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Conference: 30th – 31st May 2017
Hyatt Regency, Casablanca, Morocco



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By attending AFSEC 2017 you will:

- Gain access to the defence leadership of a number of African nations and build a clear understanding of their priorities in order to effectively engage with national programmes, while contributing to the evolution of their ideas through panel and side-bar discussions
- Exchange ideas and case studies on different methods of maritime security cooperation like the break-through agreement in Zone D (Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and ST&P) that will be a major blueprint for maritime security cooperation globally
- Build a crosscutting, international and multi-agency network of decision makers required to effectively evolve your international role; be that in the fight against transnational organised crime, or in maintaining business intelligence
- Develop comprehensive awareness of the complexity and detail of the international security capacity building initiatives currently active in the region in order to establish opportunities for your organisation
- Put maritime crime in context with ashore security and present your solutions that tackle the problem and not just the symptoms; Demonstrate that your method for combating transnational organized crime committed at sea targets leaders, financiers and enablers

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Dear colleagues,

I find this an opportune moment for us to reconvene this forum of AFSEC, and would be honoured if you would participate.

AFSEC17 brings together Ministers, Chiefs of Defence, Commanders of Navies and Coast Guards, as well as maritime experts to discuss the provision of effective maritime security and identify practical solutions to maritime challenges at a time of recapitalisation of west African fleets.

The central objective is to share best practice and promote greater regional integration and cooperation in the procurement, training, deployment and coordination of the capabilities required to ensure maritime security.

AFSEC last took place in February 2014 in Casablanca and provided a valued forum for the international community and security leaders from West Africa. The forum was a success due to the participation of key leaders. The 2014-2016 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa prevented the forum reconvening for regular annual updates.

Three years later, with much progress made in the maritime security of the region, there are still worrying incidents of piracy and other transnational threats with this trend likely to continue. This paradox is reflected in the April 2016 Presidential Statement of the UN Security Council, while the newly adopted African Charter on Maritime Security, Safety and Development, October 2016, offers hope given its multilateral content and context.

The AFSEC 17 Summit is supported by the Centre for Maritime Law and Security Africa; and has managed to secure the participation of the senior leaders required to develop meaningful discussions and practical outcomes.

I hope you will be able to join us in Casablanca in May 2017 and make your contribution to the debate on best practice in maritime security..

Yours sincerely,



Vice Admiral Mathew Quashie, CV, fwc, psc++, jdc, MA
Former Chief of the Defence Staff, Ghana (2013 to 2016)
Chairman, AFSEC 17

Vice Admiral Mathew Quashie (born 23 March 1951) is a retired Ghanaian naval officer who served as the twenty-ninth Chief of Defence Staff of the Ghana Armed Forces (2013 to 2016). Before this final appointment he served as the Chief of Navy Staff (2009-2013).

Previous appointments include a number of senior staff and command positions within the Ghana Armed Forces, as well as involvement in UN Missions. Throughout his distinguished career he has been deeply involved in, and passionate about, ensuring global maritime safety and security.

He holds a Masters of Arts degree in Governance and Leadership.



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Director General, Puntland Maritime Security Programme (MASE) Coordination Office,
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MAIN CONFERENCE DAY ONE: TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2017

08:30 MORNING COFFEE & REGISTRATION

08:50 WELCOME REMARKS



Alexander Stephenson, Executive Producer,
AFSEC Conference

08:55 CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS



Vice Admiral Mathew Quashie, Chief of the Defence Staff,
Ghana Armed Forces (2013 to 2016)

09:10 MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CONGO NAVAL OPERATIONS CENTRE AND ONSHORE SECURITY



Monsieur Charles Richard MONDJO, Minister of Defence,
Republic of Congo

09:30 U.S. INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE REGION AND THE IMPORTANCE ON STABILITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

- Trafficking and organised crime – a direct threat to US National Security
- The West Africa Cooperative Security Initiative: An integrated, collaborative regional security and rule of law program
- Programming under WACSI will be aligned with five security pillars



Invited: **U.S. Representative**

10:00 GoGIN PROJECT PRESENTATION

On 14 October 2016, the European Union (EU) and several West African coastal countries launched the Gulf of Guinea Inter-regional Network (GoGIN) in Lomé where the Extraordinary African Union Summit on Maritime Security and Development was being held.

