



DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING No. 11

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WG 2 Key Points

Capacity Building Coordination

- Work remains on activating the 7 Thematic Sub-Working Groups for WG 2 on Capacity Building Coordination,
- NFPs had agreed to prioritize three as follows: IUU fishing (led by Tanzania), Port and Ship Security / Protection of Critical Coastal Installations (led by Ethiopia), and marine environment protection (led by Mauritius)
- From the Thematic Sub working Groups briefing in April 2024, the subject matter leads need to be identified to support the DCoC National Focal Points of the three thematic groups and align their work with the ongoing programs of IMO and other agencies.
- Concept Papers are yet to be developed on the guidelines for operating the thematic areas including the TORs, key partners and areas for support
- The proposed Members Only portal enhancements for the CB Matrix will include a project monitoring tool to measure the impact of Capacity Building initiatives carried out in DCoC member states
- The IMO SG has insisted that regionally-executed projects must have demonstrable clear outputs and ensure partners understand the need to show impact in the grassroots, beyond trainings and meetings.
- Training and capacity building are vital DCoC priorities and as such support from the EU through the Safe Seas for Africa project, the proposed Crisis Response and Danish projects will build on the successes recorded under the Port Security and Red Sea projects.
- EUCAP Somalia had delivered a maritime rescue coordination centre in Mogadishu and a command centre and communications tower in Berbera, both of which are due to open soon, and there is ongoing training of police officers and prosecutors to address maritime crimes.
- EUNAVFOR OP ATALANTA has done some capacity building training in Mogadishu and Bosaso.
- Suggestions were made at the HLM to include the catalogue of training activities within the matrix for deconfliction purposes with partners.
- In addition to making Information Sharing a category covering MDA and related issues in the Members Only portal enhancements, India further suggested reorganizing current



Matrix input under the following categories: capabilities development; capacity building; operational coordination to cover the human, asset resources and the work of WG 3.

- Member States are requested to continue updating their Matrix profiles as we anticipate improvements. Somalia has recently reached out to the Secretariat in this regard and it is highly appreciated.

From the HLM,

- EU Crisis Response Project aims to provide equipment, assessments, and training for NMISCs, with capacity building for Djibouti and Yemen Coastguards as key beneficiaries.
- In addressing capability and capacity building the signatory states should take the lead with external supporters providing support.
- Need to establish a regionally owned, shared vessels of interest (VOI) database, primarily to assist in countering illicit activities in the maritime domain as highlighted in the Jeddah Amendment.
- Need to discuss France's concern on the integration of RCOC and RMIFC within DCoC structure as the conditions hadn't been detailed at this stage and the decision to accept the proposal enclosed in the letter of intent sent by DCoC on 13 November 2023 has not been taken by the seven member states of the regional architecture.
- France is deeply involved in maritime security in the Indian Ocean region, as a country of the area and more generally as a naval power.

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