



**DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT
FRIENDS OF DCoC/JA MEETING NO. 1
Held virtually via Zoom at 14:00hrs EAT
Wednesday 11th November 2021**

Record of the Meeting

1. The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as IMO), facilitated a meeting of the Friends of DCoC of the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC(JA) 2017, on behalf of signatory States to the Code of conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (the Djibouti Code of Conduct), the Signatory States to the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Jeddah Amendment"), and States eligible to sign these instruments.

2. The meeting was moderated by Ms. Nyambura Kimani (IMO). She began by welcoming the participants present and gave an opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves. The following attended the meeting:

Partner Countries; DENMARK, INDIA, UK, and USA

International Organizations; EU NAVFOR, EU CRIMARIO, IOC, ISS, UNODC, STABLE SEAS, ATLANTA OHQ ROTA

Representatives from the IMO secretariat were also present. The List of participants is enclosed as **Annex A**

Objective

3. The aim of the meeting was to brief the Friends of the DCoC (FoDCoC) on the ongoing DCoC capacity building initiatives and to discuss avenues for Friends' support for the implementation of the (DCoC/JA), particularly with regards to enhancing the DCoC information sharing network.

Opening Remarks

4. Mr. Peter Adams (Head of Maritime Security, IMO) in his opening remarks provided background information on the establishment of the FoDCoC forum and commended the efforts of DCoC National Focal Points (NFPs) for the initiative to develop the regional capacity building coordination matrix, noting that this will ensure that international assistance is based on regional needs and priorities, maximizes on synergies, and avoids duplication of effort. The opening remarks are attached as **Annex B**.

Agenda

5. The meeting adopted the agenda that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The agenda is attached as **Annex C**.



Brief Introduction of the DCoC Governance Framework and Friends of DCoC Terms of Reference.

6. Mr. Kiruja Micheni (IMO) began by providing an introduction of the DCoC Framework from the signing of the DCoC in 2009 which dealt with countering piracy, to the signing of the Jeddah Amendment in 2017, which sought to address wider transnational organized maritime crimes in the region as well as to prevent a resurgence of piracy. He highlighted the achievements of the DCOC/JA and the progressive steps it has made.

7. It was noted that the High-Level DCoC meeting held in Mombasa, Kenya in 2019 established the Governance structure for the DCoC/JA comprising of the Steering Committee (SC), Working Group (WG) 1 on Information Sharing and Working Group (WG) 2 on Capacity Building Coordination. The meeting also established the Friends of DCoC forum.

It was noted that the SC is the oversight body which;

- Provides the strategic direction and decisions on needs, priorities and issues pertaining to information sharing and capacity building coordination;
- Is responsible for approving the work plans of the 2 working groups;
- Provides decisions, advice, and guidance, as appropriate, on any matters raised to the Committee by the working groups;
- Considers and approves of requests to join Friends of DCoC

WG1 – Spearheads the work on the enhancement of the DCoC Information Sharing Network

WG2 – Coordination of Capacity Building efforts & resources mobilization.

The IMO provides secretariat role to the work of the Working Groups and the Friends of DCoC.

The Friends of DCoC serves as a platform for organizations and/or countries to exchange information and agree on the co-ordination of initiatives to support DCoC (JA) objectives. It was emphasized that this is a regional initiative to ensure that international support is driven by regional needs and tries to use a force multiplier and create synergies so that Signatory States and the Region gets maximum support without duplication.

8. The meeting was briefed on the Terms of Reference of the FoDCoC as below, the main document having been shared with participants as a read-ahead document prior to the meeting:



