

**3rd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security and Safety
in the Western Indian Ocean
Intercontinental Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius, 14 – 15 November 2023**

**SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
PROGRAMME**

DAY 1: 14 November 2023	
08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.10	Welcome address Speaker: Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Republic of Mauritius
09.10-10.45	Status of implementation of the last two Ministerial conferences declarations and way forward Theme: Implementation of the 2018 and 2019 Ministerial conferences outcomes for improving maritime capability in the Western Indian Ocean Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Ocean Commission • Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre • Regional Centre for Operational Coordination • Secretariat, Djibouti Code of Conduct/JA Moderator: University of Copenhagen
10.45-11.15	<i>Networking break</i>
11.15-12.45	Combat against drugs and other illicit trafficking Theme: The fight against drug trafficking and substance abuse Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Ocean Commission • Prime Minister's Office, Mauritius Moderator: <i>Institute for Security Studies</i>
12.45-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-15.30	Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities Theme: The shift from Contact Group against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia to the Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities and future orientation Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of Kenya Moderator: <i>Indian Ocean Commission</i>
15.30-16.00	<i>Networking break</i>
16.00-17.30	Initiating a Western Indian Ocean African Coast Guards Functions Forum Theme: The June 2023 Moroni Declaration on the initiative to establish an African Coastal and Island States Coast Guard Functions Forum Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union of Comoros Moderator: <i>Italian Coast Guard (TBC)</i>
17.30	End of 1st day

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DAY 2: 15 November 2023	
09.00–10.30	<p>Improving Ports Security and Safety of Navigation Theme: Eastern African, Southern African and Indian Ocean Regional Policy/Framework for Ports Security and Safety of Navigation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Ocean Commission • United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime • International Maritime Organisation • International Criminal Police Organisation <p>Moderator: <i>Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding</i></p>
10.30-11.00	<i>Networking break</i>
11.00–12.30	<p>Illegal Wildlife Traffic Theme: The Regional Plan against Illegal Wildlife Traffic adopted in January 2023</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAFFIC • National Parks and CITES National Focal Point, Mauritius <p>Moderator: TRAFFIC</p>
12.30–14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00–15.30	<p>Prevention and preparedness against marine pollution Theme: Western Indian Ocean Plan of Work towards sustainable prevention and preparedness and response to Marine Pollution</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Ocean Commission • Ministry of Environment, Mauritius <p>Moderator: <i>International Tankers Oil Pollution Federation</i></p>
15.30–16.00	<i>Networking break</i>
16.00–17.30	Draft Ministerial Declaration
17.30-17.45	Draft Programme of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security and Safety
17.45	End of Senior Officials meeting