

DCoC CAPACITY BUILDING PRIORITIES AND ACTION PLAN - 2024

Development of the DCoC Information Sharing Network (ISN) to meet the objectives of the Jeddah Amendment

No	Activity Description	Priority	Remarks
1	Implementation of the DCoC strategy and Roadmap for the DCoC information Sharing Strategy: provide technical assistance to signatory States in establishing and operationalizing multi-agency National Maritime Information Sharing Centres, including the domestication of the Regional Information Sharing SOPs and assistance with relevant equipment and systems. Will include measures for effective integration of the RCOC and RMIFC into the DCoC ISN and support the operationalisation of ReMISC in Aden, Yemen	High	<p>The DCoC ISN was initially envisioned with a counter-piracy focus. Following the establishment of the DCoC/JA, the focus of the ISN has now shifted towards the deterrence, detection, disruption, and prosecution of a wide list of maritime challenges. This activity aims to improve regional Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and maritime safety and security through dissemination of reliable information on incidents of maritime crimes, including piracy and armed robbery; IUU fishing; weapons smuggling; human smuggling/Trafficking; conflict related threats, and maritime terrorism.</p> <p><i>The link to the ISN Strategy;</i> https://dcoc.org/wp-content/uploads/Enhancing-the-DCoC-ISN-Strategy-and-Roadmap-16-1.pdf</p> <p><u>DCoC ISN Standard Operating Procedures</u></p> <p><i>See illustrated DCoC Information Sharing network at the bottom.</i></p>

Development of the DCoC Regional Maritime Security Strategy and Risk Register

2	Development of a DCoC Regional Maritime Security Strategy and Risk Register, pursuant to Resolution 2 of the Cape Town High-Level meeting (Oct 2023). This initiative aims to harmonize coordination among the various maritime security mechanisms in the region and promote closer working relations between regional States and international partners supporting maritime security efforts in the region.	High	<p>The strategy will be instrumental in addressing the wide range of maritime security challenges and threats affecting the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area. Furthermore, the DCoC high-level meeting of Oct 2023, agreed to make use of the DCoC/JA framework to support operations coordination at sea in dealing with illicit activities at sea. Furthermore, the DCoC states aim to strengthen partnerships with international naval forces to ensure that criminals apprehended at sea, can be handed over and prosecuted by the coastal State.</p>
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Support in Building Regional Coast Guard Capabilities

3	Technical assistance to Yemen and Somalia in Developing their national coast guard capabilities.	High	<p>The activity aims to build the capacities and capabilities of the Yemen CG and Somalia CG to enable them to effectively patrol their respective waters and deal with maritime security threats effectively.</p>

Implementation of the DCoC Regional Training Programme			
4	Implement national and regional training workshops, and exercises to build regional capacity.	High	The DCoC Regional Training Programme aims to achieve several overarching goals including Enhancing Maritime Security Capacities, Promoting Information Sharing, and Strengthening Coordination.
Meetings on the Implementation of the Jeddah Amendment			
5	Facilitate meetings on the implementation of the DCoC/JA	High	Article 14 of the Jeddah Amendment requires that signatory States convene regular meetings to enhance cooperation and coordination. Furthermore, the DCoC holds at least one high-level regional meeting per year and several regular meetings.
Implementation of ISPS Code			
6	Enhance preparedness through effective implementation of the ISPS Code and application of best practices to discourage smuggling of arms and other contraband.	High	Recognizing the threat will likely spread the need for enhanced protection of ships, ports and vital coastal installations through enhanced MDA and ISPS Code implementation.
Support to Regional States in Enhancement of Maritime Security Governance			
7	Technical assistance on the implementation of the IMO model on the whole of Government approach to maritime security -		This entails the establishment of National Maritime Security Committees (NMSC), National Maritime Security Risk Registers (NMSRR) and National Maritime Security Strategies (NMSS) for countries not covered under the PS and RS Projects.
Secretariat Support for the Implementation of the DCoC/JA			
8	This activity will provide funding for the dedicated DCoC Project Implementation Team		The IMO Secretariat team plays a crucial role in coordinating all aspects of the program, including support for the steering committee, Working Group 1, Working Group 2, and the Friends of the DCoC forum. This involves organizing meetings, training activities, seminars, and symposiums. As the Secretariat, it also plays a vital role in ensuring follow-up on deliverables agreed upon by the Signatory States, thus ensuring effective continuity in the program, which has been a great success so far

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