

# Ministerial Conference on Drug

## Outcomes of 3rd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security and Safety

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# 3rd MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE on MARITIME SECURITY & SAFETY

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial THEMES

1. Implementation of the 2018 and 2019 Ministerial Conferences' outcomes
2. Regional prevention and preparedness against marine pollution
3. Regional cooperation on the combat against Drugs and Substance Abuse
4. United Nations Security Council Resolution 2608 & the Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities
5. Regional Plan against Illegal Wildlife Traffic
6. Regional policy/framework for ports security and safety of navigation
7. The establishment of an African Coast Guards Functions Forum

## HIGHLIGHT OF 2018 & 2019 MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

# RECAP 2018, 2019 Ministerial Conference Recommendations

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
April 2018

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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
June 2019

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**1. The regional driver**

**2. Counterterrorism**

**3. Transnational Crimes:**

3.1. Human Trafficking

3.2. Combatting IUU fishing

3.3. Drug Trafficking

3.4. Money Laundering

**4. Disaster at Sea**

4.1. Regional capabilities and mechanisms

4.2. Plastic Pollution and other forms of solid & liquid marine wastes

4.3. Search & Rescue

4.4. Biodiversity and impact of climate change

# IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES OF 2018, 2019 MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Who are the implementors as the challenges are global?



**NATIONAL**

## STATES

Govt agencies, Ministries, national mechanisms...



**REGIONAL**

**AFRICAN UNION, REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS, REGIONAL PLATFORMS**

IOC, COMESA, EAC, SADC, Nairobi Convention, DCoC



**INTERNATIONAL**

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS /PLATFORMS, EXTERNAL STATES**

UN Agencies, Cooperation entities, CGIMA WIO...



**NO CLEAR MAPPING OF THE IMPLEMENTING ACTORS**

# THE PREREQUISITES FOR IMPLEMENTING MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES' RECOMMENDATIONS



## NATIONAL

1. National Maritime Security Strategy, plan and weak institutional structures
2. Inter-agency cooperation and overall coordination
3. Adequate technology and qualified personnel



## REGIONAL

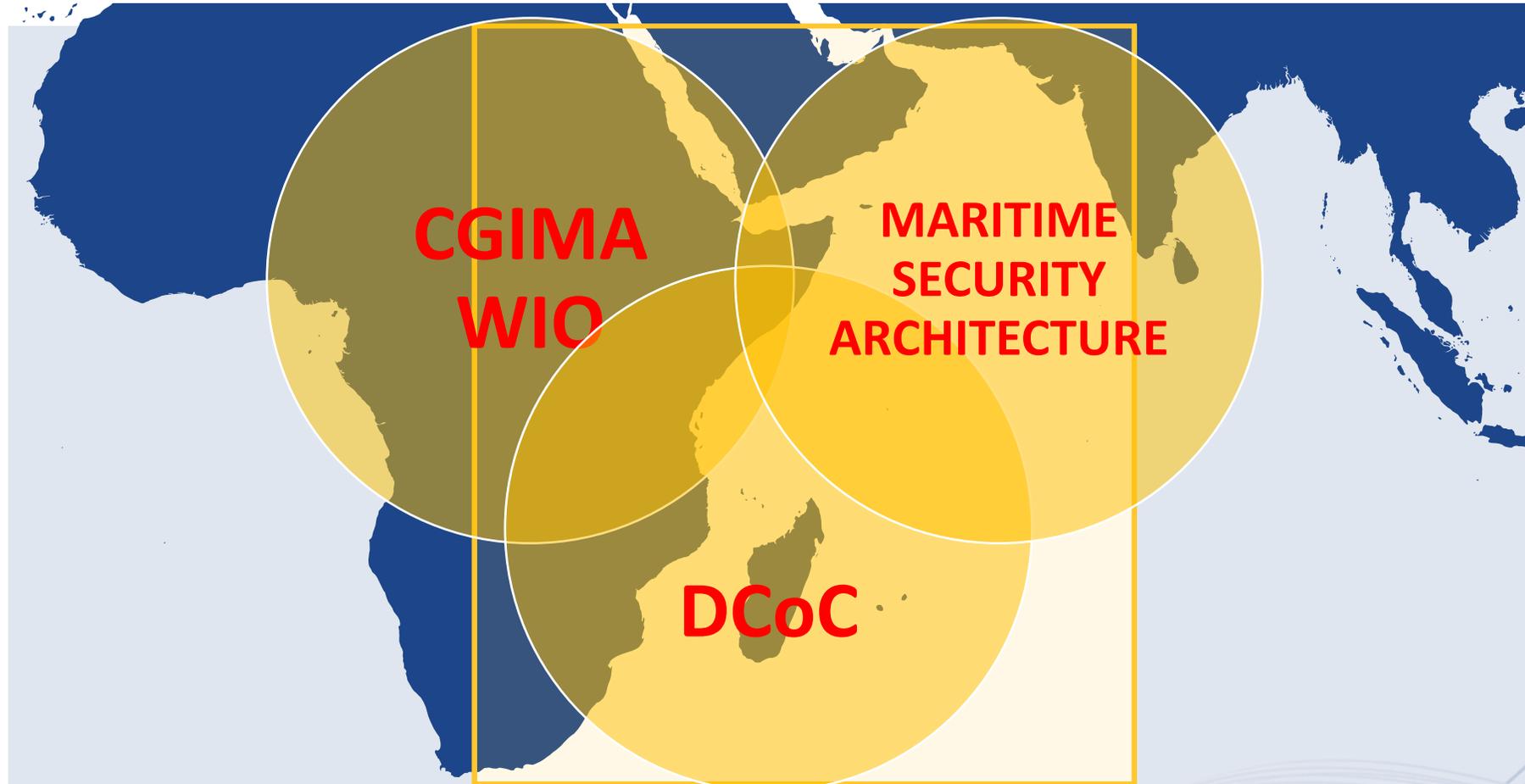
1. Recognition that alone a country cannot deal with such challenges
2. Willingness to implement regional tools and mechanisms
3. Capacity to assess risks and proliferation of radicalism & terrorism as linked to traffic of drug
4. Harmonization /compatibility of laws /interoperability of mechanisms



