

**REPORT FOR THE
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE DCoC REGIONAL MARITIME
SECURITY STRATEGY (RMSS)
DATES: 10 TO 21 NOVEMBER 2024**

EVENT SUMMARY

Host: KSA Border Guard.

Venue and dates: Jeddah Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies, 10 to 21 November 2024

Type: Strategy development workshop

Organized by: IMO/DCoC enabled by KSA Border Guard

No of participants: 19 participants from 10 Signatory States of the DCoC/JA (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Maldives, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, and Yemen, RFMIC Madagascar and RCOC Seychelles took part. A list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

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Summary: A 10-day workshop aimed at further developing the framework for the DCoC Regional Maritime Security Strategy (RMSS), pursuant to Resolution 2 on Development of a DCoC Signatory States' Maritime Security Strategy, adopted by the DCoC High-level Meeting held in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, from 24 to 26 October 2023.

Publications Provided: Presentation materials developed by IMO

Key words: Regional Maritime Security Strategy, Ends, Ways and Means, Security for a purpose, Prosperity, Regional Maritime Information Sharing Centres, Maritime Domain Awareness, Capabilities Assessments, Whole of Government Approach, National Maritime Security Committee, Maritime Security Risk Register and Maritime Security Strategy, Information Sharing, Information Sharing Network.

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Context

1 In January 2017, DCoC participating governments developed and adopted the revised Code of Conduct, referred to as the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC/JA), which expanded the scope of the DCoC Agreement beyond its initial focus on counter-piracy and measures

to address the economic root cause of insecurity. The revised DCoC/JA includes the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships and broadened the maritime security scope to include the combating of transnational crimes and illicit maritime activity in the region. These crimes include crimes such as IUU Fishing, Maritime Terrorism, trafficking in arms, trafficking in narcotics, illegal trade in wildlife, piracy and armed robbery against ships, illegal oil bunkering, crude oil theft, human trafficking, human smuggling, illegal dumping of toxic waste.

2 The Sixth High-level Regional Meeting on the implementation of the Jeddah Amendment to Djibouti code of Conduct, held in Cape Town in October 2023, was invited to consider the development of a DCoC regional maritime security strategy (RMSS) as a collective effort to identify how signatory States can work together both nationally and as a region, for the benefit of all. The purpose of the DCoC RMSS is to increase prosperity through enhanced maritime security and law enforcement throughout all DCoC signatory States.

3 The guiding principle for the RMSS is maritime security for a purpose, as a means to an end rather than an end in itself. The strategic aim is “to increase prosperity through enhanced maritime security and law enforcement throughout all DCoC signatory States”. The way to achieve that aim is to adopt a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach to maritime security, governance and law enforcement on both national and regional levels.

4 In order to achieve the overall strategic objective of the Strategy, the draft RMSS has identified Goals (or “Ends”), Objectives (or “Ways” of achieving those goals) and Approaches (or “Means” of delivering those objectives. Once the Goals, Objectives and Approaches (Ends, Ways and Means) had been agreed in principle, the individual approaches or means to achieve the goals could be further examined in order to develop a comprehensive delivery and action plan.

5 The Cape Town meeting, inter alia, adopted Resolution Two on Development of a DCoC Signatory States’ Maritime Security Strategy, (please see <https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/Cape-Town-draft-resolution-2-on-MSS25-Oct.pdf>); agreed to initiate a project to further consider the Goals, Objectives and Approaches (Ends, Ways and Means) in order to develop a comprehensive delivery and action plan; and invited the Friends of the DCoC to provide sufficient funding to the DCoC Trust Fund to facilitate the work of developing the DCoC MSS.

Aims and Objectives

6 The aim of the workshop was to bring together operational staff from all the participating States and subject matter experts in order to further develop the draft RMSS structure annexed to Cape Town Resolution 2.

