



Create MDA (Maritime Domain Awareness) for enhancing the blue economy: EU regional initiatives and tools in Africa

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On Wednesday 28 November 11:30 to 13:00 at Lenana hall, KICC

As a **global maritime security provider**, the **European Union (EU)** is a key supporter of the Blue Economy concept as mentioned in the EU Maritime Security Strategy, EUMSS. The EU has notably developed a comprehensive and cooperative approach with partners countries, international and regional organizations in the wider Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Guinea in order to help them to reinforce their maritime capacities and ability to protect and secure their maritime domain against piracy and criminal activities at sea. **It enhances the maritime domain awareness of the all-region and the information sharing system of the littoral states.**

EU's approach illustrates that maritime security is an enabler of the Blue Economy for example **through capacity building of maritime centers and development of tools for information sharing and surveillance at sea.** With these concrete achievements, EU participates to secure sea lanes of communications and protect rights over marine resources and activities. **Maritime security helps the development of the Blue Economy and a strong Blue Economy is creating greater demand for maritime security and this, in turn, will led increased in these capabilities.**



Programme

Introduction of the session by **Mr Bruno Pozzi**, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Kenya

Panel 1 (11:40-12:20): A global view of challenges and strategies for more secure seas

- *How to strengthen maritime safety and develop the Blue Economy*: **Glen Forbes**, Principal OCEANUSLive, UK.
- *Maritime strategy - and the challenges of maritime crime for the Blue Economy*: **John Steed**, Senior maritime crime advisor, UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme.
- *The challenges of developing a secured Blue Economy in the Gulf of Guinea*: **Cyrille-Serge Atonfack Guemo**, Maritime security expert, Cameroonian Navy.
- *EU initiatives to promote Maritime Domain Awareness and the Blue Economy*: **Marianne Péron-Doise**, Searcher to the Institute for Strategic Research, Military School, Paris & Strategic advisor for EU CRIMARIO.

Questions and answers period (12:10-12:20)

Panel 2 (12:20-13:00): Tools and collaborative approaches to enhance maritime domain awareness

- *The role of MSCHOA for the shipping industry*: **Bouke Berns**, Political advisor, EU Naval Force Atalanta.
- *IORIS a tool to enhance info sharing in the wider Indian Ocean*: **Dave Natrass**, CRIMARIO Information Sharing component manager.
- *The new regional maritime centres, based in Madagascar and Seychelles, a new development for a better MDA in the IO*: **Ronny Matatiken**, Deputy director of the RCOC, Seychelles.
- *GoGIN and the enhancement of Maritime Domain Awareness in the Gulf of Guinea*: **Thomas Tarrade**, GOGIN Expert at CRESMAC, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Questions and answers period (12:50-13:00)

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Biographies of speakers (alphabetic order)

Cdr Cyrille Serge Atonfack Guemo



Cdr Cyrille Atonfack is the technical adviser of the Cameroon Minister of Defence, especially in charge of maritime governance and blue economy strategy since 2016.

Since July 2013, Cyrille is the rapporteur of the Operational Cell's of the National Committee setup to by the Summit on maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea, held in Yaoundé on 24-25 June 2013. The Cell's first project, the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC) in Central and West Africa, is already operational. He is also part of the African Union task force implementing the 2050 African Integrated Maritime Strategy. In the past, he occupied various staff positions at Cameroon's Ministry of Defence.

Cyrille is a holder of a bachelor's degree in Political Sciences, graduate of the higher Navy school of management and maritime law at Toulon, a master's degree in Maritime Law from the European Institute of Marine Studies at Brest.

Bouke Berns



Bouke Berns has been Political Advisor with EU Naval Force ATALANTA since 2015.

Before taking up the position of Political Advisor, Bouke was the World Bank Group liaison officer at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. where he was based for five years. Prior to this he worked as policy advisor and consular officer at the Netherlands Embassy in Kampala, Uganda.

Bouke holds a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a Master of Science in Public Administration from the Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

Glen Forbes



Glen Forbes served 34 years in the UK Royal Navy in many ranks and in missions such as UK's cruise missile facility, the Iraq war and Northern Ireland.

