

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. In the background, a large, rugged mountain with a sharp peak rises from the land. The coastline is characterized by turquoise water, sandy beaches, and a resort area with buildings and palm trees. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**8TH HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT**

**TO BE HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

**AT THE HILTON MAURITIUS RESORT AND SPA**

**COASTAL ROAD, WOLMAR, FLIC-EN-FLAC, MAURITIUS.**

**12 – 14 NOVEMBER 2025**



## DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 12 NOV 2025

Timing	Subject	Lead
0800-0830	Registration	Mauritius/IMO
0830-0900	Opening Ceremony	Entertainment/Mauritius
0900-1000	Opening ceremonies	Opening statements from:
	Host welcomes participants	MC- Mauritius
	Remarks by the Republic of South Africa	Ms. Mashudu Nepfumbada – RSA and Chair, DCoC (JA)
	Remarks by the Indian Ocean Commission	Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Officer in Charge, IOC
	Keynote Address #1 – International Maritime Organization	Dr. Jose Matheickal, Director TCID (IMO)
	Keynote Address #2 – European Union (FoDCoC) - the Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and to the Republic of Seychelles	H.E. Ambassador Oskar Benedikt
	Keynote Address #3 - Junior Minister, Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries – Mauritius	Hon. Gilles Fabrice David
	Keynote Address #4 - Minister, Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy & Fisheries – Mauritius	Dr the Hon Arvin Boolell, G.O.S.K
<b>1000 - 1025</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK / GROUP PHOTO</b>	
1025 – 1100	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Agreeing on Meeting Chair, Agenda, and Objectives</li> </ol>	Facilitator: Capt. (Rtd) Mark Blaine [IMO Consultant]
1100 - 1115	<b>Session 1: Progress Since the 7th HLM</b>  DCoC (JA) Update: Recap of the Dar es Salaam Meeting and actioned Resolutions - (15 Min)	Mr. Kiruja Micheni (IMO)
1115 - 1230	<b>Session 2: Enhancing the Information Sharing Network (ISN)</b>	Facilitator: Ms. Mashudu Nepfumbada – RSA
	Share NMISC/NMSC roadmaps and best practices;	Captain Yeslem Mubark (Yemen -Chair WG1)
	IFC-IOR Support for the DCoC (JA) ISN	Captain Sachin K Singh, Director IFC IOR
	Discuss cooperation and coordination with RMIFC, RCOC	Alex RALAIARIVONY (RMIFC)
	Development of Regional Vessels of Interest Database	Martin Cauchi-Inglott (CRIMARIO)
	Satellite imagery and vessel monitoring through UNITAR	Sascha Weh (UNITAR)
<b>1230 - 1330</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

<p><b>1330 – 1530</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Operational Cooperation and Coordination at Sea (WG3) Panel</b></p> <p>Facilitate dialogue among Signatory States and partners on how best to implement WG3's Terms of Reference, Concept of Operations, and Roadmap. Panel Topics -Panelists will be assigned specific topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional navies building maritime capacities and capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maritime Operations</li> <li>Information Sharing</li> <li>Interagency integration and support</li> <li>Legal Finish</li> <li>Command and Control</li> </ul> </li> <li>Agreed approaches to strengthen partnerships and building trust?</li> <li>Enhancing maritime security cooperation and deconfliction to achieve common goals</li> <li>Enhancing maritime security coordination to achieve unity of effort and pool resources to promote joint/combined operations</li> <li>The role of international naval partners for enhancing - joint operations, deconfliction, and information sharing.</li> <li>Guidance on how to achieve joint maritime operations</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAPT USN (Rtd.) Jeffrey Landsman (ACSS)</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenya Navy- Brig. Mohammed Shemote</li> <li>Djiboutian CG – Col. Wais.O. Bogoreh</li> <li>RSA Navy – Rear Admiral (JG) SF du Toit</li> <li>RCOC - Maj. Gerald Wong-Pool (Seychelles)</li> <li>Indian Navy - Commander Anand Kishore Prasad, Directorate of Naval Operations (DNO)</li> <li>EU NAVFOR – ATALANTA - RAdm (ITA-N) Paolo Fantoni (ATALANTA Deputy Commander)</li> <li>Ms. Pooja Bissoonauthsing (UNODC)</li> </ul>
<p><b>1530 -1600</b></p>	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>	
<p><b>1600 -1700</b></p>	<p><b>Incorporating Gaming and Simulation to inform the WG 3 CONOPS and Road Map Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of games and processes for game design through execution</li> <li>An Example of a practical application for the design, development, execution, and analysis to inform a working WG 3 priority (such as joint operations).</li> </ul>	<p>Facilitator: Capt. (Rtd) Mark Blaine [IMO Consultant]</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAPT USN (Rtd.) Jeff Landsman (ACSS)</li> <li>CAPT Joel Carse (OEM - USCG)</li> </ul>
<p><b>1700 - 1715</b></p>	<p>Open Discussion and Conclusion - Summary of Day one and Briefing for Day 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderated by: CAPT. (Rtd) Mark Blaine (IMO Consultant)</li> </ul>