GoGIN aims to facilitate cooperation between the 19 Gulf of Guinea coastal countries from Senegal to Angola by setting up an effective and technically-efficient network for the exchange of information to improve and coordinate maritime security strategy in the region.

- The four-year project has a total budget of just under 9.3 million Euros. The EU will provide 7.5 million Euros and Denmark will contribute 1.785 million Euros
- The GoGIN Support Agency will allocate funds to regional or national endeavours to promote maritime security and combat piracy
- GoGIN is one of a series of measures and resolutions which followed on from the 2013 Yaoundé Security Summit. It replaces the EU's Critical Maritime Routes in the Gulf of Guinea project (CRIMGO)
- Like CRIMGO, GoGIN will be implemented by the French state agency, France Expertise, in cooperation with the Gulf of Guinea's regional and national instances



Vice Admiral (ret) Jean-Pierre Labonne, Project coordinator, Gulf of Guinea Inter-regional Network (GoGIN),
European Union

10:30 OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH

10:40 MORNING COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

11:10 ECOWAS INTEGRATED MARITIME SECURITY STRATEGY

The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are fully committed to working together to ensure the promotion of peace, security and stability in the maritime space" in their respective sea areas, by mobilising accurate operational institutional and logistic means.



Colonel Abdourahmane Dieng, Head of Regional Security Division,
ECOWAS Commission

11:40 NIGERIAN NAVY'S ROLE IN ENHANCING NATIONAL PROSPERITY AND SECURITY

- Nigerian Navy threat assessment
- Efforts to intensify the fight against crude oil theft and illegal bunkering
- Use of Forward Operating Bases and theft patrol teams and how this approach is delivering results
- Recapitalisation of the fleet and operational impact of new assets including The Nigerian Navy Ship UNITY constructed by the China Shipbuilding and Offshore International Limited (CSOIL)
- Counter piracy efforts and lessons learned from anti piracy operations code named 'Operation TSARE TEKU'



Invited: **Nigerian Navy**

12:10 ANGOLAN NAVY MODERNISATION, COOPERATION AND CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COLLECTIVE SECURITY

- Angolan Navy assessment of the threats currently experienced in the Gulf of Guinea
- International cooperation efforts towards maritime security from GoG nations to Brazil and beyond
- Advances made in the National Maritime Surveillance System (SINAVIM) and information sharing with MOWCA
- Angolan Naval participation in UN peacekeeping missions
- Assets and personnel required to protect a 1,000-mile coastline, and the progress made in the continued modernisation efforts of the Angolan Navy



Vice Admiral Valentim Alberto António,
Chief of Navy Staff, **Angolan Navy**

12:40 THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF THE IVORY COAST, DESPITE SECURITY CHALLENGES

- Considering the Côte d'Ivoire's diverse security risks and challenges
- Resolving social and political fragmentation, whilst harnessing economic prospects
- The threat of piracy and illegal fishing to trade and commerce
- Combined efforts with regional partners to fight piracy along the West African coastline
- Warship in action: The achievements of emergence to combat piracy and maritime crimes and the Ivory Coast's plans to increase capacity



Rear Admiral Djakaridja Konate, Chief of Navy Staff,
Côte d'Ivoire Navy (Pending Ministerial approval)

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14:10 **SENEGALESE ASSESSMENT OF TRANS-NATIONAL MARITIME THREATS AND MARITIME RISKS**

- Future outlook plan concerning maritime safety and security in Senegal's coastal waters and the Gulf of Guinea
- Maritime security operations for combating illicit trafficking, counter-piracy and drug interdiction
- Broader efforts to enhance maritime situational awareness in an effort to boost maritime cooperation and interoperability
- Impact of new asset including The "Kédougou", offshore patrol vessel type 45, devised by Raidco Marine and manufactured at STX's Lorient shipyard
- Future cooperation efforts in the region



