



Eighth High-Level Meeting on Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct

Held in the Republic of Mauritius

At the Hilton Resort and Spa

12 – 14 November 2025

NFP Parallel Session

Strategic Direction & Information Platform Debate Summary

The National Focal Point (NFP) Parallel Session was highly focused on ensuring stability in DCoC leadership and resolving the complex debate over the future of the regional information-sharing platform. The NFPs, as the operational backbone, demanded actionable guidance on implementation.

1. Information Sharing Platform Debate

The session intensely debated how to resolve the proliferation of maritime security platforms and achieve interoperability (a problem highlighted throughout Day One).

- **Decentralized Approach Preference:** Member States deliberated on a decentralized approach that respects the sovereignty and technical choices of member states.
- **Key Action (Interim Approach):** The consensus leaned towards an interim approach focused on interoperability: allowing member states to continue using their chosen platforms while creating a DCoC membership community area within existing systems to enable coordination without forcing a unified platform.
- **Assessment Mandate:** There was a call to conduct an assessment/study of information-sharing platform options to determine the feasibility of integrating existing systems and to address financial/technical challenges before committing to a final, long-term solution.
- **Interoperability Mandate:** The group strongly emphasized the need for national centres to be **interoperable** and work towards standardized centres.
- **Restructuring Information:** Commitment was made to enhancing the operational matrix/presentation and continuing the work on the **Vessels of Interest (VOI) database**.

2. DCoC Governance and Next Steps

NFPs agreed to significant changes regarding how the DCoC meetings and governance should be structured moving forward:



- **Meeting Format Reform:** There was strong agreement to move away from the current format towards "traditional meetings" (similar to IMO committees), where member states submit formal documents (recommendations, action papers, and information documents) in advance. This ensures focused discussion and allows the Secretariat time to prepare the final resolutions.
- **Pre-Meeting Proposal:** It was suggested to hold an informal NFP meeting immediately preceding the formal high-level conference to discuss outcomes and implementation details before public statements are made.
- **Mandate for Working Groups:** The working groups (WG1, WG3) were tasked with developing practical solutions and specific timelines for the actionable items, reinforcing the theme of moving from "policy to practice".

Steering Committee elections: It was agreed to maintain current Steering Committee and Working Group Leadership for continuity of progressing work.

3. Strategy and Document Formalization

- **Engagement Strategy:** The NFPs agreed that the DCOC Engagement Strategy to be circulated to Stakeholders and feedback to be received within 3 to 4 weeks.