## INTERNATIONAL

1. Recognition that the challenge is global
2. Addressing sparse interventions through coordinated actions and partnerships

# 1. THE REGIONAL DRIVER - **LEADERSHIP**: EXISTING INDIGENOUS WIO MECHANISMS



# 1. THE REGIONAL DRIVER: BUILDING A REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED /ACHIEVED	STATUS/ONGOING/PENDING
<p>BUILDING A REGIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FOR WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN</p> <p><b>2018 – 5 recommendations</b> <b>2019 - 6 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 regional Agreements signed by 7 States</li><li>• Operationalisation of RMIFC and RCOC</li><li>• Identification of regional organisations to ensure coordination</li><li>• Initiate cooperation with external partners</li></ul>	<p><b>MUCH PROGRESS: RMSA OPERATIONAL &amp; COORDINATION WITH DCOC/CGIMA ESTABLISHED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transposition of Agreements into National structure</li><li>• Implementation of MS National strategies by some signatory States</li><li>• National MSS Committee still in progress</li><li>• Mobilize adequate and appropriate resources to the benefit of regional centers</li><li>• Attract neighboring countries and partners/institutions to sign</li></ul>

## 2. COUNTER TERRORISM

RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED /ACHIEVED	STATUS/ONGOING/PENDING
<p>COUNTER TERRORISM</p> <p><b>2018 – 11 recommendations</b></p> <p><b>2019 – 3 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formulation of a holistic port and airport security</li><li>• Strengthen of financial and commercial controls</li><li>• Enhance capacity of countries in assessing risks and management of situations</li><li>• Develop a regional maritime security strategy with a focus on terrorism</li></ul>	<p><b>NOTHING DONE AT REGIONAL LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish a regional mechanism for consultation and exchange of info</li><li>• Assess and control of terrorism risks.</li><li>• Develop a regional strategy</li><li>• Facilitate and enhance cooperation</li><li>• Increase national level of awareness and opportunities for dialogue Collaboration in surveillance</li></ul>