- **Article 3** - The Friends of the DCoC/JA shall serve as a platform for organizations and/or countries to exchange information and agree on the co-ordination of initiatives by its members to support DCOC(JA) objectives.
 - **Article 4** - The Friends of the DCoC/JA shall also provide an opportunity for interested organizations and/or countries to hear from relevant experts, partners, and advocates about the various projects on maritime security, including strengthening monitoring, accountability and the implementation measures necessary to achieve and sustain the aims and objectives of the DCoC (JA);
 - **Article 5** - The DCoC (JA) Working Group on Capacity Building Co-ordination (WG 2) shall identify and seek donor support from the Friends of the DCOC(JA) in line with the identified needs and capabilities contained in its Work Plan (which is subject to the approval of the DCoC (JA));
 - **Article 6** - The Friends of the DCoC (JA) shall support the implementation of DCoC (JA) on the basis of mutual respect for the sovereignty, sovereign rights, sovereign equality, jurisdiction, and territorial integrity of States.
 - **Article 8** - The Friends of the DCOC(JA) are Organizations and/or countries committed to, and capable of making a substantial contribution to, the work of the DCOC(JA);
 - **Article 13** - The Friends of the DCoC (JA) shall meet in the margins of the Steering committee's meetings, Working Groups meetings and IMO Meetings and other gatherings where the Participating States of DCoC have membership as well as remote meetings through video conferencing. They may hold ad-hoc meetings as required prior to Participating States meetings in support of the objective of the DCoC (JA) and final preparations ahead of the Participating States meetings.
 - **Article 17** - Members of the Friends of the DCoC (JA) cannot participate in any decision making of the DCoC governance framework.
9. The following recommendations were put forth:
- Having established a strong governance framework, the DCoC is now better prepared to spearhead the coordination of information sharing and regional capacity building initiatives;
 - Need for donors and implementing partners to support regional capacity building priorities and needs as identified by the Signatory States;



- Need for better coordination of efforts of donors and implementing partners – Friends of DCoC can participate and support the work spearheaded by the two working Groups; and
- Use of the DCoC Trust Fund as an opportunity for mobilization of resources.

The presentation on the Terms of Reference is attached as **Annex D**

Formal introduction of Chair and Co - Chair of WG1 (Information Sharing)

Status update on the Information Sharing Strategy

10. Brigadier (Rtd) Loonena Naisho (Kenya) began by introducing himself as the Chair of WG 1 on Information Sharing and a member of the DCoC Steering Committee.

11. The meeting was informed that in a bid to improve regional Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and maritime safety and security through dissemination of reliable information-sharing on incidents of maritime crimes such as piracy and armed robbery; illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; illicit trades; human smuggling; and maritime terrorism, Working Group 1 on Information Sharing, through the Steering Committee, sought a long term solution through engaging a consultant to develop a strategy to enhance the DCoC information sharing network. The draft strategy is in its final stages of approval.

12. **The vision of WG 1 was noted as:**

- a. Every DCoC/JA Signatory State shall establish its own National Maritime Security Committee which oversees the work of the operationalized National Maritime Information Sharing Center (NMISC) and effectively utilizes the information it provides in national maritime security decision making;
- b. DCoC Signatory States' national agencies cooperate in sharing information through NMISCs;
- c. Friends of the DCoC cooperate in sharing information through MOUs established with NMISCs and regional centres;
- d. Analysis of incidents by regional centres distinguishes patterns in illicit maritime activities and supports disruption of maritime crime by guiding regional policy decisions;
- e. Friends of DCoC to provide technical support, resources, and equipment (all by way of requests by Signatory States through the IMO) in achieving the objectives discussed; and
- f. The Information Sharing Strategy shall be shared with the Friends of DCoC once it has been adopted by the Steering Committee, who are expected to convene in December 2021.

The presentation by the Chair of WG 1 attached as **Annex E**



Formal introduction of Chair and Co-Chair of WG2 (Capacity Building Coordination)

Brief on the Capacity Building Matrix

13. Captain Getinet Abay (Ethiopia) began by giving background information on the development of the capacity building coordination matrix. It was noted that it started with the development of the comprehensive National Focal Points Feedback Template during the High-Level meeting of 2019 (Jeddah). The original template highlighted each member State's technical assistance needs and priorities submitted by each of the NFPs. It was further noted that signatory States welcomed the capacity building work of international organizations, supporting Governments and non-governmental organizations and invited those interested and committed to offer their assistance.

14. The meeting recalled that the Donor Forum held in Mombasa, Kenya, from the 13th - 14th of November, 2019, agreed that there is an inherent need for coordination amongst donors in order to avoid duplication, particularly with respect to capacity building; and it was further agreed that the Friends of DCoC shall provide an opportunity for interested member States to hear from relevant experts, partners and advocates about the various components and implications of maritime security, including strengthening monitoring, accountability and implementation.

