

High Level Meeting on Implementation of the DCoC Jeddah Amendment (28-30 June)

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Main Objectives of the Meeting:

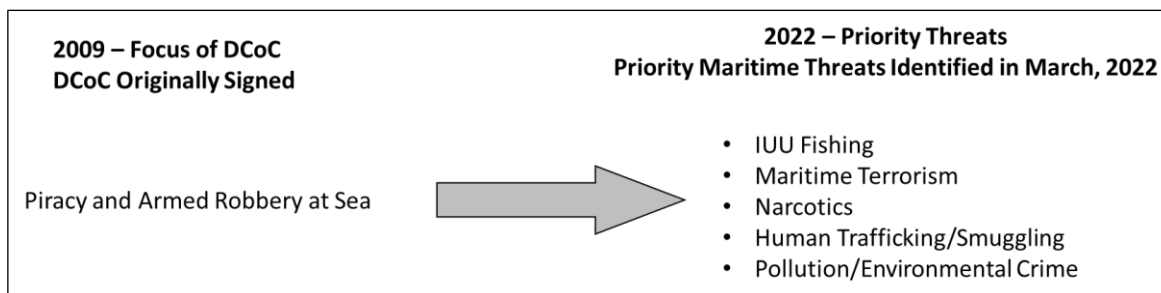
The primary objective of the High Level Meeting of the Djibouti Code of Conduct is to endorse strategies and workplans that have been developed over the last year to strengthen maritime security in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, through effective implementation of the DCoC/JA. The primary components of the DCoC/JA include: (1) a regionally led Information Sharing Network, (2) an agreed Capacity Building matrix based on member-state needs and priorities, and (3) a coordinated support network of regional and international partners that make up the Friends of the DCoC.

Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean

For over a decade, the threat of piracy in the Western Indian Ocean has been the primary factor shaping maritime security operations, regional and international cooperation and capacity building. However, as the nature of maritime threats has evolved, this framework must be re-engineered to address current threats. Some of these factors include:

- The migration of criminal behavior from piracy to other illicit maritime activities.
- The shifting of international navy mandates away from piracy and towards other maritime threats in the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea.
- The expiration of the UN Security Council Resolution addressing Somali-based piracy and the reduction in the industry-defined High Risk Area (HRA).
- The initiation of regional information-sharing and coordination centres in the Indian Ocean.
- Geopolitical events that have negatively influenced shipping patterns and vulnerabilities.

Evolution of DCoC Priority Threat Areas (As Identified in DCoC Workshop):



Meeting Flow and Main Points

Day One (28 Jun): Addressing Evolving Maritime Threats Through the DCoC/JA

- Gain a common understanding of the evolving maritime threats to the Indian Ocean.
- Establishing National Maritime Information Sharing Centres (NMISCs) as the foundation to support the DCoC ISN.

Day Two (29 Jun): Maximizing Regional and International Support for Capacity Building

- Aligning Capacity Building priorities to operationalize the DCoC through the Regional Capacity Building Matrix.
- Re-energizing the DCoC Trust Fund as an important tool for implementing the DCoC.
- Parallel meetings of the National Focal Points and the Friends of the DCoC.

Day Three (30 Jun): Agreed Way Forward

- Discussion and endorsement of Resolutions and agreement on the Communique.

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<p>Four Resolutions are envisioned for endorsement. While the exact wording will be determined in the meeting, the main points are expected to be the following:</p>	
<p>Resolution #1 Information Sharing Network Champion: Brigadier (Rtd) Naisho (Kenya) (WG1 Chairman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operationalizes the Roadmap and Information Sharing Network Strategy for the Information Sharing Network. ○ Defines Initial Operational Capability (IOC) for National Maritime Information Sharing Centres and identifies minimum requirements for this benchmark. ○ Establishes a system for assessing the capabilities of the centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial Operational Capability – Self Assessment reported to the WG1 Chairman based on established IOC criteria. (Note: some NMISCs are believed to already have accomplished this level). ▪ Final Operational Capability (FOC) – Independent Assessment used to assist NMISC to reach FOC. ▪ Prioritizes capacity building to ensure IOC achievement by NMISCs.
<p>Resolution #2 Capacity Building Matrix Champion: Captain Getinet Abay (WG2 Chair)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calls for approval of the Regional Capacity Building Coordination Matrix as the primary tool for prioritization of regional capacity building. ○ Calls for Signatory States through the matrix to clearly identify regional capacity building needs and priorities. ○ Calls for potential donors through the matrix to offer assistance to address these needs. ○ Requests support from the Friends of the DCoC in line with the Capacity Building Matrix. ○ Establish a mechanism for signatory States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund.
<p>Resolution #3 DCoC Trust Fund Champion: H.E. Mrs. Mariam Aweis Jama</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests that nations and international organizations re-energize the DCoC Trust Fund as a valuable tool for building regional capacity. ○ Calls for regional states and partners (including the Friends of the DCoC) to direct donations through the Trust Fund.
<p>Resolution #4 Maximizing Regional/International Support Champion: Mr. Alan Renaud</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognizes the changing maritime security priorities for DCoC member states. ○ Recognizes the evolving nature of international support structure in the Indian Ocean. ○ Calls for the DCoC to establish a cooperation framework in line with changing priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating support from international reporting centres and industry. ▪ Coordinating support from new regional centres.

Recently Held Meetings:

13-17 Mar 2022 - DCoC ISN Workshop
7 Dec 2021 – Steering Committee approves ISN Strategy and Roadmap
11 Nov 2021 – WG #2 Virtual Meeting
30 Jun 2021 – WG #2 Inaugural Meeting
18 May 2021 – WG #1 Virtual Meeting
7 Apr 2021 - ToRs for Steering Committee and WGs #1 and #2 Adopted

Reference Document Links:

- [Terms of Reference for DCoC Steering Committee](#)
- [TOR for Friends of the DCoC](#)
- [Enhancing the DCoC/JA Info Sharing Network](#)
- [TOR for Information Sharing Working Group](#)
- [TOR for Capacity Building Working Group](#)