

6th HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JEDDAH AMENDMENT TO THE DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT

CAPE TOWN – REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Parallel Meeting 1: “NFPs meeting” Summary

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DCOC
DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT

New Steering Committee Elected

- **Steering Committee.**
 - Chair - Republic of South Africa
 - Deputy Chair - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Working Group One**
 - Chair - Yemen
 - Deputy Chair- Comoros
- **Working Group 2**
 - Chair -Seychelles
 - Deputy -Somalia

Chair of thematic Areas as sub-working Groups of WG2

THEMATIC AREA

CHAIR

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| 1) Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing- | Tanzania |
| 2) Port and Ship security and protection of vital coastal installations | Ethiopia |
| 3) New and emerging threats to maritime security | Oman (TBC) |
| 4) Trafficking in arms, narcotics, and psychotropic substances | Madagascar |
| 5) Illegal trade in wildlife and other items in contravention with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) | Kenya |
| 6) Threats to maritime environment | Mauritius |
| 7) Human trafficking and smuggling | Maldives |

MOU between the DCoC and the two MASE centres

The meeting discussed the draft MOU and agreed that the draft be revised to clarify the legal status of the relationship between the DCoC and the two Centres. The incoming Chairs of WG1 and the secretariat were tasked to lead consultations with Seychelles and Madagascar and to resubmit the draft for consideration.

DCOC Collaboration with IFC IOR

The meeting expressed its appreciation for the assistance provided by India thus far and accepted India's offer to sponsor one ILO to be deployed at the IFC IOR. It was proposed that the nomination process be rotational. Working Group 1 to develop the Terms of Reference for this secondment. This should include the criteria for the selection of the seconded personnel in accordance with DCOC rules of engagement, addressing financial and legal implications, and any issues that may arise from India's preference.

Revision of TORs and confirmation with Oman

Revision of the TORs for WG2. The Chair of Working Group 2 was tasked to coordinate with the Chairs of the thematic working groups to revise the Terms of Reference (TORs) for WG2.

Steering Committee. The Steering Committee was tasked with amending the TORs to include the thematic leads as members of the Steering Committee.

Oman. The Secretariat was tasked to confirm with Oman their acceptance to lead the thematic area on new and emerging threats to maritime security.

Requests to FODCOC

The meeting agreed to request the Friends of DCOC to provide technical assistance in the various thematic areas as identified in the expanded structure and to work closely with the Secretariat and WG2 to maximise on the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix to enhance coordination and to minimise duplication.

The meeting agreed to engage with the Friends of DCOC (FoDCoC) to ensure that their support aligns with regional needs and priorities. It was emphasized that they should utilize the structures developed by the DCoC to discuss new projects during the development phase, rather than simply expecting the region to rubber-stamp agreements already made with implementing partners.

Annual training calendar

The meeting agreed on the need for development and maintenance of the DCoC annual training programmes, as has been in the past and tasked the Secretariat to liaise more closely with donors and to step up resource mobilization efforts to boost the DCoC Trust Fund.

Fundraising

The Secretariat and WG2 will continue to actively engage the donor partners to have them consider donating to the Trust Fund and provide technical assistance in implementation of the DCOC-JA objectives.

The meeting agreed on the necessity of continuous fundraising, the importance of sustained coordination, and the sharing of information among countries to ensure effective coordination and capacity building. The Steering Committee should consider establishing a dedicated focus on resource mobilization, actively engaging with the Friends, especially in light of the geopolitical changes in the region and the world at large

RMSRR, Implementation of WOG approach and attainment of IOC of NMISCs by March 2024

The meeting accepted the proposal to develop the DCOC regional Maritime Security Strategy and tasked the secretariat on development of the concept paper to guide the process. The concept paper will lay out the modalities of the same and the same will be shared through the Steering Committee.

The meeting called on Signatory States to fast track the implementation of the whole of Government approach including development of NMSC, NMSRR and NMSS which will create strong foundations for addressing maritime security in their respective states and ensure attainment of Initial Operating Capabilities of their respective NMISCs by March 2024 as agreed upon in the ISN Strategy.

Acknowledgement and Appreciation

The meeting acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of CRIMARIO II in supporting the region, including through provision of IORIS.

The meeting also acknowledged with appreciation the support of other partners and agreed on the benefit to continue working with other complimentary systems including SEAVISION, SKYLIGHT, MERCURY and NISHAR among others.

Way Forward on use of systems

Having considered the need for inclusivity and wider sharing of information, it was agreed that Signatory States have the sovereign right to choose the systems they want to use at their centre. The principle under DCOC, in establishing the Information Sharing Network (ISN), will focus on complementarity and connectivity, and where applicable learning from best practices from the RMIFC and RCOC. The aim is to determine what will be most compatible to provide a comprehensive maritime domain picture, without endorsing or directing the use of only one particular system.

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