15. The meeting was informed that the Working Group on Capacity Building Coordination was established to spearhead work on capacity building coordination; and is the forum that will work most closely with the Friends of DCoC, with the Terms of Reference' having been unanimously approved in November 2020, following a series of deliberations by the signatory States. Additionally, he noted that the 22nd plenary of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) held in Mauritius on 20 June 2019, resolved that the work of the Regional Capacity Building Coordination Working Group (RCBWG), be left to the DCoC mechanism, with a view to enhance efficiency and to avoid duplication of effort.

16. WG 2 has met twice and has agreed on workable modalities including:-

- Revamping of the National Training Coordinators forum which is a forum for NFPs representatives to develop a joint training plan;
- NFPs to fill the capacity building coordination matrix which will identify the needs and priorities of the Signatory States which is what will be linked to the Friends of DCoC for technical assistance based on the identified regional needs;
- Leveraging on ongoing Friends of DCoC capacity building initiatives in the region to grow their capacities in maritime security. E.g., IMO's Port Security and Red Sea Projects.
- Resource Mobilization through the Friends of DCoC for the DCoC Trust Fund.

The presentation by the Chair of WG 2 is attached as **Annex F**



Assistance required:

Capability Assessment of Information Sharing Centres

18. Kenya noted that in order for the region to actualize the vision discussed above, DCoC Signatory States look forward to conducting capability assessment of their national information sharing centres (NMISC). A similar exercise was conducted in 2019, with assistance of the UK, covering the Regional Information Sharing Centres in Kenya, Seychelles, and Madagascar.

19. In a bid to ensure consistency and uniformity of the capability assessments of information sharing centres in the region, WG 1 shall provide the template to undertake the same. FoDCoC were requested to support the Signatory States based on their capabilities and to provide technical assistance in conducting the capability assessments for NMISCs.

20. The meeting was briefed that the work of establishing NMISCs was not expected to progress at the same level and will depend on resources available to individual States. It was highlighted that the region requires capacity building in operating a multi-agency information sharing Centre. Signatory States therefore saw it fit to request for technical assistance from international partners whose work will not only cover the capability assessments but also training of operators among other key activities.

Outline role of the Coordinator (Articles 7 and 15)

21. Ms. Joyce Awino (Kenya) noted that the Friends of DCoC was a concept long in the making, with the Terms of Reference formally approved in November 2020. The meeting was informed that the role of the coordinator shall be to ensure effective coordination of international partners support and shall communicate the deliberations and decisions of the Friends of the DCoC (JA) in writing to the DCoC Participating States through the Secretariat within ten (10) working days of the completion of the meetings.

23. The meeting was informed of the need to have a Coordinator that the forum can work with and one that will work closely with the Secretariat in terms of deliverables. It was agreed to leave the matter of nomination of a Coordinator to the Friends to deliberate amongst themselves and inform the Secretariat on agreed nominations.

Open Discussion

26. India informed the meeting that its Information Fusion Centre for Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), has white shipping agreements with around 22 countries and many of those are in the Indian Ocean Region and is looking forward to make a presentation to seek areas of collaboration with WG 1 on Information Sharing and Capability Assessments.



Summary of Discussion and Way Forward

28. Having heard the presentations from WG 1, WG 2, Secretariat, and the reactions from the plenary, the meeting noted with appreciation the observations and recommendations and adopted the summary of discussion and way forward as follows:

- ❖ Friends of the DCoC to provide the Secretariat with the agreed nomination for the Co-ordinator of the Friends of DCoC.
- ❖ Friends of the DCoC to provide offers of assistance on the MDA Capability assessments to the Secretariat.
- ❖ India made a request to make a presentation to WG 1 on the International Fusion Centre and the deliverables on information sharing undertaken by WG1.
- ❖ The Secretariat will inform the Friends of DCoC when the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix has been completed.

Vote of thanks

29. The Chair WG 2 (Ethiopia) concluded the meeting by thanking every member for attending and wished them good health until the next meeting. The Closing remarks are attached as **Annex G**.

30. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1545 hours EAT.

