



Provisional programme

Implementing Africa's maritime security strategies

Monday 4 – Thursday 7 May 2015 | WP1407

To be held at Valley Lodge and Spa, Magaliesberg, near Pretoria, South Africa

Countries in Africa depend heavily on the sea as their primary means of getting goods to market. For example, with more than ninety percent of its trade seaborne, South Africa is dramatically dependent on a secure sea. This African 'blue economy' is under threat, and states on both coasts of Africa that depend heavily on sea borders face many maritime security challenges. Maritime security is a key component of collective security, and many countries across East and West Africa currently lack the ability to effectively police their territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs), the consequences of which are damaging to local communities, industry and tourism, and overall onshore stability. They also fuel a number of global security problems.

While indications are that incidents of piracy in the Horn of Africa are declining, seafarers are still at high risk, and many remain in captivity. Meanwhile criminality in the Gulf of Guinea including piracy and armed robbery at sea, trafficking and smuggling of drugs, people and arms, as well as related money laundering is increasing across porous land and sea borders. Illegal waste dumping, infrastructure protection and port security also constitute major concerns. The flow of money from maritime crime into political systems can undermine state effectiveness and legitimacy, and can seriously impact national economies.

The 2014 African Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS-2050) serves as the overarching framework for African maritime strategies to confront these challenges and goes beyond simply a counter piracy agenda. It covers economic, social, environmental and security dimensions, and aims to foster more wealth creation from Africa's coast and rivers to realise their full potential. There are also a large number of national and regional maritime strategies, and concerted international interest and support for African maritime security. However, there are important issues of how to achieve synergies, promote complementary

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rather than duplicative approaches, coherence, and coordination on the part of both African organisations and countries and international donors and partners. To effectively combat criminality, leadership and coordination are needed to avoid replication, facilitate and efficiently resource joint projects and encourage self-sustaining local ownership over the security of territorial waters and maritime domains, encompassing the full range of maritime criminal challenges.

At a time when African states and organisations are paying increasing attention to maritime security and there is serious international interest to contribute further to African led efforts to secure their maritime domains, this high level Wilton Park-Institute for Security Studies conference held in a discrete, neutral and non-attributable format will:

- promote awareness on the continent and internationally of the full range of stakes involved in African maritime security;
- support African leadership and build on the key linkages between national, regional and continental maritime strategies;
- examine and recommend key next steps to develop African maritime security capacity and further implement African maritime security strategies;
- take relevant lessons from other parts of the continent to share best practice;
- identify gaps in international donor support and coordination not recognised or addressed by regional platforms, and prioritise areas most important and productive to address.

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(*denotes speaker to be confirmed)

Monday 4 May

1700

Participants arrive

1900

Reception followed by Dinner

Tuesday 5 May

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900

Welcome and introduction

Robert Grant

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Jackie Cilliers

Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies - Africa, Pretoria

0915-1030

1. What is at stake for Africa in the maritime domain?

What are the main challenges facing states and regional organisations in the maritime domain and how do they vary in different parts of the continent? What are the costs to African economics and societies of maritime crime? How strongly linked is maritime security to key domestic imperatives such as job creation, attracting foreign investment and growing the economy? What perceptions do Africans have of the stakes involved in maritime security? Are there any differences between the views and interests of African and

international maritime stakeholders?

Tsietsi Mokhele

Commander, Chief Executive Officer, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), Pretoria

Thomas Mandrup

Associate Professor, Royal Danish Defence College, Copenhagen

1030-1115

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1115-1300

2. The current status of African maritime security strategies

What is the level of awareness, interest and support across the continent for the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (AIMS)? Does AIMS provide a robust strategic framework for Africa? How well is implementation of AIMS progressing? What is the status of maritime security strategies at the regional and national levels? Is the stage of strategy formulation largely complete and implementation now key? How robust is political support for the implementation of maritime security strategies? How do continental, regional and national maritime security strategies relate to one another and where are the plug-in points for each level? What further linkages need to be built?

Samuel Kame-Domguia

Strategic Planning Officer, Focal Point for Maritime Security and Safety Strategy, Addis Ababa

Karen Sumser-Lupson

Commissioner, African Maritime Safety and Security Agency, Plymouth

Sedge Pillay

Director, Maritime Strategy, South African Navy

Barthelemy Blede

Senior Researcher, Maritime Security, Institute for Security Studies, Dakar

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1630

3. Case studies of good practice

What are examples of good practice in maritime security implementation? What made these cases successful? What obstacles did maritime security stakeholders need to overcome? How did they overcome or mitigate those obstacles – what elements enabled success? What additional progress is needed? To what extent is experience gained in one country or region useful for others?

West Africa: Yaoundé code of conduct, the Inter-regional Coordination Centre, and the G7++ Friends of Gulf of Guinea (FOGG)

Emmanuel Bell Bell

Head of Information Management and Communication Division, Inter-regional Coordination Centre, Yaoundé

Véronique Roger-Lacan

Ambassador and Special Representative for the Fight Against Maritime Piracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Paris

SADC – MOU concept

Bernard Hein Teuteberg

Former Chief Director of Maritime Strategy, South African Navy, Hermanus

Djibouti Code of Conduct

Abebe Beyene

Head, Security Sector Programme, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Addis Ababa

Philip Holihead

Former Head of Djibouti Code of Conduct Project Implementation Unit, International Maritime Organization, London

Illegal fishing – the case of the Thunder

Eve De Coning

Adviser, Norwegian National Advisory Group against Organized Fisheries Crime and IUU Fishing, Oslo

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1715

4. Maritime security implementation: introduction to the scenarios

Oceans Beyond Piracy will prepare for the conference four fictionalised outline scenarios of maritime security challenges set in different African regions. Breakout groups will work through the scenarios (one scenario per group) to determine what an effective response would look like, and assess whether the capability and capacity exists to implement that response, both at sea and on land. There will be a brief overview presentation in plenary session of the rationale for each scenario and opportunity for participants to ask questions. The conference will then divide into the breakout groups to examine the scenarios.