Rear Admiral Momar Diagne, Chief of Navy Staff, Senegalese Navy

14:40 **PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIVE-YEAR NAVAL FORCES DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

- Progress made strengthening maritime boundaries and conducting effective patrols within the 235,000 square kilometre Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Increases to Navy Air Support capacity
- Impact of migrant crisis on Mauritanian Navy workload and SAR obligations



Rear Admiral Isselkou El Wely, Chief of Navy Staff, Mauritanian Navy

15:10 **THEMATIC DISCUSSION SESSION: THE COCAINE TRAFICKING CORRIDOR OFF THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA**

The transatlantic trade in narcotics heading for Europe makes landfall off the west coast of Africa. This multi-billion dollar international trade flows through the cocaine corridor flanked by small states faced with a vast amount of ocean to police on a limited budget. This transnational challenge has resulted in regional and international cooperation.

This discussion will unpack some of the challenges, discuss the solutions and their effectiveness and look to innovative approaches to combatting this illicit trade.

Moderator:



Captain Kamal-Deen Ali, PhD, Executive Director, CEMLAWS AFRICA

Discussants:



Rear Admiral Isselkou El Wely, Chief of Navy Staff, Mauritanian Navy



Rear Admiral Momar Diagne, Chief of Navy Staff, Senegalese Navy

Other nations have been invited, approvals pending.

15:50 **AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK**

16:20 **IMO INITIATIVES IN AFRICA: LESSONS LEARNT FROM ESTABLISHING CODES OF CONDUCT IN EAST AND WEST AFRICA**

- Collaboration with the African Union in the development of the 2050 Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy)
- Challenges for sustainable development and competitiveness
- Fostering more wealth creation from Africa's oceans, seas and inland waterways by developing a thriving maritime economy and realizing the full potential of sea-based activities in an environmentally sustainable manner

Invited: **International Maritime Organization**

16:50 **GLOBAL DOWNSTREAM OIL THEFT WITH A FOCUS ON LESSONS FOR AFRICAN NATIONS**

- Global culprits, modalities, and amounts
- Trends in illicit hydrocarbons activity
- Pan-African stakeholders and recommendations
- Why this matter, and what can be done
- Broad trends, solutions and lessons for African nation



Dr. Ian M. Ralby, Founder & CEO, I.R. Consilium and Non-resident Senior Fellow, **The Atlantic Council**

17:20 **OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES IN DEALING WITH OIL AND GAS CONFLICT IN THE GULF OF GUINEA**

- African nations and international actors
- The importance of
 - Adequate equipment
 - Training
 - Exchange of information
- Best practice



Professor Isaac Olawale Albert, Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS), **University of Ibadan - Nigeria**

17:50 **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S DAY ONE SUMMATION**



Vice Admiral Mathew Quashie, Chief of the Defence Staff, **Ghana Armed Forces** (2013 to 2016)

18:00 **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS AND END OF DAY ONE**

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MAIN CONFERENCE DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2017

08:30 **MORNING COFFEE & REGISTRATION**

08:50 **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**



Vice Admiral Mathew Quashie, Chief of the Defence Staff, **Ghana Armed Forces** (2013 to 2016)

LESSONS FROM EAST AFRICA

09:00 **DJIBOUTI AS AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY HUB: NATIONAL NAVAL CAPABILITY, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE PLANS**

- Overview of geo-strategic location, and activity in and around national maritime domain
- Djibouti's role in regional co-operation and information-sharing practices among East African and Indian Ocean nations to counter sea-based illicit activity
- National maritime capabilities and planned advances
- Lessons from training exercises in the area including Cutlass Express 2016



Major General Hassan Ali Kamil, Advisor to the Chief of the General Staff, **Djibouti Armed Forces (FAD)**



Colonel Abdourahman Aden Cher, Commander, **Djibouti Navy**

09:30 **EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOMALI NAVY AND COAST GUARD**

- Planned induction of 6 new vessels
- Training the navy to develop a true maritime security capability
- Threats faced from piracy, illegal fishing and waste dumping
- Efforts from the international community to rebuild and equip Somali security forces in order to return peace and stability to the horn of African region