Annexes:

- Annex A – List of Participants
- Annex B- IMO Opening Remarks
- Annex C- Agenda
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- Annex F- Update on WG 2
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Annex A- List of Participants

List of Participants that attended the Friends of the DCoC virtual meeting on 11th November 2021	
Brigadier (rtd) Loonena Naisho	Kenya
Joyce Awino	Kenya
Colonel George Shiundu	COS Kenya Coast Guard Service
Captain Getinet Gebru	Ethiopia
Captain (Navy) Jean Edmond Randra- nrianantenaina	Madagascar
Lt CDR Diego Canovas-Canovas	EUNAVFOR Atalanta OHQ Rota
Quinton Brissette(sp)	Political advisor, Atalanta OHQ Rota
Jon Huggins	Stable Seas/UNODC
Curtis Bell	Stable Seas
David Natrass	EU CRIMARIO
Martin Cauchi Inglott	EU CRIMARIO
Kjeld Gaard-Frederiksen	Denmark
Pascaline Alexandre	Indian Ocean Commission
Hassani Ahamada Soilihi	MASE Programme, Indian Ocean Commission
John Steed	UNODC
Kevan Higgins	U.S. Embassy
Maj Medina	US Embassy
Nina Randrup	Danish Embassy
Ramneek Singh	India (c/o Capt. Nitesh Garg, Defence Advisor)
Sudhir Singh	Ministry of External Affairs, India



Patricia Davies	British High Commission
Richard Morris	UK Royal Navy, MDA Programme
Tim Walker	Institute of Security Studies
Denys Reva	Institute of Security Studies
David Willima	Institute of Security Studies
Dr. Scott Edwards	Safe Seas
Zoe Dan	
Peter Adams	IMO
Andrew Clarke	IMO
Kiruja Micheni	IMO
Nyambura Kimani	IMO
Winnie Maina	IMO
Esther Njonde	IMO



Annex B- IMO OPENING REMARKS

Peter Adams Opening Remarks

Friends of DCoC Meeting, 11th November 2021

14:00 EAT, Zoom

Good morning/afternoon. It's my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the first meeting of the Friends of the DCoC.

I'm Peter Adams, I'm the Head of Maritime Security Section at IMO and our secretariat, in Nairobi, led by Kiruja Micheni, provides secretariat support to the member states of the DCoC.

Thank you all for attending. The success of this initiative will be through the attendance and engagement of those who are best placed to facilitate support, to meet the capacity building requirements of the DCoC member states. Great to see so many of you here today.

The need for coordinated assistance for technical support was identified through the National Focal Points Feedback following the 2019 high level Jeddah meeting. During that meeting, Participants welcomed the capacity building work of international organizations, supporting Governments and non-governmental organizations and invited those interested and committed to offer their assistance. The Participants also proposal to establish a Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct mechanism to assist with capacity building and avoid duplication of efforts. This point was also raised by the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia in 2019. So there have been a number of groups and stakeholders calling for this requirement to be addressed.

The DCoC website, is being enhanced to include a Members Only portal to allow NFPs to use the Capacity Building Coordination Matrix – this is where members will be able to input their training needs and priorities.

The Friends of the DCoC will be able to see the technical assistance requirements of the signatory states. This should facilitate greater coordination and avoid duplication of effort of-fering support, based on Member States needs and priorities.

The forum is primarily to address the requirements identified by member states and isn't a forum to provide a sales pitch. The aim is to meet the requirements of the DCoC member states rather than provide existing an established training packages.

We will shortly hear from both Chairs of Working Group 1 on Information Sharing and Working Group 2 on Capacity Building Coordination on their on-going work and immediate priority areas.

I hope you agree this is a really positive initiative by the member states and I hope that this and further meetings provide the basis for efficient and effective capacity building support for years to come. Thank you



Annex C- AGENDA - FRIENDS OF DCOC(JA) MEETING
Time: 14:00 Hrs EAT/11:00 GMT
Application: Zoom

