficking and Smuggling





Summary

- The resolutions from the Dubai, Jeddah, and Cape Town High-Level Meetings are mutually supportive by collectively advancing maritime security through enhanced information sharing, capacity building, sustainable funding, and strategic frameworks to address evolving threats and promote regional and international collaboration.
- They provide a comprehensive roadmap for enhancing maritime security with a strong focus on collaboration, capacity building, and strategic planning ensures readiness to address current and future challenges.







Report on Progress & Recommendations Of Working Group #1 On Information Sharing

> By Capt. Yeslem Mubark, Chair Working Group 1 on Information Sharing

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Establishment of a robust ISN

•Information sharing for a purpose: share actionable information to support operations at sea.

•Focus on establishing NMISCs in all participating states to promote information sharing both at national level and regionally using common SOPs.

•Integration with MASE centres into the DCoC ISN: RMIFC (Madagascar) and RCOC (Seychelles)-Pool resources, avoid duplication.

•Progress made in re-establishing ReMISC in Aden.

•DCOC is developing strong partnerships with IFC IOR and intends to deploy one DCoC ILO to promote effective information sharing with the region.





Working with IORIS to enhance information Sharing

•.At the Jeddah high-level meeting, signatory States committed to test IORIS for a period of one year and to give feedback on its effectiveness.

•So far,all the National Centres that are using the system have provided only positive feedback about the system;

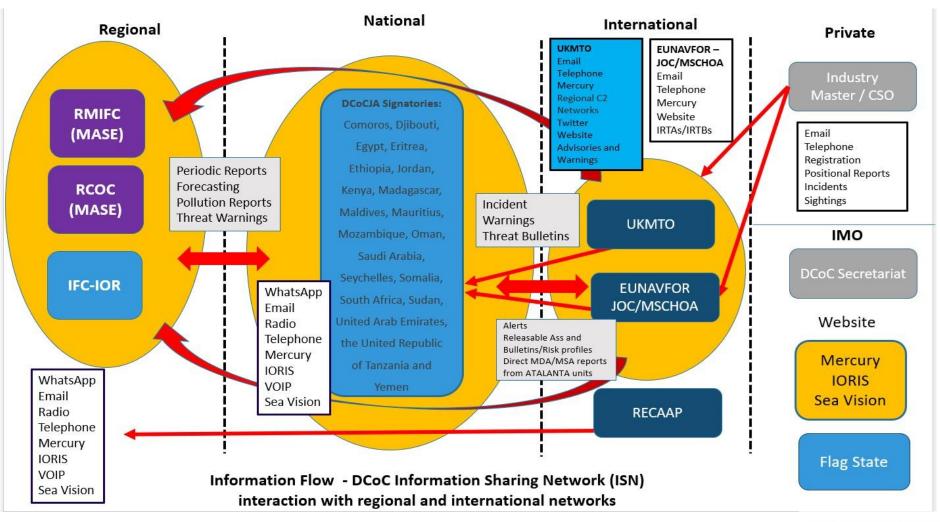
As WG1, we propose to Incorporating IORIS into the DCoC ISN
There are proposals to develop a regional database of vessels o Interest, which member States can monitor using IORIS.





DCoC Capacity Building Priorities

Development and operationalization of the DCoC Information Sharing Network (ISN).









Report on Progress & Recommendations Of Working Group #2 On Capacity Building Coordination

By Capt. Daniel Adam, Chair Working Group 2 on Capacity Building Coordination

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Thematic Sub-Working Groups:

•From the 7 agreed thematic sub-working groups, NFPs agreed to prioritize three as follows: IUU fishing (led by Tanzania), Port and Ship Security / Protection of Vital Coastal Installations (Ethiopia), and marine environment protection (Mauritius)

•Progress of this will be discussed at this HLM.





Resource Mobilisation

•Participating states developed the 8- point action plan for resource mobilization.

•Various meeting held with the IMO-SG to discuss support for the work of the DCoC.

London Donor meeting was held in October 2024.
Positive responses from Denmark, EU (2 projects on offer: SSA and Crisis Response)





Regional Maritime Security Strategy (RMSS):

•Following Resolution 2 of the 2023 Cape Town High-Level Meeting, work on the RMSS and a Maritime Security Risk Register (RMSRR) began in late 2024.

•A workshop hosted in Jeddah laid the groundwork for the strategy, with a follow-up workshops planned in 2025. This will be completed before the next HLM.

•On responding to evolving threats, working on promoting operation coordination at sea involving regional navies working closely with international naval partners.





Way Forward

•Find ways of better coordination of effort:

- Develop a joint regional training program
- Enhancement of CB Matrix
- Fully operational regional ISN
- RMSS adopted and implemented.

•Cooperation between regional navies and international naval partners in developing maritime security exercises including making effective use of the ISN.

• Find ways to promote coordination of operations at sea making effective use of the ISN and utilizing the RCOC for coordination across the whole region.





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