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INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP

16 November 2016

Decision Minutes/Outcomes

The Indian Ocean Regional Capacity Building Working Group (RCBWG) was convened on 16 November 2016 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. The following action points/decisions were agreed:

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION, EVALUATION/ EFFECTIVENESS	FOLLOW UP DATE/ PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1. Welcome and Introduction by UK	The UK representative pointed out that at the last CGPCS Plenary it had been decided that CGPCS WG1 should handover its responsibilities to a) a Somalia Group – now known as the Maritime Security Coordination Committee (MSCC) and b) a Regional Group – established here as the Regional Capacity Building Working Group (RCBWG)		
2. CGPCS Presidency Update	The representative of the Seychelles as the CGPCS Chair outlined a number of changes following the change of government in Seychelles.	Secretaries Note: a. Minister Joël Morgan has handed over the chairmanship to Ambassador Barry Faure, the Secretary of State in the	

		<p>Department of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>b. Mr. Raymond St Ange remains the Head of the CGPCS Secretariat and Mr. Jacques Belle the Deputy Head.</p>	
3. Handover of Chair to Kenya and IOC	The UK handed the Chair over to the representatives of Kenya and the IOC..		Chair
4. Discussion of the Terms of Reference for the RCBWG	<p>Regional ownership was welcomed.</p> <p>Suggestions to extend the group to the full Djibouti Code of Conduct signatories were discussed but it was decided to retain the regional focus linked to CGPCS role.</p> <p>An invitation would be extended to the EAC to join “Going beyond Piracy”. Extending the remit of the group to look at Maritime Security requirements in the round were debated but in the end, whilst this was recognized as a logical and practical step, it would need to wait for direction from CGPCS and for the moment the focus would be primarily counter piracy. But the group recognized the strong links of pirates and criminal groups to other transnational maritime crimes and for the pressing need for coordination in this area.</p>	Revised TORs (incl membership) attached to this minute	
5. Update briefings	A number of update briefings were heard from: EASF, OBP, UNODC, EU CRIMARIO,	a. Copies of the presentations will be made available on the new RCBWG website by the secretariat.	OBP

6. National Priorities	Briefings from each of the member states present on their national priorities were made.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The national priorities will be made available on the new RCBWG web site b. National priorities from those states not present will be obtained before the next meeting. 	<p>OBP</p> <p>Chair/OBP</p>
Next Steps	A number of next steps were identified:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Issue revised TORs (attached herein) b. Correlate national priorities and put on a web site platform. c. Gather info on partners projects and put on the platform for coordination of effort. (NB: IMO suggested the Secretariat assign a full time support asst to this task) d. Create a web site where all the Wg documents and database can be found e. Present a draft work plan to the CGPCS plenary (in May/June). f. Map existing training programmes 	OBP
AOB	<p>Requirement to brief the next MSCC meeting on the work of this group</p> <p>The next SHADE meeting will be in Bahrain 29/30 November</p> <p>Djibouti Code of Conduct states will meet from 10-12 Jan 2017 in Jeddah to discuss the remit of the</p>	The next MSCC meeting is postponed until after the Somali election.	<p>IGAD/Chair</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

	Djibouti Code of Conduct to possibly cooperate on Maritime Crimes		
Future meeting	The next meeting to be held in the margins of the CGPCS Plennary in May/June 2017. Without budgetary support future meetings will be piggy backed on other meetings to save costs.	It was noted that members were responsible for their own costs in attending future meetings (but that some may need sponsorship)	All

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