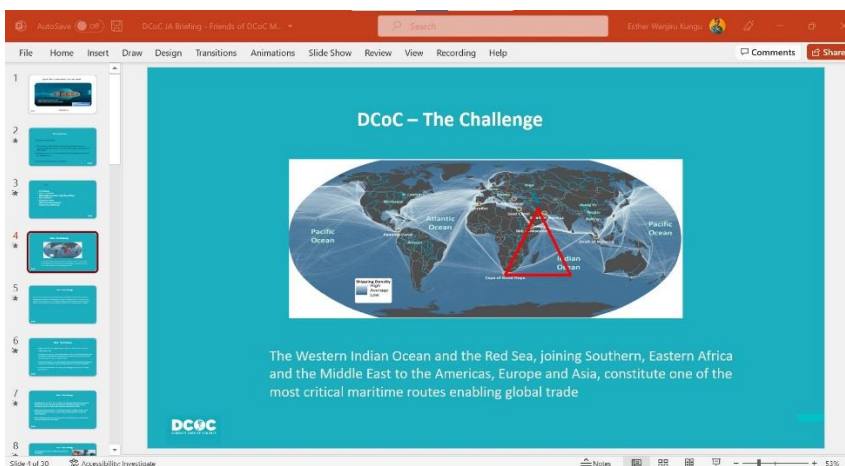
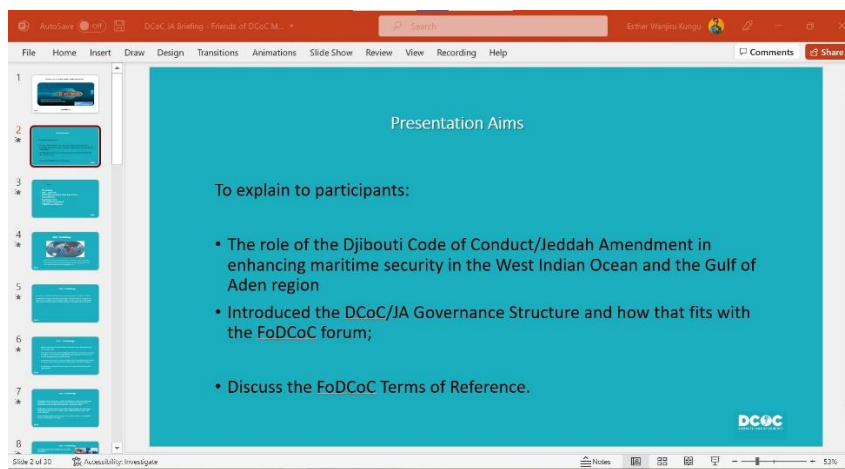
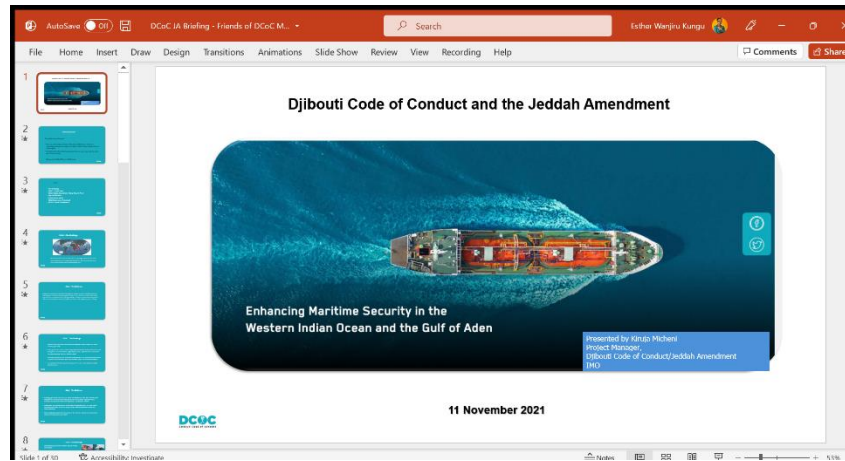
Item	Time	Subject	Lead	Decision Required
1.	5 min	Opening remarks and introduction of the DCoC Team	Peter Adams IMO	-
2.	10 min	Friends of DCoC: • Terms of Reference	Kiruja Micheni IMO	Understanding the mandate of the Friends of DCoC
3.	5 min	Operation of DCoC framework	Kiruja Micheni IMO	Understanding of DCoC Governance Structure
4.	10 min	<p>Formal introduction of Chair and Co - Chair of WG1 (Information Sharing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status update on the Information Sharing Strategy <p>Formal introduction of Chair and Co-Chair of WG2 (Capacity Building Coordination)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on the Capacity Building Matrix Capacity Building Interactive Matrix video 	<p>Kenya Madagascar</p> <p>Ethiopia</p> <p>Mozambique</p> <p>Esther Njonde IMO</p>	Understanding of national and regional priorities, and why coordination of effort is key



