



**DJIBOUTI CODE OF CONDUCT/JEDDAH AMENDMENT
COMBINED WORKING GROUP1 AND WORKING GROUP 2 MEETING No. 1**

Virtual via Zoom

Monday 26 September 2022

Record of the Meeting

1. The International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as "IMO"), pursuant to the request 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 (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants"), convened a meeting of the DCoC Combined Working Group1 and Working Group 2 to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC (JA)) 2017, which was held virtually, via ZOOM, on Monday 26 September 2022.

2. The meeting was chaired by both Brig (Rtd) Loonena Naisho (Chairperson WG1) and Captain Getinet Abay (Chairperson WG2). It was attended by participants from the following signatory States:

COMOROS ETHIOPIA JORDAN KENYA MADAGASCAR
MALDIVES MAURITIUS SOMALIA SOUTH AFRICA
YEMEN

And representatives from IMO as the Secretariat. The full list of participants is attached as **Annex A**.

Aim

3. The aim of the meeting was to discuss follow up actions from the last High-Level (HL) meeting held in Dubai, UAE between 28-30 June 2022 and the Steering Committee (SC) meeting held on 7 September 2022. It accorded an opportunity for Chairpersons of WG1 and WG2 to discuss with the participants action points from those meeting with a view to get consensus on the way forward.

Agenda

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

Summary of Follow up Actions from the High-Level Meeting and Steering Committee Meeting

5. As way of introduction, IMO/Secretariat provided a brief summary of the key outcomes of the HL Meeting and the SC Meeting.

Update from the Chairperson of Working Group 1 – Framework for Implementing the DCoC ISN Strategy and Roadmap

6. The Chairperson of WG 1 (Brig Rtd Loonena Naisho) presented the Framework for Implementing the DCoC ISN Strategy and Roadmap. He highlighted the need for States to establish their National Maritime Information Sharing Centres (NMISC) with the Initial Operating Capabilities as agreed in the Djibouti Workshop of March 2022 and adopted in the Dubai HLM in June 2022

7. He noted that the Signatory States will all have received the invitation for the DCoC Regional workshop on development of the concepts of operation for the DCoC/JA information Sharing Network, to be held in Jeddah, KSA from 13 – 24 November 2022. The workshop will be critical in developing the tools necessary for operationalizing the national and regional centres expected to form part of the DCoC information sharing Network. It is important that all countries nominate personnel with the necessary skills to get a good outcome. Those who attend are expected to play a key role in the development of their NMISC. He thanked IMO and KSA for this opportunity.

8. He observed that RMIFC and RMOCC Centres in Madagascar and Seychelles respectively are quickly evolving to be regional centres of excellence in information sharing. He recommended to explore ways to make good use of those centres. It was agreed that the matter be discusses further at the Jeddah Workshop. Its recommendations will be presented to the high-level meeting for decision.

9. The meeting discussed the request of Yemen to re-establish ReMISC in Aden. It was reported that UNDP Yemen and EU CRIMARIO had offered assistance. IMO has been following up on the matter. It was agreed that the request be escalated to the Friends of the DCoC (FODCoC) with a view to organize a joint technical assessment mission, under the coordination of IMO, as proposed by UNDP Yemen.

10. For the DCoC ISN to be effective, it must be anchored on strong foundations at National level – that is why the DCoC ISN strategy recommends that each signatory State establishes a multi-agency NMISC. This meeting affirmed the importance to establish the centres aiming to attain minimum initial Operating Capabilities within the given timelines. This may require:

- a) Building Facilities and providing Services.
- b) That the anticipated Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) Capability will include MDA/Information sharing Systems necessary to support maritime security needs;
- c) That the organization of the NMISCs will include their Internal Manning Structure, Roles and Responsibilities;
- d) Have doctrine and Concepts that depict the National Regional Mandate/Policy
- e) Have similar guidelines and operating standards for the National Maritime Information Sharing Centres – (to be developed in Jeddah)
- f) That the focus of NMISCs should be cooperation across national agencies and Interoperability with the External Organizations;
- g) That Member States further undertake to provide adequate personnel for their Manning and Operations;

- h) That NMISCs will incorporate Training and standardization to enhance their capacity;
- i) That member states will provide minimum logistics for their operations that will involve Access, Transport, and a sustainable Financial Model.

