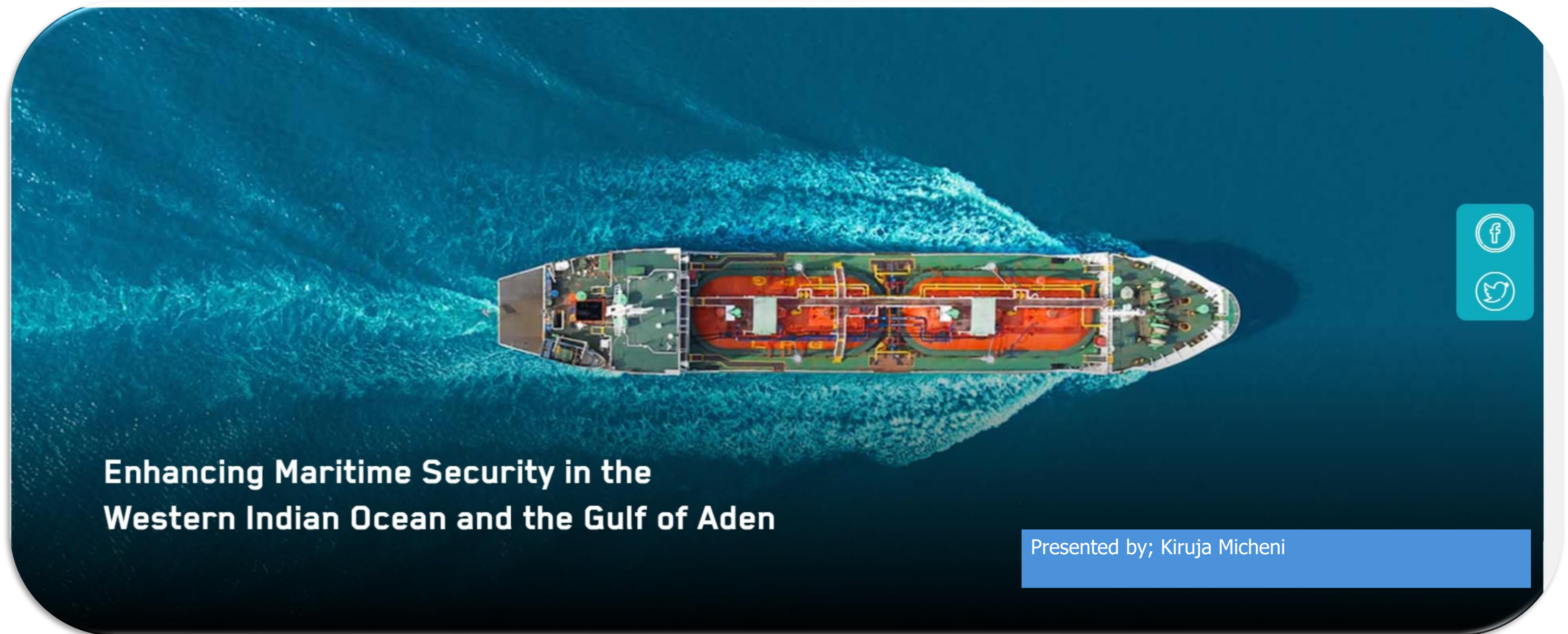


WORKING GROUP 3; RESOURCE NEEDS AND SUPPORT



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IDENTIFYING CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS

- The workshop has facilitated a comprehensive assessment of operational gaps across DCoC signatory States
- Key priority areas identified include:
 - Maritime surveillance and domain awareness
 - Interoperability
 - Legal frameworks for joint operations
 - Training in the conduct of coordinated joint maritime law enforcement operations
- These needs, together with those highlighted in the DCoC CB Matrix, will guide targeted capacity-building efforts for WG3 in coordination with WG1&2.

Engagement with Friends of DCoC

- Friends of the DCoC have played a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of WG3.
- Their continued engagement is essential to:
 - Support to operations and Share best practices
 - Facilitate access to operational tools and technologies
 - Strengthen Operational Cooperation
 - Support joint operations & *sea rider* programmes
 - Enhance information sharing & situational awareness
 - Resources Mobilization, assets & donor linkages
- Their partnership reinforces the spirit of shared responsibility and mutual support.

Leveraging the DCoC Trust Fund

- The DCoC Trust Fund is a key enabler for WG3 activities for consideration by the Members of WG3.
- Signatory States are encouraged to:
 - Submit proposals aligned with WG3's roadmap and CONOPs
 - Collaborate on joint initiatives with regional impact
 - Ensure transparent and results-driven use of resources
- The Trust Fund can help scale successful pilots into regional models of cooperation

Mapping on existing Mechanisms

WG3 will benefit from aligning with and building upon existing regional and international programmes, including:

- EU SAFE SEAS Project – which supports maritime security capacity building and regional coordination in the Western Indian Ocean.
- EU CRISIS RESPONSE Initiatives – which provide rapid support mechanisms for maritime threats and emergencies.
- RMSA; Leveraging on RMIFC and RCOC
- India's Sea Riders Programme – a practical model for embedding personnel within regional navies to enhance interoperability and build trust.
- Denmark's Maritime Security Engagements – including support for regional coordination Centres and capacity-building efforts under the DCoC framework.
- CMF
- Ongoing regional maritime security Ex such as CUTLASS EXPRESS

Mapping these programmes will help avoid duplication, identify synergies, and ensure WG3's efforts are complementary and impactful.

Next Steps...

- The CONOPS, TORs, and Roadmap to be submitted for adoption by the Steering Committee and endorsement at the 8th DCoC High-Level Meeting (12–14 Nov 2025)
- The **roadmap** will be **refined** to reflect evolving priorities and will **set the pace for the next phase of WG3 engagement**.
- Resource mobilization initiatives will commence immediately.
- WG3 is now well-positioned to become a cornerstone of regional maritime coordination efforts.

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