5.	10 min	Assistance required: • Capability Assessment of Information Sharing Centres	Chair Working Group 1	Expression of interest to assist from international donors
6	5 min	Outline role of the Coordinator (Articles 7 and 15) Nomination of Coordinator for the Friends of DCoC:	Chair Working Group 1	Understanding the need to appoint a Coordinator of the Friends of DCoC and to start working towards it
7.	10 min	Summary of discussion and way forward	Chair Working Group 1	Agreed actions
8.	3 min	AOB	All	-
9.	3 min	Vote of Thanks	Chair Working Group 2	-



Annex D- PRESENTATION ON ROLE OF DCoC AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FRIENDS OF DCoC





Annex E- UPDATE OF WG 1

KEY TALKING POINTS FOR THE CHAIR OF WORKING GROUP 1

Overview

In attendance of the meeting will be members of Working Group 1 and Working Group 2, IMO Representatives and partners from US, UK, Denmark, Japan, Canada, EU, UNODC etc. The meeting is to provide updates on the status of the DCOC with regards of capacity building. They will be introduced to the capacity building Matrix and the Strategy Roadmap to implement the Jeddah Amendments.

The decision to establish the Friends of the DCOC was made in a high-level meeting in April 2019. As captured in the TORs, it is a platform for organizations and/or countries to exchange information and agree on the co-ordination of initiatives by its members to support DCOC(JA) objectives. The Friends of the DCoC (JA) shall also provide an opportunity for interested organizations and/or countries to hear from relevant experts, partners and advocates about the various projects on maritime security, including strengthening monitoring, accountability and the implementation measures necessary to achieve and sustain the aims and objectives of the DCoC (JA).

Agenda is attached. Interjections by Kenya as Chair of the Working Group 1 are captured in the agenda items captured below:

AGENDA ITEM 2 - OUTLINE THE ROLE OF THE COORDINATOR

As you all may know, the Friends of DCoC was a concept long in the making, with the Terms of Reference formally approved last November 2020. In a bid to ensure that this forum is effective in not duplicating efforts in the region and ensuring that member State's needs, and priorities are being met by the Friends, we need to appoint a Coordinator. By virtue of article 7 and 15 of the Terms of Reference for the Friends of DCoC which will highlighted in the next agenda item - the role of the coordinator shall be to ensure effective coordination of international partners support and shall communicate the deliberations and decisions of the Friends of the DCoC (JA) in writing to the DCoC Participating States through the Secretariat within ten (10) working days of the completion of the meetings.

Capacity building at the regional level requires cooperation and coordination, talk and dialogue between regional countries. Thus capacity-building initiatives might also be seen as maritime confidence and security building measures. We anticipate that the coordinator that will be identified will have the necessary expertise and will be neutral to ensure acceptability by Member States.

We open the floor for proposals on the way forward for the identification of a Coordinator. IMO Secretariat to provide Guidance.



AGENDA ITEM 5 - FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR WG1 AND STATUS UPDATE OF THE INFORMATION SHARING STRATEGY

Brief introduction of Chair of WG1

Status on Information Sharing Strategy

In a bid to improve regional maritime domain awareness and maritime safety and security through dissemination of reliable information-sharing on incidents of maritime crimes like piracy and armed robbery; illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; illicit trades; human smuggling; and maritime terrorism, Working Group 1 on information sharing, through the Steering Committee, sought a long term solution through engaging a consultant to develop a strategy to enhance the DCoC information sharing network. The draft strategy is in its final stages.

