



DCoC/JA NFPs Extraordinary Meeting No 3

Virtual via Teams

Thursday 20 June 2024

Record of the Meeting

1. The Signatory States of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the Jeddah Amendment (hereinafter referred to as the DCoC/JA) and States eligible to sign these instruments (hereinafter referred to collectively as 'Participants') through the National Focal Points (NFPs) met to discuss the way forward and progress on the Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment. The meeting was held virtually via TEAMS on Thursday 20 June 2024.

2. The meeting was attended by participants from the following Signatory States:

COMOROS	DJIBOUTI	ETHIOPIA	KENYA
JORDAN	MADAGASCAR	MALDIVES	MAURITIUS
MOZAMBIQUE	SOMALIA	SOUTH AFRICA	TANZANIA
YEMEN			

And representatives from the Auxilium, IOC, IMO, RMIFC, and RCOC.

The full list of participants is attached as **Annex A**.

Aim

3. The aim of the meeting was to receive an update on the 18 June 2024 meeting held between the DCoC Chair and the IMO Secretary-General (SG) on various issues, including IMO's support for fundraising to enhance the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment, preparations for the upcoming High-Level Meeting in Zanzibar, and coordination of maritime security initiatives between the DCoC and other maritime security architectures in the region, such as the CGIMA.. The agenda is attached as **Annex B**

Update from the Chair-DCoC Metse Ralephenya- RSA

4. The Republic of South Africa and the Chair of the DCoC Steering Committee, (Mr. Metse Ralephenya), began by thanking the NFPs for their commitment to the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment and their support in the various deliberations held so far. He provided an update on his meeting with the IMO SG on 18 June 2024. He noted that he had appraised the IMO SG on the importance of the DCoC/JA as the premier maritime security coordination organization in the region, enjoying the will and commitment of the region to address illicit maritime activities. He then updated the SG on the successes and challenges of

the DCoC/JA to date. Furthermore, he requested the SG to support DCoC fundraising efforts, as the multi-donor Trust Fund is nearly depleted and needs a boost to ensure that the gains achieved in addressing illicit maritime activities are not lost. **The presentation is attached as Annex C**

5. The Chair noted that, as agreed with the host nation, he requested the SG to attend the 7th High-Level Meeting (HLM) to be held in Zanzibar in November 2024. The IMO SG responded that he would grace the meeting, expressing his happiness to support it and dedicating a full day. The Chair therefore highlighted the need to be sharp with the agenda and ensure that all important items are scheduled for the first day to maximize the presence of the IMO SG on matters where his support and intervention are needed.

6. He noted that the DCoC needs to develop an action plan for the implementation of the 8-point action plan, detailing specific deliverables and activities. This will enable the SG to fundraise effectively, addressing concerns about insufficient information on the progress made so far. He advised documenting the achievements of the DCoC to date and creating a project plan with key deliverables. Based on this, the SG will organize a donor round table on the margins of the IMO Council to be held in July 2024. The SG indicated his intention to invite potential donors to attend and expressed interest in knowing how many DCoC Signatory States will participate to facilitate logistics. The Chair emphasized the importance of having many representatives from the DCoC Signatory States attend to seize this significant opportunity, even suggesting that the Signatory States' permanent representatives based in London attend the donor round tables on behalf of the NFPs if necessary.

7. The Chair noted that regarding the collaboration between the DCoC and the Red Sea Council, the SG cautioned about the related political sensitivities. Consequently, it was agreed that the DCoC should adhere to the 8-point action plan and refrain from discussions that may touch on politically sensitive matters.

8. The Chair reported that he briefed the SG on the crucial role of the IMO-led DCoC Secretariat in day-to-day support for the implementation of the JA and requested him to continue providing that support, to which he agreed.

Plenary

All participants

9. It was noted that there is a need to have the key items on the agenda on the day that the IMO SG will be present to maximize on his presence and ensure matters needing his interventions are addressed in his presence.

10. In planning for the HLM, it was agreed to ensure close coordination with the organizers of the AAMA Conference, which will be held in Dar es Salaam from 27-29 November 2024, to facilitate smooth logistics planning for the SG's visit, including transfers between Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

11. Mr. Ali Mirah Chelem (Djibouti) thanked the Chairman for being proactive and expressed appreciation for the progress made so far, including the meeting with the SG. He noted that there are only 2 members from DCoC countries on the IMO Council. He reiterated the importance of having many Signatory States attend but acknowledged challenges regarding finances and facilitation, as many Signatory States may struggle to convince their governments to attend due to non-membership in the council. He further requested the DCoC to seek funding to assist NFPs in attending.

12. Ms. Stella Katondo (Tanzania) recommended that if the DCoC/JA sends an official invitation letter to the countries requesting them to attend the meeting then probably they will get authorisation from their countries to attend.

13. After much deliberation, it was agreed that the SG should be requested to consider convening the donor round table in September 2024, on the margins of the MEPC, to be held between 30 September and 4 October 2024. This timing would allow more NFPs to attend and provide sufficient time for logistics and proper planning, including preparing achievement summaries and actionable project documents to help donors appreciate the work of the DCoC. It was also noted that during the HLM in November 2024, the donors would then provide feedback on the requests made in September 2024.

