



## **Report of the Maritime Coordination Group Meeting held on 29 March 2023, held at the Tribe Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.**

### **Introductions**

1. The meeting of the Maritime Coordination Group (MCG) was hosted by the United States of America at the Tribe Hotel, Nairobi on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 10:00 EAT. It was chaired by **Ms. Sankar Parvathy (USA)**.

### **Attendance**

2 The meeting was attended by 18 participants from the following States:

DENMARK	INDIA	JAPAN
NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM	UNITED STATES

And by the following International Organizations and Programmes:

EU DELEGATION	GO-BLUE	EU NAVFOR ATALANTA
IMO	IOM	UNODC

The list of participants is shown at ANNEX 1.

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

3. IMO updated the meeting on matters arising from the previous meeting and progress made on the Kenya maritime security governance project. IMO acknowledged the strides the MCG had made in promoting inter-agency/State collaboration under the auspices of the MCG and encouraged members to capitalise on that goodwill to develop sustainable projects in the best interest of Kenya.

### **Feedback from MCG participating countries/organizations**

#### **DENMARK**

4. Denmark reported good progress with support for the Kenya Navy (KN), including completion and handing over of the Damage Control unit developed in partnership with the UK. The project was an extension of the Firefighting training facility donated to KN by both countries in 2019. Denmark has also handed over the second diving boat to the KN diving unit in coordination with the UK, and now working on a decompression chamber for the KN.

5. Denmark intends to stay engaged in the region and is currently working on the programme plan for the next four-years. This new programme will be tailored to support a whole of government approach, with the key focus being education, training, and international cooperation. It is hoped that this will help in breaking silos and encourage civil military cooperation. In this regard, Kenya has been requested to make available the full bridge simulator donated by Denmark to support training of civilian agencies in Kenya and the Kenya Coast Guard Service. Going forward, Denmark is looking to having a holistic approach to giving, covering acquisition, training, and maintenance programmes to ensure better use of funds and sustainability.

6. Efforts to get full membership to CMF for Kenya remains a high priority. Denmark will continue to engage with the USA on how to best support and get Kenya on board. As a CMF member, Kenya can play a big role including supporting to curb narcotics smuggling from the northern to the southern part of the Indian Ocean. Denmark supports Kenya's engagement with CMF – currently by funding the NLO to CMF, and after 1<sup>st</sup> July by a deeper integration of Kenya in CMF to ensure that Kenya plays an active role in CMF. The next annual CMF Maritime Security Conference will take place in Bahrain from 6-7 November 2023 where the Indo-Pacific Indian Ocean challenges will be discussed.
7. Denmark is setting up an e-learning classroom at the Kenya Navy with a capacity of 24 participants and if this is successful it will enhance their capacities in learning and ICT enabling participation from far afield. The classroom will be ready this month (April 2023).
8. There is a plan to engage both Kenya Navy and Kenya Shipyards Limited in MTU training to enhance the capability to service and maintain KN ship engines.
9. Denmark and IMO will keep encouraging the KN to provide training support to the KCGS by availing its training facilities.
10. The success of the Denmark/UK collaboration in supporting Kenya is one of the success stories of the MCG forum.

## **EU GO BLUE**

11. The EU-funded GO Blue programme provided an update on their cooperation with KCGS on safety-at-sea training for fisher communities, under the scope of the community water watch programme. This is a two-phase programme with phase one focusing on Beach Management Units (BMUs) which will organise the fishing activity following a survey conducted last year. The aim of providing the training in partnership with KCGS is to strengthen the link between the law enforcement agency and the coastal community and drive the Coastal Light Application programme that EU GO Blue is also working on. The application will be loaded on smart phones to connect the fisher community to the Joint Operations Centre (JOC). They will then be expected to report any suspicious activities happening at sea and make search and rescue requests. The project is intended to help build Kenya's Capacities in securing its territorial waters. The light application is made in partnership with EU CRIMARIO and will encompass IORIS. It should be ready to deploy to BMUs by May 2023.
12. The Project is working closely with KMA and KCGS to enhance capacity on search and rescue along the coast. The draft capability assessment findings are currently with KMA and KCGS and will be shared with MCG partners once approved. KMA is seeking to purchase boats specifically for SAR, in line with their National Action Plan on SAR.
13. EU Go Blue has developed a course on state action at sea at the Bandari Maritime Academy in collaboration with maritime agencies involved in Maritime Domain awareness (MDA). This will encourage participants to have inter agency collaboration and break silos. They intend to develop other courses in IUU, and Pollution control. This is envisioned to be completed by June 2023.
14. EU GO Blue confirmed willingness to support the development of the Kenya Maritime Security Strategy where needed.
15. KCGS has requested for assistance in establishing a Maritime Operations Centre (MOC) in Mombasa and Go Blue is assessing the feasibility of the project. If established, the MOC will be linked to the JOC.