Our vision is that:

1. Every DCoC-Jeddah Amendment member state shall establish its own National Maritime Security Committee structure which oversees the work of the operationalised National Maritime Information Sharing Center (NMISC) and effectively utilizes the information it provides in national maritime security decision making.
2. DCoC members' national agencies cooperate in sharing information through NMISCs.
3. Friends of the DCoC cooperate in sharing information through MOUs established with NMISCs and regional centres.
4. Analysis of incidents by regional centres distinguishes patterns in illicit maritime activities and supports disruption of maritime crime by guiding regional policy decisions.
5. We will be looking to you, the Friends of DCoC, to provide technical support, resources, and equipment (all by way of requests by member states through the IMO) in achieving the objectives discussed.
6. The Information Sharing Strategy shall be shared with the Friends of DCoC once it has been tabled to the Steering Committee in early December.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION SHARING CENTRES

In order for the region to actualize the vision discussed in agenda item 5, we look forward to conducting capability assessment of information sharing centers in the region. This was an exercise that was initially embarked in 2019 whereby Kenya, Seychelles and Madagascar had their respective national information sharing centres conduct assessments with assistance of the UK.

In a bid to ensure consistency and uniformity of the capability assessments of information sharing centres in the region, Working Group 1 shall provide the template to undertake the same. At this juncture we now open the floor for volunteers to walk with us based on their capability. Welcome, the floor is open.



AGENDA ITEM 7 - SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND WAY FORWARD - TO BE PROVIDED TO CHAIR WG1 BY IMO AFTER A SHORT INTERVAL

1. The Steering Committee Meeting has been updated on the progress so far in relation to Working Group 1 and Working Group 2. The meeting has noted the commitment of both Working Groups and their collaboration with IMO which has provided Technical support on the sub-committee work on development of an Information Sharing and MDA Strategy Plan and Road Map, establishment of National Maritime Information Sharing Centres, ISPS Code and Framework of implementation Training Series among others all in an effort to enhance maritime security and Maritime Domain Awareness and thereby give full effect to the provisions in the DCOC/JA. The meeting has also considered the presentations by other members and by the Secretariat on recommendations for best approaches in the work of the Working Groups.
2. Following the deliberations and update by Working Group 1 and 2, the Secretariat and the members of the Steering Committee, the way forward and steps to be taken as approved by the Steering Committee are as follows;
 - a. Steering Committee to request the IMO to provide Technical Assistance for enhancement of Maritime Domain Awareness as well as develop relevant documents as provided for in Article 3 of Jeddah Amendment. This include establish, as necessary, a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary national maritime security and facilitation committee or other system for co-ordinating the related activities between the departments and agencies; establish National Maritime Security Plans with related contingency plans as well as establish National Maritime Information Sharing Centres.
 - b. Working Group 1 through the already existing sub-committee to develop the DCOC/JA Information Sharing Network Strategy and a Maritime Domain Awareness Regional Plan with technical support from IMO.
 - c. Working Group 2 to spearhead the development of a Needs Assessment Matrix as a pillar for capacity building coordination and an Integrated Work Plan across the Region with support from the IMO.
 - d. Working Group 2 to spearhead the collating of capacity building needs from Signatory States with support from IMO and carry out training need assessment and prepare a workable capacity building program for the region as a whole and depending on the identified needs to individual countries on a priority basis.
 - e. Working Group 2 to spearhead with support from IMO development of a common Training Plan and incremental plan to be factored in for meaningful transfer of knowledge.
 - f. It was recommended that information on the new training course on the screening and search of passengers and their baggage for cruise and ferry port facilities be circulated to all NFPs for consultations with their governments on the way forward and hopefully a Signatory State or more may be interested. IMO was requested to share the information on this course with Seychelles for their internalization.
 - g. The requests to be considered as Friends of DCOC by STABLE SEAS, ISS, IOC, INTERPOL, and EU CRIMARIO have been approved.



h. It was recommended that NFPs and Implementing partners can share their input and news items related to the work of the DCOC/JA for input into the DCOC Newsletter.

i. It was recommended that there is need for DCOC/JA to find ways of meaningful collaboration through the Chairman and Secretariat with the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) as they are keen to work with DCOC and use its mechanism in enhancing maritime security as was deliberated in the 22nd Plenary Session to avoid duplication of interventions. It further recommended that Steering Committee requests IMO and any other Signatory State or the Working Group 2 to engage the Contact Group with a view of finding ways to engage collaboratively.