# 3. TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES

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<p>HUMAN TRAFFICKING</p> <p><b>2018 – 6 recommendations</b> <b>2019 – 4 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional actions initiated</li><li>• Cooperation established</li><li>• Facilitate and enhance cooperation</li><li>• Assess human trafficking (RMIFC report and monitoring)</li><li>• Facilitate cooperation and information exchange among centres</li></ul>	<p><b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnership on-going</li><li>• Improve national infrastructure dealing with victims of trafficking etc</li><li>• Domesticated at national levels relevant international levels</li><li>• Support states in analyzing and improving national migration frameworks</li><li>• Strengthen MS and include link between MS and human trafficking and link to existing mechanism.</li></ul>

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<p>COMBATTING IUU FISHING</p> <p><b>2018 – 2 recommendations</b></p> <p><b>2019 - 4 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Fisheries Surveillance Plan</li><li>• Sustain the regional fisheries sustainability monitoring plan (SADC)</li><li>• Facilitate cooperation and information exchange among centres</li><li>• Integrate VMS into MASE Architecture</li></ul>	<p><b>MUCH CAPACITY BUILDING DONE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan of national and regional support to implement IOTC</li><li>• Re activate the regional fisheries surveillance now</li><li>• Implement relevant international instruments</li><li>• Mobilise appropriate resources and mean for training of national personnel</li></ul>

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<p>DRUG TRAFFICKING</p> <p><b>2018 – 5 recommendations</b></p> <p><b>2019 - 5 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Conference Ap 2023</li><li>• 3rd Ministerial Conference adopted conclusions of Ap23</li></ul>	<p><b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategy Plan</li><li>• Observatory</li><li>• Network of Leading Agencies</li></ul>

### 3. TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES: MONEY LAUNDERING

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<p>MONEY LAUNDERING</p> <p><b>2018 – 5 recommendations</b></p> <p><b>2019 - 5 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and support financial intelligence unit in the region</li> <li>• Integrate regional fisheries MCS into MASE Architecture</li> <li>• Encourage collaboration of RMIFC with other IFCs</li> <li>• International partners to renew support to relevant national and regional</li> <li>• Strengthen the exchange of financial information</li> <li>• Facilitate concerted actions among investigators and prosecutors</li> </ul>	<p><b>FIU-FSC NETWORK &amp; CAPACITY BUILDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest in regular research as well as capacity needs assessment</li> <li>• Strengthen the entire processes involved in money Laundering through cooperation &amp; collaboration</li> <li>• Encourage States and regulatory bodies to enact laws</li> <li>• Mobilise appropriate resources and means for training of national personnel</li> <li>• Conduct a study on illicit proceeds from MS related offenses</li> </ul>

# DISASTER AT SEA

RECOMMENDATION	INITIATED /ACHIEVED	STATUS/ONGOING/PENDING
<p>MARINE POLLUTION  <b>2018 – 6 recommendations</b>  <b>2019 - NONE</b></p>	<p>NOSCP</p> <p>Regional Framework &amp; RCP</p> <p>Regional Coordination Centre</p> <p>Preventive measures</p> <p>Capacity building (Readiness and preparedness, equipment...)</p> <p>MASEPOLREX23 - Mauritius</p> <p>MASEPOLREX24 - Mombasa</p>	<p><b>MAJOR INITIATIVES TAKEN – STILL LONG WAY TO GO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate availability of satellite imagery (what funding ?)</li> <li>• Strengthen the capacities and means of the agencies at national and regional level to improve preparedness against maritime pollution</li> <li>• Strengthen the existing regional framework for regional cooperation and coordination to address environmental disasters</li> <li>• Strengthen capacity of States to conduct surveillance</li> </ul>

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<p>PLASTIC POLLUTION AND OTHER FORMS OF SOLID AND LIQUID MARINE WASTES</p> <p><b>2018 – 4 recommendations</b> <b>2019 - NONE</b></p>	<p>Elaborate and implement regional initiatives for a collection of debris at sea (EXPLOI Project)</p>	<p><b>A FEW INITIATIVES TAKEN, BUT STILL LONG WAY TO GO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting up of a collective system at strategic locations at national level to collect plastic wares and other forms of solid.</li><li>• Adoption at national and regional levels of the FAO guidelines (funding ?)</li><li>• Promote environmental impact assessment providing palliative solutions</li><li>• Encourage States to strengthen measures to prevent and fight against discharge into sea</li></ul>

