

Report of the Maritime Coordination Group Reception held on 25th February 2022, at 189 Mimosa Gardens Runda, Nairobi, Kenya.

Introductions

1. The meeting began at 10:00 EAT with welcome remarks from Major Adam Rosensweet (USA), and Chair of the meeting.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by 16 participants representing the following countries and international organizations. A list of participants is attached on ANNEX 1.

Summary of matters arising from the previous meeting and any new developments

IMO briefed MCG members on the recommendations made during the last workshop and explored the Capacity Building Coordination matrix, where regional needs and priorities are updated by countries under the DCoC/JA, Kenya included.

Feedback from MCG participating countries/organizations

3. Participants provided an update of ongoing activities as below:

CANADA

The delegation briefed on a capacity building activity held with Kenya Coast Guard Service in October and notified that the assessment with KCG by Canadian team will be released next week.

Kenya requested HR and SAP training which Canada team is willing to support. The Canada team also mentioned they are working with USA on doing a study tour to the country. It was also mentioned that on 21st March a team from Canada will be coming to start implementing its findings.

DENMARK

The Denmark delegation briefed members on the progress of signing an MOU with Kenya, on maritime training and education of merchant mariners with the Transport Ministry, which has been slow. It was also highlighted that the Danish delegation would be coming to Kenya around end of March and would hold meetings with all relevant agencies and continue pushing the signing of the MOU.

EU – CRIMARIO

The EU highlighted that they were increasing the level of security dialogue in Kenya bilaterally following the recent visit of High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell. The meeting covered terrorism, organized

crime, cyber security, money laundering and maritime security. The outcome of the meeting is that EU is now working on developing a roadmap that will help increase dialogue and cooperation between them.

It was also highlighted that Kenya is keen on establishing the Kenya Maritime Operation Center surveillance system and EU wants to support them under the Go Blue Project. EU also noted that they were currently scoping for a regional program under Team Europe initiative and added that the program will focus on mainly Ocean Governance and Blue Economy and mentioned they would be reaching out to various agencies as soon as scoping ends in spring.

EU CRIMARIO represented by Go Blue, highlighted the IORIS tool as a key element in tackling Maritime Domain Awareness in the country. It was reported that a version three upgrade of the IORIS is underway. It was also highlighted that in-person trainings would be resuming at the JOC in Mombasa on 28 February 2022. Training covers basic, area administration and Train-the-Trainer courses.

Go Blue Security

It was highlighted that Go Blue Security completed the inception phase in December and had been approved by EU and were now working on the implementation phase. It was added that a round of discussions at technical level were currently ongoing with potential beneficiaries such as KCGS for Capacity Building actions, BMA for “state action at sea” curricula development, KeFS for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance, KMA for Search and Rescue (SAR) and NEMA on maritime pollution prevention and fighting with the goal being, encouraging interagency approach. Go Blue Security also emphasized the importance of its partnership with UNODC.

It was also mentioned that a Community Watch Program in partnership with KCGS mainly (and potentially other institutions as KN), is under development to address such concerns as illegal trafficking (including contraband smuggling), armed robbery or piracy, search and rescue, maritime pollution. In that prospect, Go Blue have implemented a Fisher Safety Course to the benefit of some selected coastal BMUs (Beach Management Unit) which will be requested in return to report any information to the KCGS JOC through an application that will be developed in close cooperation with the EU sister mission CRIMARIO (for IORIS connection purpose).

Go Blue Security has confirmed its readiness to support KCGS’ wish to resume training activities in Lamu. It has been stated that safety measures to be taken by KCGS are key to begin a partnership in that field.

IMO

IMO briefed the MCG on the Kenya Maritime strategy project that starts with a national workshop planned for 7- 8 March 2022. It was also mentioned that the Risk Register workshop is set for April. IMO is preparing a Best Practices for Information Sharing workshop in Djibouti, 13- 17 March that will involve US facilitators, in order to enable the implementation of regional information sharing and MDA. Additionally, a High-Level meeting for Signatories of the Djibouti Code of Conduct and its Jeddah Amendment, was in the works and set for May in a location subject to confirmation. EU CRIMARIO will fund the meeting.

UNITED KINGDOM

UK delegation highlighted their findings on a 4-day Port survey of Mombasa alongside KPA and KMA members in order to create a capacity building program with a focus on ISPS Compliance. It was mentioned that a port survey in Lamu would be held in May as well as a potential trip to the UK with the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development James Macharia on a joint Aviation and Maritime Security visit to UK ports that are similar to Mombasa. UK and Denmark are working on a project with the Kenyan Navy towards accreditation of STCW basic course that covers firefighting, sea survival, first aid and social responsibility at KNTC.

UK also noted that the Deputy Director of the Combined Maritime Forces would be coming to Kenya to champion the benefits of belonging to the larger CMF community.

It was also highlighted that UK was interested in acting as the Regional Coordinator of the Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, in order to facilitate capacity building technical support to the region.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME

Members were briefed of the preapproved training plan that had been shared with Kenya Coast Guard Service and the training curriculum development was underway.

UNODC also mentioned plans on hiring a mentor to be located in Mombasa under the INL funded project to support KCGS.

A report on the UNODC/ Go Blue Maritime Security Team visit to the KCGS Lamu training school in November 2021 and is attached as ANNEX 2.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

It was reported that a bilateral agreement was signed to counter red tape on the acquisition of spare parts for Captain Andy's boats, but members were cautioned of their recurrent expenditure in maintenance and fueling them.

A joint boat inspection visit to Baltimore, USA is being arranged for Kenya in due course and local maritime authorities would also be invited to the Eastern Seaboard in 2022-2023

It was also reported that the Patrol Boats programme had received a five- year funding and urged the IMO to add the MSSIS (Maritime Safety and Security Information System) in Kenya's National Maritime Strategy as required by the JOC strategy.

GOING FORWARD

4. Having agreed to have a rotational chair for the CG Meetings, UNODC proposed to chair the next meeting in three months' time at the UN Complex, subject to confirmation.
5. There being no further business, the participants were invited to network and leave at their leisure.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 – List of Participants

Name/Title	Country/Organization
Cdr. Adam Rosensweet	United States of America (Host)
Kevan Higgins	United States of America
Cdr. Karen Cahill	British Peace Support Team (Africa)
Jason Salituri	Canada
Col. Jens Lindvig	Denmark
Nina Randrup	Denmark
Louis Dey	European Union (EEAS Nairobi)
John Mungai	European Union (EEAS Nairobi)
Henrik Schmidtke	Germany (GIZ)
Mikaël Delrue	GO Blue Security
Jérôme Michelet	GO Blue Security
Shehryar Ghazi	International Organization for Migration
Winnie Maina	International Maritime Organization
Ivy Kamande	International Maritime Organization
Esther Kung'u	International Maritime Organization
Patricia Davies	(DfT) United Kingdom
Toral Vadgama	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Annex 2 – Report of the UNODC/ Go Blue Maritime Security team visit to KCGS Lamu School, Nov 2021



KCGS School
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