j. Fundraising strategies as discussed have been approved and it is the responsibility of every Signatory State to actively participate in fundraising for the DCOC Trust Fund. IMO may also inform the Steering Committee of any prospects by Implementing Partners they may come across. KSA has committed to host training sessions once COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

Annex F- UPDATE ON WG 2

AGENDA ITEM 5 - FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR & CO-CHAIR WG 2: BRIEF ON THE CAPACITY BUILDING MATRIX

- Members, recalling the last High-Level meeting in Jeddah, 2019, where a comprehensive National Focal Points Feedback Template highlighting each member States priorities and need for technical assistance and donor support was submitted by each of the NFPs;
- Recalling further that, the Participants welcomed the capacity building work of international organizations, supporting Governments and non-governmental organizations and invited those interested and committed to offer their assistance.
- The Participants considered a proposal to establish a Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct mechanism to assist with capacity and capability building and avoid duplication of efforts. The Participants concluded that such a mechanism should comprise a list of subject matter experts and assistance providers on whom signatory States' national focal points can call for support in a wide range of areas.
- Further recalling the Donor Forum held in Mombasa, Kenya, from the 13th - 14th of November 2019, whereby it was agreed that there is an inherent need for coordination amongst donors in order to avoid duplication, particularly with respect to capacity building.
- It was further agreed that the Friends of DCoC shall provide an opportunity for interested member States to hear from relevant experts, partners and advocates about the various components and implications of maritime security, including strengthening monitoring, accountability and implementation.



- As you know, the Working Group on Capacity Building Coordination was established to spearhead work on capacity building coordination; and is the forum that will work most closely with the Friends of DCoC, with the Terms of Reference' having been unanimously approved in November 2020, following a series of deliberations by the signatory States.
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- Additionally, and of great importance, you will further recall, that the 22nd plenary of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) held in Mauritius on 20 June 2019, resolved that the work of the Regional Capacity Building Coordination Working Group (RCBWG), be left to the DCoC mechanism, with a view to enhance efficiency and to avoid duplication of effort.

- To progress the work of the Working Group 2, the WG has met twice so far and has agreed on workable modalities including;
 - Revamping of the National Training Coordinators forum which is a forum for NFPs representatives to develop a joint training plan
 - NFPs to fill the capacity building coordination matrix which will identify the needs and priorities of the Signatory States which is what will be linked to the Friends of DCoC for technical assistance based on the identified regional needs.
 - Leveraging on ongoing Friends of DCoC capacity building initiatives in the region to grow their capacities in Maritime Security. e.g. IMO's Port Security and Red Sea Projects.
 - Resource Mobilization through the Friends of DCoC for the DCoC trust Fund

- It is envisioned that the Friends of DCoC will make it easier for donors and implementing agencies to informally discuss programmes and priorities and give the best service by way of technical assistance to DCoC member States based on their priorities and needs.

- Today, we shall be informally engaging the Friends of DCoC for the first time since the Terms of Reference were approved. Once the capacity building matrix has been completed and member States have input their respective data, we shall formally engage you by way of the inaugural meeting of the Friends to be scheduled for early next year.



Annex G- CLOSING REMARKS BY ETHIOPIA

By the Chair of DCoC (JA) Working Group 2 on Capacity Building Coordination. Captain Getinet Abay, Director Maritime Admin, Ethiopian Maritime Affairs Authority

Salutations

- ❖ WG1 and WG2 representatives
- ❖ Friends of DCOC
- ❖ IMO Secretariat Representatives attending this meeting
- ❖ All protocols observed

Ladies and gentlemen!

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for attending this Virtual meeting of the Friends of DCOC. I thank you for your enthusiasm and active participation in the meeting.

I believe the discussions and recommendations as captured by the Secretariat in the Summary and Way forward of the meeting are a great take home for all us to work together.

The DCOC is looking forward to have a strong relationship with friends of the DCOC, taking into account the importance of the maritime domain of the region covered by the DCOC is not only important to the region but also is a critical international corridor, the mission of the DCOC will be achieved with the participation and contribution of the friends of the DCOC and their valuable capacity building assistance and donations in various forms are of utmost importance.

As I conclude, I wish you all the best until we meet physically. In the meantime, stay safe and see you soon.

GOD blesses you all!! Thank you