Seconded to EU NAVFOR for Operation Atalanta off Somalia in 2008, he led a small but highly skilled team in providing complete communications networking for the EU's first-ever maritime operation. Setting up the Maritime Security Centre (Horn of Africa), supporting the international shipping community, he won a Safety at Sea award for management/operations and Lloyd's List award in 2009. He has since set up OCEANUSLive, a commercial info sharing platform capability.

Ronny Matatiken



Ronny Matatiken is currently Deputy Director of the Regional Center for Operations and Coordination (RCOC), based in Seychelles. He began his maritime career as a naval officer cadet in Yorktown, Virginia. He has served on bilateral exchanges with the US Coast Guard, US Navy, French Navy, and Indian Navy. Ronny retired from active duty in 2008 following a 15-year career with the Seychelles military as both an infantry and naval officer. His last assignment on active duty was as the Chief Hydrographer. In 2015, he worked to develop the Seychelles Maritime Police. He is an Internationally Accredited Hydrographer, UN Mission Planner for any Peace Keeping Mission, and a

level 2 Counter Terrorism Financing. Ronny is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Intelligence and Security Studies at the University of Met London.



David Natrass



David Natrass served over 33 years in the UK Royal Navy specialising in maritime communications and information systems serving all over the world. For the last 10 years, David has worked as an EU consultant on the Critical Maritime Routes (CMR) programme (EU MARSIC / EU CRIMARIO) with Indian Ocean DCoC and IOC/MASE regional countries focused on enhancing Maritime Situation Awareness (MSA) through Information Sharing.

David has led the development and implementation of the new Indian Ocean Regional Information Sharing (IORIS) secure web based platform in close collaboration with region partners and will continue to oversee the project through EU CRIMARIO until December 2019.

Marianne Péron-Doise



Former French Navy officer, **Marianne Péron-Doise** is a senior searcher fellow at Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'École Militaire, IRSEM, Paris. Marianne is also special advisor for the EU maritime project CRIMARIO since 2015 and regularly attends maritime conferences and facilitates workshops. She was Political Advisor to the NATO Maritime Command (Northwood) from 2012 to 2015. Her work focuses on Northeast Asia security issues (Japan-Korean Peninsula) and global maritime security topics as emerging naval forces and key maritime theatres, such as Indian Ocean, Asia-Pacific, the Horn of Africa...

Marianne is graduated in political sciences (Sciences-Po Aix-en-Provence) and holds a master degree in modern history (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris).

Bruno Pozzi



Bruno Pozzi joined the European Delegation to Kenya as Deputy Head of Delegation since mid-August 2015.

As a diplomat of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was posted firstly for short missions in Teheran and Copenhagen, before joining the Middle East department. Then he was posted as Head of Economic Section of Belgian Embassy in Japan, China and South Africa. Bruno was seconded to the newly created EEAS and appointed as Head of the political section of the EU Delegation to Côte d'Ivoire.

Bruno is graduated in political sciences (Catholic University of Louvain) and holds a master degree in European politics (Free University of Brussels).

John Steed



Former Colonel in the British Army Officer, **John Steed** is an expert in maritime crime, security and counter terrorism, conflict resolution, hostage negotiations, and African geopolitics. He is currently the Senior Maritime Crime Advisor to the UN Office for Drugs and Crime and also the Regional Representative for the Colorado based One Earth Foundation. He is the coordinator of the Hostage Support Partnership, the secretary of the Regional Capacity Building Working Group and Somalia's Maritime Resource and Security Strategy. Prior to joining UNODC and OEF, John was the Principal Military Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Head of the Counter Piracy Unit in the UN Political Mission for Somalia, UK's first Military Representative to Somalia and UK's Defence Advisor to Kenya, Tanzania, The Seychelles, Eritrea and Somalia.

Thomas Tarrade



Since January 2017, **Thomas Tarrade** joined the EU GoGIN project as advisor to the director of CRESMAC (Regional centre for maritime security in Central Africa) and regional coordinator of the project.

Before GoGIN, Thomas spent 2 years at the Interregional Coordination Centre (CIC), in Yaoundé within the EU CRIMGO project, strengthening maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.

After a master's degree in law of the sea and maritime law, Thomas joined the French Navy as Navy Commissioner. He mainly worked as a legal advisor in police operations at sea (Guyane Fisheries Police, narcotrafficking in the Caribbean and participation in Atalanta off Somalia).