



## **High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the DCoC/JA,**

**Dar es Salaam, 28-30 November 2024**

### **Highlights: Parallel Meeting: National Focal Points Session (NFPS)**

#### **1. General**

- Reflections on the SG comments
- Enhancement of cooperation
- Need to showcase better the work of the DCoC to attract more support

#### **2. Meeting Agenda and Key Proposals:**

- Implementation of Cape Town Resolutions
  - 1. WG 1 – update matrix
    - 1. Expedite the operationalization of NMISCs and ReMISC
    - 2. Secretariat task to develop matrix capture latest information on NMISC status and CB gaps – update on the DCoC matrix and coordinate with partners as appropriate.
    - 3. IMO to follow up with the United Republic of Tanzania in providing technical assistance on maritime security governance – leading to whole of government approach on information and participation in WG3
  - 2. Capacity Building
    - 1. Maritime security governance – Secretariat tasked to follow up with Members states to obtain details of states in establishing NMSCs, NMSRR and NMSS; identify capacity building gaps and support needed.

#### **3. Amendments to Steering Committee TORs and handover procedures.**

- Start of mandate of incoming Chairs of DCoC + WG to be 1st January. The period from elections to 31 December will be for transition
- Chairman of SC renamed Chairman of DCoC and likewise for Deputy Chairman
- TORS for the governance structures to be updated including the annexes
- Chair of WG2 and Deputy to be included in the SC
- Discussion on projects like **Safe Seas**, **Crisis Response**, and IMO proposal to Denmark.

#### **4. Emerging Threats and Regional Challenges:**

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and Kenya raised concerns about growing threats in the **Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Western Indian Ocean**. Agreed to flag up and keep into focus areas of concerns and make effort to find regional solutions.
- Highlighted need to speed up the operationalization of the ISN to be able to enhance awareness of the threats and boost response capability

**5. Assessment of Maritime Centers:**

- IMO requested to support capability assessments, identify capability gaps
- Identify benchmarking opportunities and sharing of best practices working with well-established centres
- Gaps in equipment, personnel, and infrastructure in existing centers were identified as challenges.

**6. Vessels of Interest (VOI) Database:**

- Agreed need for developing VOI database to track suspicious maritime activity.

**7. Regional Maritime Security Strategy (RMSS):**

- Sustain momentum in developing the RMSS to be completed ahead of the next HLM
- To include role for **WG3 on operational coordination at sea** in the RMSS.

**8. Establishment of WG3**

- Agreed on establishment of WG3 and related resolution
- Secretariat task to organize a workshop ASAP to discuss the startup of the WG, draft TORS and agree Chair and Chair. (NFP,s Navy/CG Reps as appropriate, NMISCs and Regional ISCs, Int naval partners

**9. Proposed Projects and Funding:**

- The **EU Crisis Response Project** aims to provide equipment, assessments, and training for NMISCs, with Djibouti and Yemen as key beneficiaries.
- IMO proposal to Denmark – Support to Somalia and Kenya.

**10. Concerns on Engagement:**

- Need to keep Gulf of Aden involved and interested. Leave no country behind. Concern to be communicated to partners.

**11. Next Steps:**

- Finalize and circulate a communiqué on WG3 to member states.
- Expedite operational coordination through RCOC and enhance collaboration with regional navies and maritime law enforcement agencies.



- Address gaps identified during center assessments and align future projects with national priorities.