

# Djibouti Code of Conduct and Regional Capacity Building Coordination

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# Presentation Objective

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- To update participants on developments since the transfer of the work of the RCBCWG to the Djibouti Code of Conduct Mechanism.

# Scope

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- DCoC – a brief intro.
- DCoC Governance Framework
- DCoC and Regional Capacity Building Coordination – Progress thus far
- Some lessons learnt
- Recommendations/Conclusion



# Djibouti Code of Conduct

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- The Code of Conduct concerning the Repression of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden, (Djibouti Code of Conduct);
- Adopted on 29 January 2009 in Djibouti;
- Regional action to counter the threat of piracy and armed robbery against ships;



# Key Objectives

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- Review of national legislation
- Capability for maritime law enforcement
- Capacity building cooperation
- Coordinated, smooth, and effective communications through information exchange centres

# Djibouti Code of Conduct - Strengths

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- Network of National Focal Points (NFP)
- Information sharing Network (ISN)
- Enhanced Civil / military cooperation
- The DCoC Trust Fund

## DCoC Jeddah Amendment

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- Drawing lessons from successful state collaboration against piracy, the region decided to extend the collaboration in dealing with other threats to security, as well as to prevent a resurgence of piracy,
- If left unopposed, the threats could severely hamper shipping and the growth of ocean economies.
- Need to address the root causes;
- Jeddah Amendment to DCoC signed on 12 January 2017

# Key considerations

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- Maritime security requires a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and whole of government approach;
- Maritime security underpins economic development and generates wider stability;
- Maritime security is a means to an end, not an end in itself;
- Maritime security must be wider than just countering piracy.

# Maritime security – not just piracy



25 April 2017 attack on Saudi Aramco oil facility, Jazan, Saudi Arabia unmanned VBIED



22 August 2018, Saudi Arabia, another unmanned VBIED



# DCoC and Regional Capacity Building coordination

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- The 22nd plenary of the CGPCS held in Mauritius on 20 June 2019, resolved that the work of the Regional Capacity Building Coordination Working Group (RCBWG), be left to the DCoC mechanism,
- To enhance efficiency and avoidance of duplication of effort

# DCoC and Regional CB Coordination - Developments

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- Extraordinary meeting of the Regional Capacity Building Working Group and National Focal Points from DCoC participating States held in Djibouti from 14 to 15 October, 2019
- Brought together:
  - Participating regional States: Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, S. Africa, Tanzania and Yemen
  - France, USA,
  - EU NAVFOR, IOC, ICRC, Italian Naval Support Base in Djibouti,
- Objectives
  - To develop a roadmap for better coordination of capacity building efforts,
  - enhancement of the DCoC information sharing network
  - Make recommendations for enhancing regional cooperation

# Recommendations of the Djibouti meeting

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- Recommended the establishment of a DCoC(JA) Governance Framework for timely and efficient follow-up of agreed actions:
  - DCoC Steering Committee,
  - Working Group on Capacity Building Coordination - to spearhead work on capacity building coordination;
  - Working Group on Information Sharing – to spearhead the enhancement of the DCoC information Sharing Network (ISN), to meet the requirements of the Jeddah Amendment.
    - Including by promoting the requirement for establishment of multi-agency National Maritime Information Sharing Centres in all the participating States, which will then become the pillars of the ISN, as well as capacity building on Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).

## DCoC High-level Meeting on Capacity Building Coordination for enhanced Maritime Security, and Donor Forum, Mombasa, Kenya, 13 - 14 November 2019

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- Reaffirmed the importance of developing enhanced MDA, building capacity both at national and regional levels and aligning regional and donor priorities;
- Agreed to establish a strong governance framework to spearhead the implementation of the DCoC (JA) as below:
  - Working Group on Information Sharing (WG1) (Chair Kenya, Deputy Chair Madagascar, members – open to all Participating States,
  - Working Group on Capacity Building Coordination (WG2) (Chair – Ethiopia, Deputy Chair – Mozambique, members – open to all Participating States,
  - Steering Committee – Chair KSA, Deputy-Chair Djibouti, Members: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Saudi Arabia and Seychelles
  - Secretariat provided by (IMO)

# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE DCOC(JA)

Participating States

Secretariat –(IMO)

Steering Committee



Working Group 1 –  
Information Sharing

Secretariat  
(IMO)

Working Group 2-  
Coordination of capacity  
building efforts

## SCOPE OF WORKING GROUP 1- INFORMATION SHARING

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Include ISCs currently not in the DCOC structure that have emerged with capacity

Establish Multi-agency NMISCs as pillars of ISN at National Level

Review DCOC ISNs to encompass other maritime threats

Nomination of NFPs by member states

Possible linkages of National and Regional Centres with International Structures

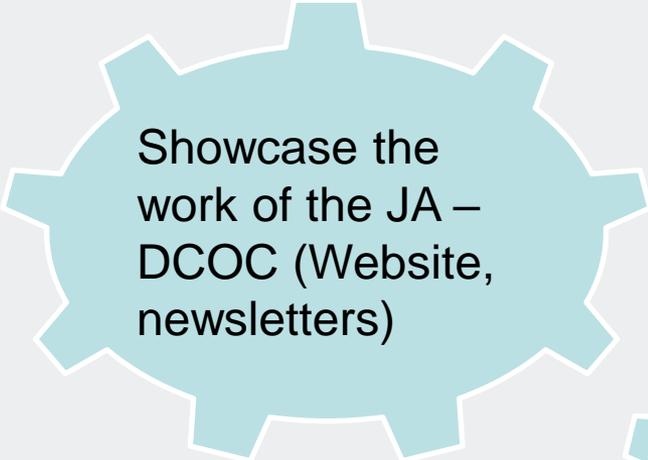
Neutral Assessment of ISCs to identify capacity building needs

## SCOPE OF WORKING GROUP 2- CORDINATION OF CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS

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Get donor support and boost DCOC Trust Fund



Showcase the work of the JA – DCOC (Website, newsletters)



Coordination with other bodies on capacity Building



Identify areas of needs and priorities for capacity building

# Other Key meetings

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- March 2020 – DCoC High level meeting – postponed due to covid
- 9 June 2020 – the inaugural virtual meeting of the Steering Committee,
  - WG Chairs presented their strategy for spearheading the work of respective working groups
  - Highlighted priorities for each of the working Groups
  - TORs for the WGs and SC

## Virtual meeting of DCoC NFPs - 26 August 2020,

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- To discuss and prioritize the implementation of provisions of the Code of Conduct and progress on the development of an action plan for speedy operationalization of the DCoC (JA) Governance framework.
- Progress the development of an action plan for the enhancement of the DCoC information sharing network and the coordination of capacity-building efforts
- Outcomes
  - Discussed TORs for the SC and the WGs
  - India admitted as DCoC(JA) observer.

**Next NFP meeting – October 2020**

# Lessons identified

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- National organization is critical
  - Political buy-in
  - National Maritime Security and Facilitation Committee
  - Inter-agency cooperation (especially civil / military)
- Focus on developing national capability – then regional (Don't build your house on sand)
- Big picture:
  - Get all relevant agencies interested
  - Security underpins development

# Recommendations

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- Having established a strong governance framework, the DCoC is now better prepared to spearhead the coordination of Regional Capacity building initiatives
- Need for donors and implementing partners to support regional CB priorities as identified
- Need for better coordination of efforts of donors and implementing partners – As Friends of DCoC can participate and support the work spearheaded by the two working Groups
- DCoC Trust Fund – opportunity for mobilisation of resource

## CONCLUSION

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- Enhancing national capabilities will have a ripple effect on the regional capacity and encourage sustainability.
- A well knit governance structure will enhance the effectiveness of capacity building in the region.
- The DCoC Website will provide a platform for CB Coordination thus promote efforts to counter piracy and other threats to maritime security in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden region
- Need to find effective ways of supporting regional efforts to enhance maritime security by supporting efforts being spearheaded by the DCoC WG1 and WG2
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