John Steed

Regional Manager, Horn of Africa, Oceans Beyond Piracy; Senior Maritime Adviser, Global Maritime Crime Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Nairobi

Jérôme Michelet

Associate Director, Oceans Beyond Piracy, Broomfield

1715-1900

5. Scenario breakout groups

Group 1: Illegal fishing off the coast of East Africa

Chair: Eve De Coning

Adviser, Norwegian National Advisory Group against Organized Fisheries Crime and IUU Fishing, Oslo

Group 2: Armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea

Chair: *Obiora Charles Medani

Chief Training and Operations, Nigerian Navy, Abuja

Group 3: Oil spill off the Cape Peninsula

Chair: *Yazeed Peterson

Director, Marine and Coastal Pollution Management, Department of Environmental Affairs, Pretoria

Group 4: Narco trafficking off the coast of West Africa

Chair: Patricia Davies

Gulf of Guinea Coordinator, European External Action Service, Brussels

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Wednesday 6 May

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-1000

6. Maritime security implementation scenarios: report back session

Groups to report back on their breakout discussion outcomes. What were the key implementation gaps?

1000-1100

7. Introductory talks in plenary session to thematic breakout groups

Information gathering and sharing

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Regional Specialised Officer, Regional Bureau, INTERPOL, Abidjan

Land based governance

*Daoud Alwan

Pillar Head Maritime Security, Security Sector Programme, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), Addis Ababa

Capability and capacity building

*Samuel Ilesanmi Alade

Chief of Navy Transformation, Nigerian Navy, Abuja

Coordinating African maritime security strategies

Barthelemy Blede

Senior Researcher, Maritime Security, Institute for Security Studies, Dakar

1100-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1300

8. Thematic breakout groups

Group 1: Information gathering and sharing

Are additional regional information sharing centres and processes needed, or is it more a question of taking forward effective operation of existing ones? How can gathered information and intelligence be most usefully shared? What relationships are currently in place between international and national civilian and military networks, and what further ones might be needed? What are the obstacles to cooperation and shared situational awareness, and what is being done to work around these? What can industry do to assist governments in confronting threats and vice versa? How best to build trust in order to be able to exchange useful and timely information? What forms of international support would be most useful?

Co-chair: Nana Raymond Ofusu-Boateng

Head, Department, Maritime Safety and Security, Regional Maritime University, Accra

Co-chair: Carl Salicath

Director for Maritime Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

Group 2: Land based governance

Are the requisite mechanisms to arrest, convict and punish criminals in place? What are the features of a legal framework which leave no gaps to exploit? What is missing? What jurisdictional issues exist and what can be done to address these? What are the current efforts to build these key capabilities and what further can be done to assist? How can shore based efforts to rebuild civil society and functioning societal structures contribute to more secure seas?

Co-chair: Paul Wambua

Associate Professor, University of Nairobi School of Law, Nairobi

Co-chair: Per Erik Bergh

Coordinator, Stop Illegal Fishing, Gaborone

Group 3: Capability and capacity building

What is needed to control national marine territory and EEZs? What capabilities should be developed or enhanced to ensure waters are effectively patrolled? What is needed to deter and prevent maritime crime? How can resources be freed up or found to build maritime security capability and capacity? Where are the gaps in support and coordination from

international partners?

Co-chair: Emmanuel Bonsu

Commandant of the Military Academy and Training Schools, Ghana Armed Forces, Accra

Co-chair: Thomas Reck

Director, Maritime Partner Programs, United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa, Naples

Group 4: Coordinating African maritime security strategies

What are the potential gains from more coordination between AIMS, regional, and national maritime security strategies? Are there synergies between the three different levels that can help deliver better and more cost effective solutions? What forms of coordination could deliver the greatest benefits? What are the obstacles to achieving the desired coordination, and how can those obstacles be overcome?

Co-Chair: Samuel Kame-Domguia

Strategic Planning Officer, Focal Point for Maritime Security and Safety Strategy, Addis Ababa

Co-chair: Thean Potgieter

Acting Branch Head, Training Policy and Planning, National School of Government, Pretoria

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1630

9. Continuation of thematic breakout group discussions and preparation of group reports

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1715

Complete eQuestionnaire <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WP1407/>

1715-1845

10. Report back in plenary session from thematic breakout groups and conference conclusions

What are the key next steps for implementing African maritime security strategies?

***Fadi Nacerodien**

Chief Director, Policy, Research and Analysis Unit, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Pretoria

1915

Reception followed by dinner

Thursday 7 May

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0900

Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

This conference is open to those with expertise to share or an interest in the theme; our aim is to have a broad spread of nationalities and institutions represented. The full cost of participation is £1460. This covers two nights' accommodation, all meals during the conference and attendance at all sessions. Special rates may be available for those from non-OECD countries and also academics and NGO representatives.

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