

2nd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security and the 22nd Plenary Session of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS)

Mauritius will host the following events:

- a) 2nd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security on 19 June 2019, to be preceded by a meeting of Senior Officials on 18 June 2019; and
- b) 22nd Plenary Session of the CGPCS on 20 June 2019.

These events are being organised with the collaboration of the Indian Ocean Commission, which through the European Union funded Maritime Security Programme is contributing to the maritime domain awareness in the region.

Mauritius hosted the 1st Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security on 28-29 April 2018. The Ministerial Conference contributed to the enhancement of a maritime security architecture in this part of the world. A “*Mauritius Declaration and a Roadmap on Maritime Security*” was adopted by the Ministerial Conference.

The 2nd Ministerial Conference would be a major event to follow-up and discuss the progress and implementation of the Roadmap on Maritime Security in the South-Western part of the Indian Ocean.

The 22nd plenary session of the CGPCS will be an opportunity to evaluate the level of threats of piracy in the region, to draw up the work plan for the current year and to reflect on the future of the Contact Group.