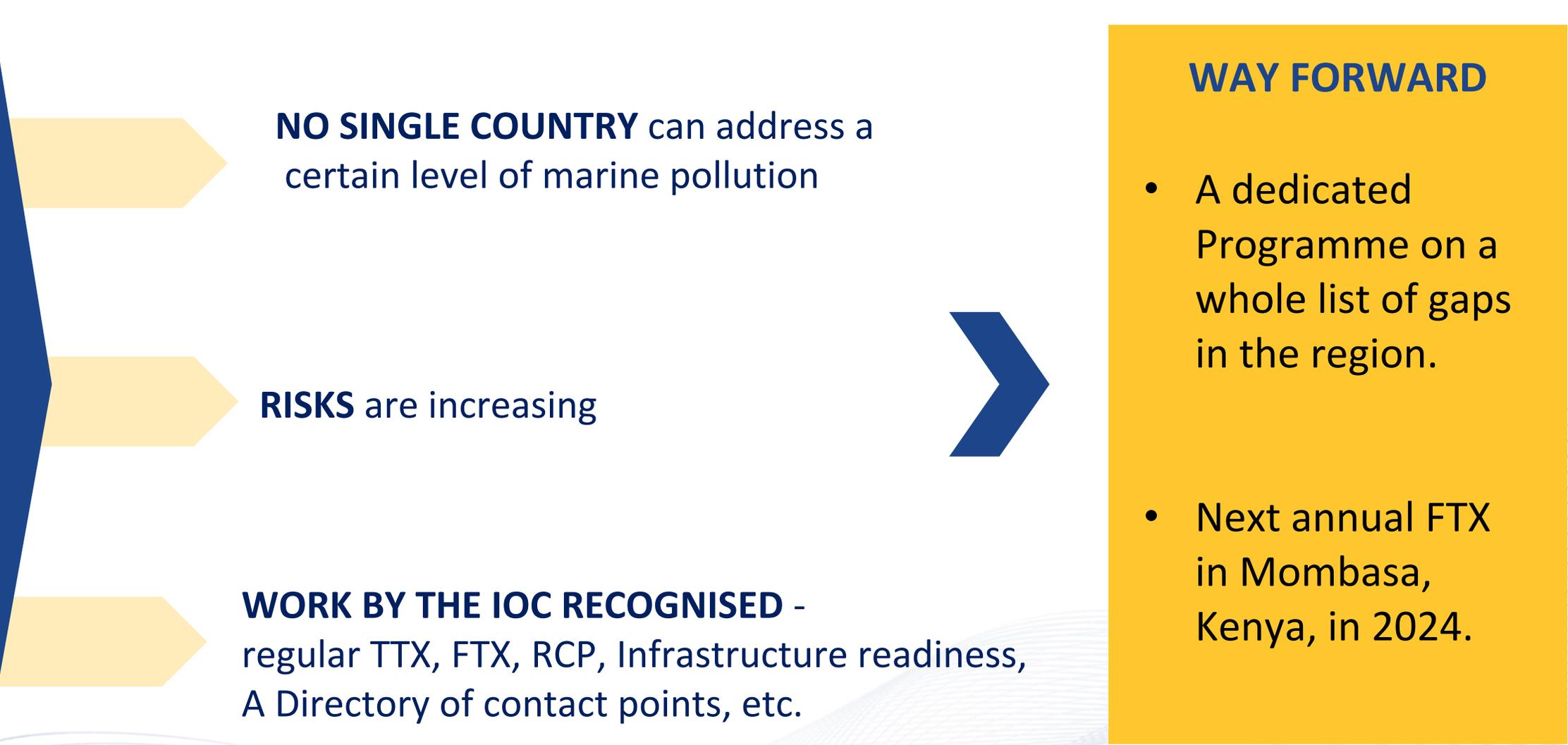
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<p>SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)</p> <p><b>2018 – 5 recommendations</b> <b>2019 - 3 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen Search and Rescue capacity at national and regional levels</li><li>• Introduce incentives to equip fisherman</li><li>• Collaborate with MTCC Africa to comply with international commitments</li><li>• Engage partners in supporting national and regional projects</li><li>• Develop and implement regional and national projects against maritime plastic solutions.</li></ul>	<p><b>STATUS QUO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support and promote application of Int Maritime Convention on Maritime SAR at national level and encourage each State to develop a SAR PLAN and establish a national structure for SAR action and provide a mechanism</li><li>• Ensure effective cooperation to improve conduct of search and rescue</li><li>• Introduce incentives at national levels to equip fishermen</li><li>• Ratify SAR convention</li></ul>