Admiral Madey Nuery, Commander, **Somali Navy and the Coast Guard** (Pending Ministerial Approval)

10:00 **MARITIME SECURITY IN PUNTLAND STATE OF SOMALIA**

- Puntland's role in securing maritime routes
- The nexus between illegal fishing, poverty and piracy
- Importance of securing Somalia's Exclusive Economic Zone for legitimate activity
- Current assets of the Puntland Maritime Police Force and other assets used to secure the maritime domain



Abdirizak M. Ahmed (Ducaysane), Director General, Puntland Maritime Security Programme (MASE) Coordinaton Office, **Puntland State of Somalia**

10:30 **MORNING COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK**

11:00 **RECAPITALISATION OF THE GABON NAVY IN RESPONSE TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Gabon Navy status update; threats, assets, and challenges
- Overview of piracy in the West African maritime domain
- Impact on national interest and substantial loss of oil revenues
- Trends in the maritime domain and increasing prevalence in trafficking of persons, drugs, weapons and illegal immigration
- Gabon Navy work towards great effective control over maritime domain



Commander Loïc Moudouma, Head of Operations, **Gabon Navy**

11:30 **THEMATIC DISCUSSION SESSION: SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE GULF OF GUINEA; NEXT STEPS**

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea affects a number of West African Nations and due to the growing nature of the problem has become an area of international concern and has an increasing economic impact.

This session will:

- Outline national perspective on the security situation; persistent and emerging security concerns
- Assess progress made and evolution of GoG maritime security cooperation
- Examine the work and role of regional security organisation; in particular ECOWAS and ECCAS
- Push for further progress in the realm of regional cooperation and international coordination of GoG maritime security
- Examine the Recent break-through agreement in Zone D (Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and ST&P) that could be a major model for further maritime security cooperation

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MAIN CONFERENCE DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2017

13:00 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:00 MOWCA'S ROLE AND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE SETTING UP OF A NEW COAST GUARD NETWORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE IMO

- Encouraging participation of the private sector in West/Central Africa in ship operation particularly in coastal shipping, by way of ownership/chartering
- Developing of coastal shipping networks and establishment of feeder systems to connect hub and spoke ports
- Port development and facilitation with particular reference to achieving a cost effective / faster ship turnaround times
- Strengthening of service-oriented shippers' councils to effectively protect and represent the users or the demand side of the shipping industry
- Assuring Maritime safety and environmental protection with regards to creating effective contingency plans for pollution prevention/curtailment in member states

Colonel Mariko MAMADOU, Technical Director,
Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa

14:30 POLICING IN THE CAPE VERDE REPUBLIC AND THEIR MOST IMPORTANT MANDATE AGAINST DRUG CRIME

- The value of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice and respective police departments working in collaboration to uphold security
- Insight into the Judicial Police's activities to prevent, detect and investigate organised crime networks in the region
- How the National Police maintains public order, manages borders, customs and patrols the seas, on limited resources
- Understanding Cape Verde's strategic position for trafficking, as an attractive transit point for cocaine to Europe and Asia from the Americas



Invited: **Cape Verde Republic**

15:00 THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF THE MARITIME TRACKING LAW IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

- Legal frameworks and procedures in the GoG and the need for greater regional communication and inter-state coordination
- Delivering a legal finish to prosecute pirates and dismantle their criminal networks.
- Overview of the new Maritime Tracking Law in the GoG
- Implications and next steps



Captain (N) Cyrille Serge ATONFACK GUEMO, Technical Adviser to The Minister, **Cameroon Ministry of Defence**

15:30 AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK

16:00 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH KEY LEADERS

Delegates will split into smaller groups to discuss the presentations of the past two days, present their own experiences and solutions they have found. Each discussion will be led by an expert, but draw heavily on the experiences of the participants.

16:30 After 30 minutes participants will be encouraged to change table and take part in another discussion on a different topic area.

At the end of the discussion there will be an opportunity for each table to report back to the conference one, or two, key takeaway ideas.

17:00 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS, CLOSING CEREMONY, AWARDS & GIFT EXCHANGE



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