# SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

## DAY 1: 14 November 2023

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<td>08.30-09.00</td>
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| 09.00-09.10 | **Welcome address**  
**Speaker:** Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Republic of Mauritius |
| 09.10-10.45 | **Status of implementation of the last two Ministerial conferences declarations and way forward**  
**Theme:** Implementation of the 2018 and 2019 Ministerial conferences outcomes for improving maritime capability in the Western Indian Ocean  
**Speakers:**  
- Indian Ocean Commission  
- Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre  
- Regional Centre for Operational Coordination  
- Secretariat, Djibouti Code of Conduct/JA  
**Moderator:** University of Copenhagen |
| 10.45-11.15 | Networking break                                                         |
| 11.15-12.45 | **Combat against drugs and other illicit trafficking**  
**Theme:** The fight against drug trafficking and substance abuse  
**Speaker:**  
- Indian Ocean Commission  
- Prime Minister’s Office, Mauritius  
**Moderator:** Institute for Security Studies |
| 12.45-14.00 | Lunch                                                                    |
| 14.00-15.30 | **Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities**  
**Theme:** The shift from Contact Group against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia to the Contact Group on Illicit Maritime Activities and future orientation  
**Speaker:**  
- Republic of Kenya  
**Moderator:** Indian Ocean Commission |
| 15.30-16.00 | Networking break                                                         |
| 16.00-17.30 | **Initiating a Western Indian Ocean African Coast Guards Functions Forum**  
**Theme:** The June 2023 Moroni Declaration on the initiative to establish an African Coastal and Island States Coast Guard Functions Forum  
**Speakers:**  
- Union of Comoros  
**Moderator:** Italian Coast Guard (TBC) |
<p>| 17.30     | End of 1st day                                                            |</p>
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| 09.00-10.30 | **Improving Ports Security and Safety of Navigation**  
**Theme:** Eastern African, Southern African and Indian Ocean Regional Policy/Framework for Ports Security and Safety of Navigation  
*Speakers:*  
- Indian Ocean Commission  
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
- International Maritime Organisation  
- International Criminal Police Organisation  
*Moderator:* Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding |
| 10.30-11.00 | Networking break                                                      |
| 11.00-12.30 | **Illegal Wildlife Traffic**  
**Theme:** The Regional Plan against Illegal Wildlife Traffic adopted in January 2023  
*Speakers:*  
- TRAFFIC  
- National Parks and CITES National Focal Point, Mauritius  
*Moderator:* TRAFFIC |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch                                                                |
| 14.00-15.30 | **Prevention and preparedness against marine pollution**  
**Theme:** Western Indian Ocean Plan of Work towards sustainable prevention and preparedness and response to Marine Pollution  
*Speakers:*  
- Indian Ocean Commission  
- Ministry of Environment, Mauritius  
*Moderator:* International Tankers Oil Pollution Federation |
| 15.30-16.00 | Networking break                                                      |
| 16.00-17.30 | **Draft Ministerial Declaration**                                    |
| 17.30-17.45 | **Draft agenda of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security and Safety** |
| 17.45      | End of Senior Officials meeting                                      |