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<p>BIODIVERSITY AND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE <b>2018 – 4 recommendations</b> <b>2019 - 5 recommendations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build capacity at national level to improve monitoring, control and management of ship's ballast.</li><li>• Carry out a study on impact of invasive species and environmentally sustainable ways to reduce their presence.</li><li>• Build capacity in mitigating climate change to deal with great house</li></ul>	<p><b>FEW INITIATIVES TAKEN – STILL A LONG WAY TO GO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen regional cooperation by capitalizing on existing regional frameworks addressing environmental disaster</li><li>• Implement appropriate agreement between participating States and sill response companies.</li></ul>

## 2. REGIONAL PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS AGAINST MARINE POLLUTION



**NO SINGLE COUNTRY** can address a certain level of marine pollution

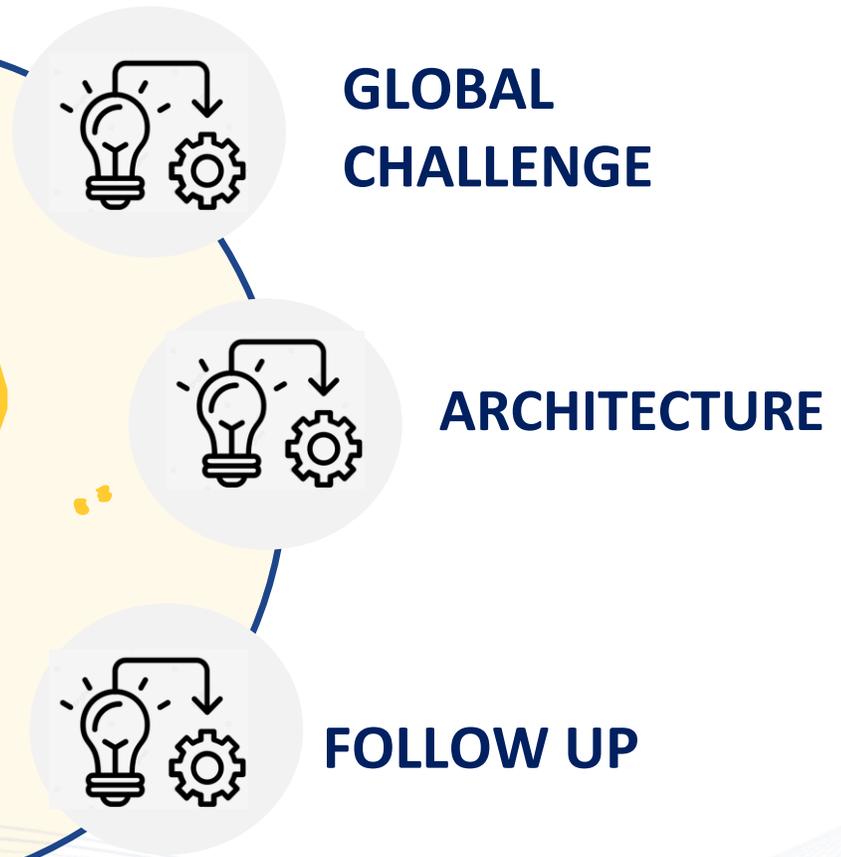
**RISKS** are increasing

**WORK BY THE IOC RECOGNISED** - regular TTX, FTX, RCP, Infrastructure readiness, A Directory of contact points, etc.

### WAY FORWARD

- A dedicated Programme on a whole list of gaps in the region.
- Next annual FTX in Mombasa, Kenya, in 2024.