14. It was agreed that the NFP WhatsApp group be used for NFPs to urgently indicate their availability to travel, and the numbers should be submitted to the IMO SG's office. It was further noted that the documents promised to the IMO SG also need to be submitted as agreed in July 2024, contingent upon NFPs' cooperation in providing data on achievements in their respective countries. The achievements will focus on a people-centered approach and solutions provision, ensuring the sustainability of these initiatives.

17. Recognizing the political sensitivities surrounding the Red Sea Council, it was agreed to proceed cautiously and prioritize the 8-point action plan. This includes focusing on technical assistance to build the capabilities of Somalia's and Yemen's Coast Guards, as well as supporting the Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centre (ReMISC) in Aden and the Yemen Maritime Administration, which fall within the scope of the DCoC mandate.

2024 HLM Preparations

Ms. Stella Katondo- Tanzania

18. Ms. Stella Katondo (Tanzania) noted that Tanzania is ready to host the 7th High-Level Meeting in Zanzibar in November 2024. She noted that the AAMA meeting will be from 27-29 November 2024 in Dar-es-Salaam. Based on this she requested that the DCoC needs to agree on the DCoC HLM which will align with the AAMA to have the IMO SG attend the same.

Plenary

All

19. After deliberations, it was agreed to propose the following dates for the 7th HLM to the SG's office, considering that the SG will be attending the AAMA meeting on 27th November in Dar es Salaam:

- Option one - 26-28 November 2024 in Zanzibar
- Option Two - 25 – 27 Nov
- Option Three - 28 - 30 Nov.

20. IMO provided an update on the progress so far regarding the HLM and its facilitation, noting that Germany has offered to co-sponsor the event with Tanzania. Further details will be provided as soon as they are finalized.

DCoC Collaboration with CGIMA and other Regional Maritime Security architectures

22. The meeting raised concerns regarding certain engagements with CGIMA that undermine the work of the DCoC. Most recently, a meeting in Nairobi resulted in the establishment of an anti-piracy task force without consulting or including the DCoC. Despite requests for DCoC's inclusion in the meeting, this did not occur, and significant decisions were made without adequate consultation with regional states or consideration of ongoing regionally led efforts. This is notwithstanding that during the 21st Plenary of the CPGCS, it was agreed that DCoC would lead in capacity building coordination, to avoid duplication of effort, a decision reaffirmed during the 1st Plenary of CGIMA held in Nairobi.

23. The meeting further agreed on the need to ensure better coordination and to encourage partners to utilize the DCoC working groups established for this purpose, to safeguard the region's unity and prevent undermining of its will. It was observed that international organizations sometimes overlook the principle of serving sovereign states, which is also evident in other regions. The region has established its maritime security architecture and regional centres, which are currently being undermined by external parties that are trying to circumvent existing agreements and institutions and replace them with new, externally led ones. Therefore, the DCoC needs to take action to address this issue, ensuring that initiatives originate from sovereign states rather than external partners.

Plenary
All

24. Members deliberated on the need to address this matter to avoid duplication and ensure coordination that supports the region's will and commitment. It was agreed to draft a strong DCoC statement highlighting this concern so that the parties involved can take action to prevent recurrence.

25. It was further agreed to address the matter during the HLM in November and possibly reinforce it with a resolution to tackle the issue of duplication of efforts. This level of decision-making in the DCoC represents the highest authority and will demonstrate the strategic direction that the DCoC intends to uphold.

Vote of thanks:

25. The Chair of the DCoC appreciated the Signatory States for their commitment and wished them well as they endeavour to work on the agreed items.

26. With no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 1625 hours EAT.

Annexes:

- **Annex A- List of Participants**
- **Annex B- Agenda**
- **Annex C- Presentation by the DCoC Steering Committee Chair**

Annex A- List of Participants

No	Name	Country
1.	Anfidine Ali Toihr	Comoros
2.	Ali Mirah Chelem	Djibouti
3.	Capt Getinet Abay	Ethiopia
4.	Abed Aldabet	Jordan
5.	George Okong'o	Kenya
6.	Lawrence Mwendwa	Kenya
7.	Jean Edmond Randrianantenaina	Madagascar
8.	Adhil Rasheed	Maldives
9.	Yonis Adan Adan	Somalia
10.	Metse Ralephenya	Republic of South Africa
11.	Stella Katondo	Tanzania
12.	Mohammed Almagashi	Yemen
13.	Adeeb Abdulsattar	Yemen
14.	Sam Gontier	RCOC
15.	Alex Ralairivony	RMIFC
16.	Emmanuelle Hoareau	Legal advisor Auxilium Worldwide
17.	Raj Mohabeer	IOC
18.	Ian Ralby	Auxilium Worldwide
19.	Kiruja Micheni	IMO

20.	Winnie Maina	IMO
21.	Esther Kung'u	IMO

Annex B-Agenda



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Annex C – Presentation by the DCoC Steering Committee Chair



Chair's Talking Points
with IMO SG June 2024