16. The Kenya Fisheries Services (KeFS) have also requested for capacity building in dealing with IUU Fishing issues, through Train-the-Trainer courses among others.
17. Go Blue will work towards building trust between KCGS, and communities.

## **IOM**

18. IOM launched a three-year regional project focused on detecting and deterring transnational crime on Lake Victoria, within Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. The project is funded by INL and has four areas of focus namely to strengthen the coordination structure between the governments, infrastructure support at the port of Lake Victoria, capacity building for front line officials and boarder community maritime community engagement. Following the launch, IOM is setting up a regional working group with representatives from different law enforcement agencies such as DCI, KCGS, KMA from the three countries who are expected to meet three times a year, nominations have been sent to the countries. The first working group meeting is being planned with a focus on information sharing, intelligence sharing between the authorities and increased cooperation on TOC issues around the lake.
19. IOM is also working on carrying out an assessment on the boarder governance structures around the lake region and intend to go to the ports to better understand who the stakeholders are and what is happening.
20. IOM is working on community engagement and policing aspects around the lake region in the three countries.

## **NETHERLANDS**

21. Netherlands is working on a small scale with UNODC to support Maritime Security training (via NLD Justice department).
22. Netherlands also has programs in Turkana (fishing) and in the inland waters and is working closely to see how to tap onto the Blue Economy Agenda which is currently under implementation.
23. The programme is also seeking to support Kenya in enhancing maritime safety and security and to develop the Blue Economy through the Maritime Capacity Alliance which is a Netherlands model. The Netherlands developed a blueprint towards One Maritime Strategy (interagency) and developed a plan for Kenya to achieve this via a so-called SAIL Plan which includes: further development of the Maritime Strategy through the whole of Government Approach, development of a maritime training academy and establishing maritime intelligence picture (to which the Netherlands offered to contribute). There are also other suggested projects to achieve the suggested Strategy.

After the Defence Department the Blue Economy department was included on aforementioned suggestions in February 2023. Netherlands is set to align the plan and the suggested interventions with the Blue Economy Committee and MCG once they receive their feedback.

## **IMO**

24. IMO provided an update on the EU-funded Port Security project and the planned legal workshop on the domestication of IMO instruments during the second quarter of 2023.
25. IMO representatives met with Kenya's PS for Shipping and Maritime Affairs in February 2023 and briefed him on the work of the IMO and on the MCG and its role.



26. They also met with the National Maritime Security Committee at its inaugural meeting in March 2023 and the meeting approved the NMSRR and gave the go ahead to progress the work of the NMSS. The meeting also confirmed that the NMSC will be meeting quarterly and as and when the need arises.

27. IMO gave a brief of Kenya's needs as highlighted in the CB Matrix hosted on the DCoC Website and the same is **ANNEX 2**.

## **INDIA**

28. India acknowledged to have found the MCG Meetings very useful. India attended the Workshop for all DCoC/JA States on Information Sharing under the auspices of Working Group 1 as highlighted in the Friends of DCoC Meeting on 16 March 2023. India looks forward to engaging with partner nations and agencies moving forward.

## **JAPAN**

29. Japan emphasized that they remain interested in supporting maritime security in the region. The country is working on its anti-piracy programme and completed the fisheries boat program with Kenya Fisheries. The boats will be handed over in April 2023. Japan is also engaged in procuring assets for the development of the Blue Economy.

## **UNODC**

30. UNODC updated their 3-entry-points support to Kenya and specifically the KCGS. They noted that they are holding a strategic workshop ongoing this week (27-28 March 2023) for senior leaders at the KCGS.

31. They reported that KCGS is working on the Strategic Plan which will be launched in April 2023.

32. Under INL funding they have capacity building trainings including the Boarding trainings and other specialised trainings.