1715 -1720	Administrative Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC Mauritius</li> </ul>
1845-2230	<b>GALA DINNER – AT THE HILTON MAURITIUS RESORT AND SPA, COASTAL ROAD, WOLMAR, FLIC-EN-FLAC, MAURITIUS.</b>  <b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>	Mauritius

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 13 NOV 2025		
Timing	Subject	Lead
0900 – 0910	<b>Recap from day 1.</b>	Secretariat
0910 - 1000	Presentation, validation and adoption of the DCoC (JA) Engagement Strategy	Secretariat (Winnie Maina - IMO)
1000 - 1030	<b>Session 4: Strengthening the Assistance Matrix (formerly Capacity-Building Matrix):</b>  Assistance Matrix Presentation  Discuss proposed enhancements to the Assistance Matrix and work towards developing a robust Assistance Matrix that is fit for purpose—addressing the practical needs of Signatory States, while also enhancing the engagement of implementing partners and promoting effective collaboration with donors.	Facilitator - Kiruja Micheni (IMO)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat (Esther Njonde - IMO)</li> <li>India/ MoD- Group Captain Srihari S Vemparala</li> </ul>
1030 - 1100	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
1100 - 1145	<b>Session 5: Advancing Thematic Areas – IUU Fishing, Port and Ship security and Marine Environmental Protection</b>  Discuss how to accelerate progress on key thematic priorities under the Jeddah Amendment, with particular focus on combating IUU fishing, Port and Ship security and Protection of vital Coastal installations and enhancing protection of the marine environment.  The session will consider synergies with WG3 and explore options for stronger legal, institutional, and operational responses.	Moderated by Ms. Pascaline Alexandre (Mauritius)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Stella Katondo – (Tanzania) - IUU</li> <li>Ms. Cindy Buckley - INTERPOL (IUU)</li> <li>Mr. Raj Mohabeer (IOC) – (MARPOL)</li> <li>Capt. Asiva Coopen (MARPOL)</li> <li>Ms. Pooja Bissoonauthsing (UNODC) -IUU</li> <li>EU – Neil Ansell (EFCA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delphine Goguet (DG MARE)</li> <li>Madev Balloo (DG INTPA)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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1145 - 1200	<b>Regional Interventions contributing to strengthening maritime security in the region – Presentation by Ambrey Global Response Limited</b>	Emmanuelle Hoareau  Ben Westcott
1200 – 1300	<b>Session 6: Parallel Meetings</b>  <b>Parallel Meeting 1 – Chair: RSA</b>  DCoC NFP Meeting – Signatory States ONLY  1. Welcoming Remarks: Agenda Setting  2. Considerations for strengthening the implementation of the DCoC (JA).  3. Progress report on development of National Maritime Security Committees, Risk Registers and Strategies - WG2 Chair  4. Review of key Priorities for 2026 – WG2 Chair  5. Election of SC Members - IMO  6. AOB	Chair: Mr. Metse Ralephenya (RSA)  Ms. Pooja Bissoonauthsing (UNODC)  Capt. Daniel Adam (Seychelles/WG2 Chair)  Mr. Kiruja Micheni (IMO)
	<b>Parallel Meeting Two – WG3</b>  <i>Friends of the DCoC to join in WG3 Parallel Meeting</i>  1. <b>Regional Threat Update – Areas of Priority, Trends &amp; Projections</b> <b>Lead:</b> Captain SK Singh, Director - IFC IOR <b>Second Lead:</b> Capt. Gonzague Aizier, France – France's Initiatives in supporting Working Group 3 on Operational Coordination at Sea 2. <b>WG3 Meeting Outcomes</b> - Overview and Identification of Gaps in current structure as made in the Mombasa Meeting <b>Lead:</b> Kenya Navy 3. <b>WG3 Roadmap Alignment &amp; Lines of Effort — 45 mins</b> <b>Lead:</b> WG3 Chair <b>Outputs:</b> <i>Decision Sheet (adoptions/endorsements); Action Matrix with owners/deadlines; confirm D+30 VTC and HLM-Mauritius in-person checkpoint.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Brig. Mohammed Shemote, Kenya Navy</li> </ul>