# 3. REGIONAL COOPERATION ON THE COMBAT AGAINST DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE



## COOPERATION

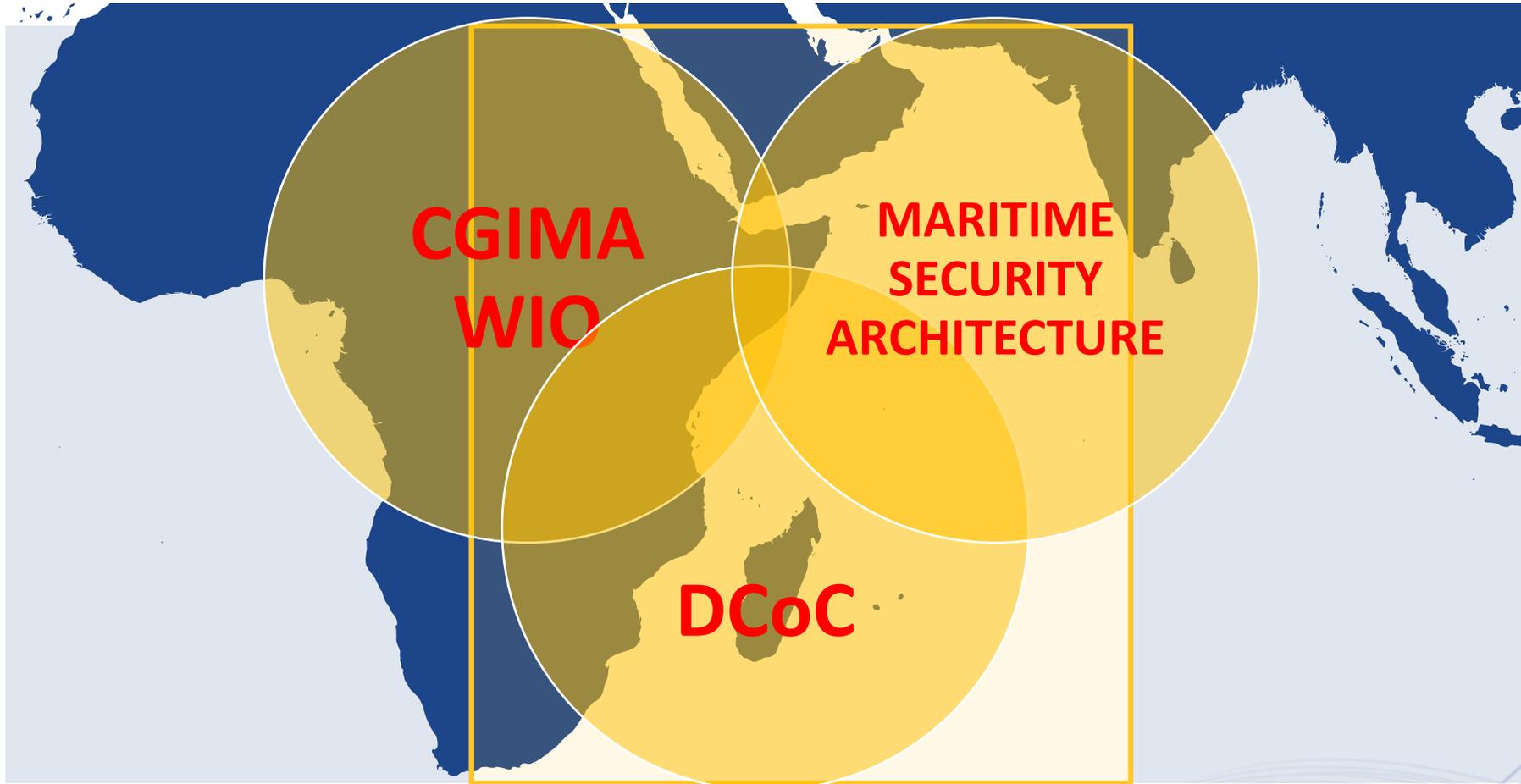
National, Regional and International Strategies and Plans

**RMIFC & RCOC** : identification of VOI, intervention at sea followed by inspection. DCOC/JA, CGIMA

**WIO** Regional Strategy

**WIO** Network of national structures  
Regional drug observatory

## 4. UNSC RESOLUTION 2608 & CONTACT GROUP ON ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITIES (CGIMA)



### COORDINATION

**Making links and avoiding duplication** with existing mechanisms and Architecture (DCOC/JA/RMSA/CGIMA already coordinating)

## 5. REGIONAL PLAN AGAINST ILLEGAL COMBATTING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

### **ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING**

A major issue in WIO

### **COLLABORATION ESTABLISHED -**

Including TRAFFIC, Trade in Wildlife Information eXchange platforms (TWIX), and IUCN and the IOC