11. He advised Signatory States that may require assistance in meeting those requirements to seek the assistance of the FODCoC, through the secretariat.

12. The Chairperson reiterated the need for Signatory States to conduct capability assessments of their Centres to determine areas of improvement. Those that require assistance were advised to seek technical assistance through the IMO (Secretariat), utilising the CB matrix.

13. The Chairperson observed that some Implementing partners have been reaching out to individual countries to support them in establishing the centres even before the region agrees on the required scope. Discouraging such haphazard approach, the meeting stressed the need to ensure coordination through the relevant DCoC Working Group.

14. The meeting expressed the need for the region to take part in major maritime security exercises such as CUTLASS EXPRESS.

15. The Chairperson stressed the need to ensure that the NMISC are founded on a “whole of government approach” being part and parcel of the capacity building on the same being spearheaded by the IMO.

16. The meeting discussed the proposal of establishing a programme to track small vessels, including fishing boats and pleasure craft operating in territorial waters, and agreed to request for assistance through the FODCoC in implementing the same. The matter will be discussed further at the next high-level meeting.

The Chairperson’s Presentation is attached as **Annex C**.

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17. The following was discussed in plenary:

- Details of the information to be shared will be discussed in detail at the Jeddah workshop, to form part of the NMISC “toolkit”
- Participants called for the momentum to be maintained in executing the ISN strategy and roadmap.
- Feedback on possible impediments should be shared with the Secretariat to ensure that no country is left behind
- The Jeddah workshop will make recommendations on development of the DCOC regional Centres and make consideration for new Centres.

Update from Chairperson on Working Group 2

18. The Chairperson WG 2 (Captain Getinet Abay-Ethiopia) noted that the DCoC CB Matrix was approved and many of the countries have already populated their needs and priorities.

19. Signatory States that have not submitted or updated the matrix were urged to do so;

20. The IMO Secretariat is willing to assist Signatory States update their details on the portal.

21. The next meeting of the Friends of the DCoC will take place on 28 September 2022. The Chairpersons of WG1 and WG2 will present a summary of the CB priorities to the FODCoC meeting as identified by countries in the Members Only Portal and try establishing if there will be firm commitment to support the same.

22. The TORS for the Friends of DCOC(JA) define FODCoC members as those organizations and/or countries committed to, and capable of making a substantial contribution to the work of the DCOC(JA). In line with this, it was agreed that access for the FODCoC be granted as follows:

- Countries and/or Organizations supporting the implementation of the DCoC/JA through contributions to the DCoC trust Fund. Process – Qualifying partners to identify POC and request access through the secretariat.
- Countries and/or Organizations involved in implementing agreed priorities of the DCoC, as recommended by the Chairperson of WG2. Partners in this category to submit written request to the Chairperson of WG2 for consideration.

The talking points are attached as **Annex D**

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- a) It was emphasized that regional development and support must be governed by the regional needs and hence the need to have the CB Matrix well-articulated as this is the tool for seeking support.
- b) It was confirmed that FODCoC will only be granted “read only” access.

Resource Mobilisation

Update from KSA

23. It was noted that KSA has offered to host one training course and the next High Level NFPs meeting in November 2022. The Invitations have also been sent to all NFPs.

Requests to make at the Friends of DCoC Meeting on 28th September 2022 for Technical Assistance based on the CB Matrix Priority and needs

24. The Chairpersons of WG1 and WG2 will attend the FoDCoC Meeting and give relevant updates on the work the DCoC is undertaking.

