

CONTACT GROUP

ON PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA

مجموعة الاتصال الخاصة بالقرصنة قبالة السواحل الصومالية • Groupe de contact sur la piraterie au large de la Somalie
Grupo de Contacto sobre la Piratería frente a costas de Somalia • 打击索马里海域海盗联络组
Контактная группа по борьбе с пиратством у берегов Сомали

INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP

Terms of Reference

Background

1. The Plenary of the Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) held in The Seychelles between 31 May and 3 June 2016, agreed that Working Group 1, previously led by the United Kingdom, would transition into two separate bodies to promote regional ownership and coordinate Somali and regional capacity building. These terms of reference set out the process of the newly formed “CGPCS Indian Ocean Regional Capacity Building Working Group”.

Roles and Responsibilities

2. The Indian Ocean Regional Capacity Building Working Group (“RCBWG”) will as of 16 November 2016, be the body by which its Members will, by consensus, identify the needs, priorities and issues for maritime security capacity building in the region.
3. The RCBWG will operate within the mandate of the CGPCS, as outlined in UN Security Council Resolution 1851 of 18th December 2008, to combat all piracy and armed robbery at sea off Somalia’s coast.
4. The RCBWG will support and encourage agreement amongst regional states and organizations on future arrangements and responsibilities and will identify and agree on priority actions, drawn from an agreed Work Plan, through short, medium and long term goals. This Work Plan, based on the concept of mutual accountability, will provide the basis for international donor support and engagement.
5. This Work Plan will cover maritime governance, maritime law enforcement, maritime security, maritime response and recovery and the maritime economy. It will operate within the CGPCS mandate as outlined in para 3 above.
6. The RCBWG will ensure good programme management consistent with the principles of transparency and accountability.
7. The RCBWG will coordinate, where relevant, and take into account the work of the Somali Maritime Security Coordination Committee (MSCC) coordinated by IGAD. The RCBWG will recognize the primacy of the MSCC for capacity building activity in Somalia, its regions and Somaliland.

Membership, Chair and Secretariat

8. The RCBWG will comprise relevant nations, relevant regional and international organisations and representatives from the CGPCS Presidency/Secretariat – See Annex A. Other members of CGPCS and international donors are not considered full members but may attend the meeting on an ad hoc basis at the invitation of the Chair.
9. The Chair will comprise of a representative of the Indian Ocean Commission and a rotating co chair derived from a regional nation on an annual basis. The Republic of Kenya will act as the working groups first co chair (until November 2017).
10. The Secretariat of the RCBWG will be provided by the NGO Oceans Beyond Piracy (OBP). The Secretariat will coordinate and facilitate meetings and the work of the group.

Communication and Reporting

11. The Secretariat will communicate the minutes and decisions of the RCBWG in writing to the members of the working group and report, through the CGPCS Presidency, to all members of the CGPCS on an annual basis and on an ad hoc basis if circumstances require.
12. The Secretariat will promote communications on maritime matters between the members and facilitate the Work Plan through a suitable platform that will make updating priorities and areas for cooperation easy and user friendly. The Secretariat will make available all documents pertaining to the RCBWG through a web site.

Decision Making/authority

13. Decisions of the RCBWG will be taken unanimously among Members and agreement achieved by consensus of its Members.

Funding, Resources and Budget

14. Attendees are responsible for sourcing their own funding for attendance at the RCBWG.

Reviews

15. These terms of Reference will be reviewed by the RCBWG no later than December 2017 and thereafter at least every second year. Recommendations for amendments should be sent to the Secretariat.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Regional Countries

The Seychelles
Mauritius
Kenya
Tanzania
Djibouti
Madagascar
Somalia

Regional Organisations

Indian Ocean Commission (Co Chair)
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
East African Community (EAC)*
*East African Standby Force (EASF)**

International Organisations

International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
*INTERPOL**

Secretariat

Oceans Beyond Piracy - (OBP)

Other

CGPCS Presidency/Secretariat

Ad Hoc Members/Donors/CGPCS Members (at invitation of the Chair)

United Kingdom (FCO/BPST EA)
France
Russia
Norway
Denmark
*European Union (EEAS, EU Crimario, EUCAP Somalia, EUNAVFOR)**

** New Additions to be confirmed by Chair.*