### **PLAN OF WORK ADOPTED JAN 2023**

addressing 4 priority areas



### **WAY FORWARD**

- Strengthening partnerships
- Resources to implement the Adopted Plan of Work

## 6. REGIONAL POLICY/Framework FOR PORTS SECURITY AND SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

- **Western Indian Ocean**

one of the busiest maritime routes key to global trade and economy



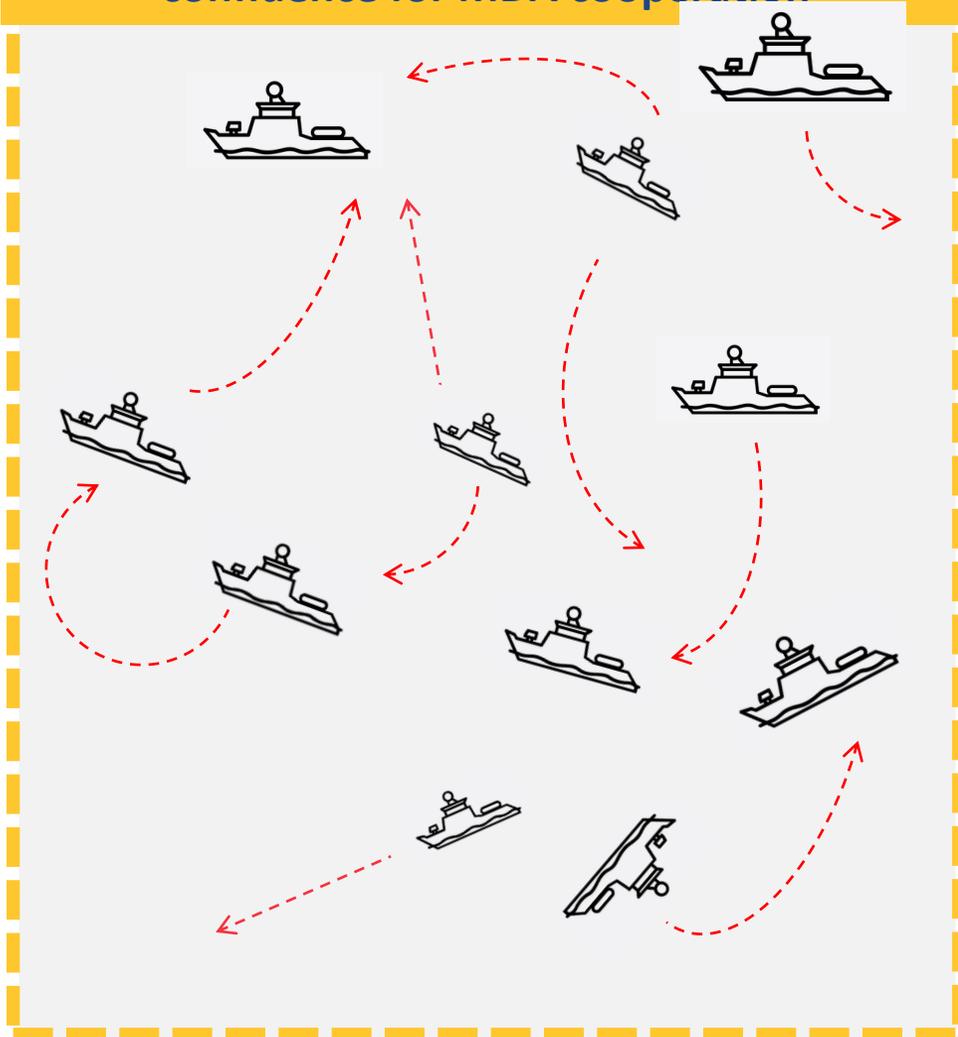
- **The PSP and the collective work** of the IOC, IMO, INTERPOL and UNODC

### **WAY FORWARD :**

Regional Policy on Ports Security and Safety of Navigation a  
**Ministerial Conference on Port Security and Safety of  
Navigation in 2024**

## 7. The ESTABLISHMENT of an AFRICAN COAST GUARDS FUNCTIONS FORUM

Sustained dialogue of neighbouring States' CG Functions institutions (CG) to build trust and confidence for MDA cooperation



### WAY FORWARD

- Establish an annual African CGFF
- Kenya keen to hosting the first.

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