33. Under the EU Funded Port Security Project and Safety of Navigation, UNODC supports Kenya in port security trainings.

## **USA**

34. USA held the CUTLASS EXPRESS session in February to March 2023 with about 250 personnel including Kenyan trainees. 10 partner Nations were represented and Kenya Navy and KCGS were represented.

35. US gave a brief on the progress on getting Kenya full membership at CMF and emphasized its importance on information sharing and multiagency collaboration.

36. US is working on repairing the MASURA radar sites along the coast. They added that spare parts have been supplied for a small boat repair and had acquired 2 patrol boats to be delivered to KCGS in 2023 to enhance their capability.

37. USA supports the KCGS through UNODC and the US Coast Guard. On the US Coast Guard, a training on small boat operators was done in Kisumu in January 2023. More courses will be held in 2023.

38. KCGS has provided a list of equipment needed to USA and the latter will share this with the MCG members to avoid purchase duplication.

39. USA is in the process of looking at LoAs with some 2 partners to work with in supporting the work of Kenya.

## PLENARY

40. There was discussion on having the MCG meet with the NMSC for a briefing on what the MCG is doing and also receive the priority needs of Kenya as the meeting gave a go ahead for agencies to develop their priorities. Since most of the NMSC members are based in Mombasa, the MCG noted the meeting can be held in Mombasa. USA requested IMO to speak to them after this for funding possibilities not including flights. It was recommended that the meeting can be scheduled when the NMSC have their quarterly report. The rationale for having a meeting with the NMSC is to have the chair of the NMSC share their priorities in the meeting and have partners engage with them on areas they can support.

41. Members deliberated on having the PS meet the MCG first before the MCG meets the NMSC team so that the PS get acquainted and understand how Kenya can plug in and work in collaboration with partners to avoid duplicity.

42. There being no further business, the participants were invited to network and leave at their leisure.

## SUMMARY

1. IMO to follow up with the PS Maritime to have an initial 'who we are' meeting for both sides to know each other and share information on what partners do and Kenya's priorities. MCG proposed Mid-May 2023 subject to availability of the PS. The main objective of the meeting is to show the Kenya Government that we are encouraging a better inter-agency cooperation to ensure that the interventions made have maximum benefit for both Kenya and the partners.
2. It was noted that KCGS has developed the inter-agency roadmap to ensure collaboration and based on this, it will be good for the MCG to know and understand what the Institutional Plans for KCGS in terms are of their long-term vision. A meeting with DG-KCGS was proposed to highlight this, and IMO was tasked to follow up on the same and advise the MCG.
3. USA shared their Training Calendar to show what it is doing in the Maritime Law Enforcement for inclusion in the CB Matrix. The same is **ANNEX 3**
4. Partners were requested to share their profiles for inclusion into the DCoC Website and also share the updates and work they are undertaking for Kenya for the same to be updated on the CB Matrix.
5. Whenever possible virtual links be considered especially for Canada Coast Guard and US Coast Guard.
6. Next MCG to be held in June 2023 by UNODC. Venue will be confirmed.

## ANNEX 1

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No	NAME	COUNTRY/ORGANISATION
1.	Jens Gynther Lindvig	DENMARK
2.	Kjeld Gaard-Frederisken	DENMARK
3	Alexandra Couvreur	EU
4	Mikael Delrue	GO BLUE
5	Théo Girard	GO BLUE
6.	Rakesh Mohan	INDIA
7.	Ghazi Mohammad Shehryar	IOM
8.	Takao Katsumata	JAPAN
9.	Nils Rienks	NETHERLANDS
10.	Toral Vadgama	UNODC
11	Becky Adiele	UNODC
12.	Sankar Parvathy	USA
13.	Kevan Higgins	USA
14.	Adriel Schoenhals	USA
15.	Levi Lundell	USA
16.	Kiruja Micheni	IMO
17.	Winnie Maina	IMO
18.	Esther Kung'u	IMO

## ANNEX 2 -KENYA'S NEEDS AS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE CB MATRIX HOSTED ON DCOC WEBSITE



Revised Kenya's  
Matrix Needs.docx

## ANNEX 3 -US TRAINING CALENDAR ON MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT



US Government  
Support to KCGS - Fel