7 The participants were tasked with reviewing the existing Goals, Objectives, and Approaches (Ends, Ways and Means) for relevance and completeness and then determining the “Derived Tasks” necessary to give effect to the Approaches or Means by which the overall Objectives (or Ways) could be achieved.

8 The overall objective of this activity was to produce a single document outlining the of Goals, Objectives, and Approaches (Ends, Ways and Means) and the derived tasks needed to achieve them, as the basis for future workshops to develop action plans for implementing the RMSS.

9 The outcomes of the workshop will be presented at the next high-level meeting to be held in Dar es Salaam from 28 to 30 November 2024 for endorsement as a work in progress.

Content

10 The meeting was opened by Major General Shaya Salem Al-Wadani, Director General of the

Border Guard of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The meeting was closed by Commodore Ali Alshehri, Director of the Department of Academic Affairs, Jeddah Academy for Maritime Science and Security Studies, who congratulated the participants for the excellent outcomes.

11 The workshop built on preceding DCoC events and work. Facilitators and resource persons from the Indian Navy, United Kingdom, RCOG Seychelles, RMIFC Madagascar, INTERPOLPOLICE and IMO Secretariat gave presentations on aspects of maritime security of relevance to development of the strategy. The Rashtriya Raksha University, IFC-IOR and INTERPOL Maritime Security Unit added value through remote presentations. The lectures and exercises were supplemented by a visit to the Jeddah Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (JMRCC).

12 The workshop comprised formal lectures, remote presentations, group discussions, group presentations, homework assignments and the site visit. Copies of the slides and supporting documentation were supplied to all attendees of the workshop.

13 In developing the draft RMSS, participants were invited to consider of the Goals, Objectives and Approaches (Ends, Ways and Means) in terms of Who, What, Where, When, and Why?; and to develop the list of derived tasks with a focus on the “How?”.

15 A copy of the workshop programme is attached as Annex 2.

Observations and Analysis

16 The attendees were engaged and actively participated throughout the workshop.

17 Concepts discussed during the workshop included:

- Who, What, Where, When, Why and How
- Maritime security as a means to an end, not an end in itself
- Whole of Government approach
- Whole of region approach
- Identification of stakeholders including lead, supporting and supported agencies
- Interagency cooperation
- Civil / military cooperation
- Engagement with development partners
- National and regional maritime risk register
- The DCoC Information Sharing Network
- Developing a regional lexicon
- Standard operating procedures
- National Maritime Information Sharing Centres
- Focal Point Network
- Legal frameworks, international law and national enabling legislation
- IUU fishing
- Protection of underwater cables and pipelines
- Blue economy
- Challenges posed by climate change
- Addressing sea blindness and wealth blindness

18 The workshop also considered the outcomes of the Fifth Sea Power for Africa Symposium held in Cape Town in October 2024 and, in particular, the navies' declaration of intent to support the implementation of the DCoC. The participants recognized the need for naval forces to participate actively in the enhancement of maritime security. Participants further agreed that there was a need

to establish a working group within the DCoC structure to progress this issue.

Outcomes

19 The workshop significantly progressed the work to develop the RMSS as a work in progress. They will be further developed and transformed into action plans through a further programme of development workshops expected to take place in 2025.

20 The revised draft RMSS structure is attached as Annex 3.

Conclusion

21 The workshop was designed to focus on practical improvements to the draft NMSS, specifically through the development of derived tasks for implementing the strategy.

22 The participants thanked the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for generously hosting and sponsoring the meeting, the IMO Secretariat for their administrative support, and the external speakers, observers and resource persons for informing and facilitating the meeting.

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Annexes:

- 1 Participants List**
<https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/ANNEX-1-List-of-Participants-RMSS-Development-Workshop-in-Jeddah-2024.pdf>

- 2 Agenda**
<https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/ANNEX-2-Agenda-of-the-Regional-Workshop-on-Development-of-RMSS.pdf>

- 3 Draft RMSS Structure**
<https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/ANNEX-3-Draft-RMSS-Structure.pdf>