25. The meeting summarized the following areas in need of technical assistance to be submitted to the FODCoC meeting:

- Conduct of Joint Capability Assessments of NMISCs as requested through the secretariat
- Strategy to promote the work of the DCoC and resource mobilization
- CB Matrix Needs and priorities as highlighted in the Members only portal which fall under the thematic areas of the DCoC/JA Objectives and new and emerging threats.

Friends of DCoC Meeting to be held on 28 September 2022

26. It was confirmed that the meeting of the Friends of the DCoC will take place on 28 September 2022. The Chairpersons of WG1 and WG2 will attend to provide briefings on the work of the DCoC

Open Discussion

27. Members thanked KSA for offering to sponsor one training workshop and the next high-level meeting in Jeddah.

Summary of Discussion and Way Forward

28. Having deliberated on the follow up actions from the High-Level Meeting held in June and the SC Meeting held on 7 September 2022, the meeting noted with appreciation the commitments of both Working Groups and their collaboration with IMO and agreed as follows:

- Structure of the DCoC ISN will be considered when developing concepts of operationalisation of the DCoC ISN in the Jeddah Training scheduled for 13-24 November 2022.
- On the relocation of the ReMisc in Yemen, it was noted the same be taken up during the FoDCoC Meeting with recommendation that a joint Needs Assessment mission be undertaken to Aden. This is to ensure there is a common approach.
- It was agreed the issue of modalities for tracking of small vessels be included in the CB Matrix and shared with the Friends of DCoC during the meeting as an area for technical assistance. It was further noted that this matter be raised as an Agenda in the next High- Level/NFPs meeting for a way forward.
- It was noted that there is a need for coordinated approach and have partners use the DCoC Structure through reaching out to WG2 or Secretariat in addressing technical assistance needs
- It was agreed that granting access to FoDCoC on the CB Matrix be as follows and this is the message to be shared in the FoDCoC Meeting to be held on 28 September 2022:
 - Countries and/or Organizations supporting the implementation of the DCoC/JA through contributions to the DCoC trust Fund. Process – Qualifying partners to identify POC and request access through the secretariat.
 - Countries and/or Organizations involved in implementing agreed priorities of the DCoC, as recommended by the Chairperson of WG2. Partners in this category to submit written request to the Chairperson of WG2 for consideration.
- The meeting agreed that the following are the suggested areas for technical assistance that will be submitted to the Friends of DCoC Meeting to be held on 28 September 2022;
 - Capability Assessments for NMISCs
 - Communication Strategy which can be used to highlight the positive side of DCoC and its Vision and Mission and progress so far and can be used as a resource mobilization tool to request for support.
 - CB Matrix Needs and priorities as highlighted in the Members only portal which fall under the thematic areas of the DCoC/JA Objectives and new and emerging threats.

- It was confirmed that WG1 and WG2 Chairpersons will attend the Friends of DCoC Meeting scheduled for 28 September 2022 and provide an update of their Working Groups to the Friends and make a case for their support and areas for request of technical assistance as has been agreed upon.
- It was agreed that KSA will host a training course and NFP HLM in November 2022 and members thanked KSA and IMO for these efforts. The tentative dates agreed upon were between 13-24 November 2022 to avoid conflicting with MSC 106 and the IMO Council Meetings scheduled for early November and December respectively and other Signatory States Meeting.
- It was agreed that any feedback or update that Signatory States may have can be submitted to both the WG Chairpersons and the Secretariat for coordination purposes.

Vote of thanks

30. The Chairperson WG1 concluded the meeting by thanking every member for attending and wished them a safe stay and good health till the next meeting.

31. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1550 hours EAT.

Annexes:

- Annex A- List of Participants
- Annex B- Agenda
- Annex C- Working Group 1 Talking Points
- Annex D- Working Group 2 Talking Points

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Annex B- Agenda

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WG1 and WG2- 2609

Annex C- WG 1 Talking Points



Talking points-
WG1-Combined WG I

Annex D- WG 2 Talking Points



WG 2 Capacity
Building Talking Point