	<p>4. <b>Strategic Comms &amp; Industry Interface — 15 min</b> <b>Lead:</b> WG3 Chair <b>Output:</b> <i>Unified comms line &amp; single slide for external briefings (SHADE/NSC), OPSEC-compliant.</i></p> <p>5. <b>Closing — 5 min</b> <b>Leads:</b> Deputy Chair; Chair <b>Output:</b> Formal close; reiterate deliverables and dates.</p>	
<b>1300 - 1400</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1400 - 1500	<b>Parallel Meetings continued. This session will include opportunity for bilateral meetings as necessary</b>	Winnie Maina (IMO)
1500- 1530	Feedback from Parallel Meetings	Metse Ralephenya (Chair-RSA) Brig M.S. Shemote (Kenya)
<b>1530 - 1600</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
1600-1620	<p>Update on ongoing major projects supporting the objectives of the DCoC (JA) (Safe Seas for Africa, CRP-WIO, PSP, RS)</p> <p>Official CRP-WIO Project Launch</p> <p>EU CRIMARIO Phase 3</p> <p>IMO/EF/UNODC - Video Presentation - Secretariat</p>	<p>EU</p> <p>Antoine Hanin (EU)</p>
1620-1625	Open Discussion and Conclusion - Summary of Day one and Briefing for Day 2	CAPT. (Rtd) Mark Blaine (IMO Consultant)
1625-1630	Administrative Briefing	MC Mauritius

### DAY 3 – FRIDAY, 14 NOV 2025

Timing	Subject	Lead
0900- 0910	Update from Day 1 and Day 2	Secretariat
0910 - 1030	<p><b>Session 7: Strategic Partnerships and Donor Engagement</b></p> <p>Shared understanding of the Engagement Strategy; renewed political and financial commitments; agreed measures to enhance coordination and avoid duplication; shared vision for long-term sustainability of the DCoC (JA) framework through strengthened partnerships and predictable support.</p>	<p>Moderated by Captain (Indian Navy) SA Sharma, Senior Defence Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Fartun Abdikadir, Deputy Minister (Somalia)</li> <li>Commodore Nitin Parvataneni, MEA/India,</li> <li>Dr. Jose Matheickal (IMO),</li> <li>H.E. Nicolai Ruge (Denmark)</li> <li>Mr. Giovanni Cremonini (EU)</li> </ul>
1030 -1100	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
1100-1230	<p><b>Session 8: The Way Forward:</b></p> <p>Agree on priorities for 2026, including WG3 implementation, thematic areas follow-up, Assistance Matrix strengthening, and Draft Communique</p>	IMO Facilitators
1230 - 1300	<p><b>Closing Remarks:</b> Conclude deliberations and reaffirm collective commitment</p> <p>Republic of South Africa</p> <p>International Maritime Organization</p> <p>Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy &amp; Fisheries (Blue Economy &amp; Fisheries Division) – Mauritius</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Mashudu Nepfumbada, RSA, Chair, DCoC (JA)</li> <li>Dr. Jose Matheickal, Director TCID (IMO)</li> <li>Dr. The Hon. Arvin Boolell, G.O.S.K</li> </ul>
1300 - 1400	<b>LUNCH</b>	

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