



**Meeting of the G7++ Friends of the Gulf of Guinea Group
Rome, 26th – 27th June 2017**

***“Maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea:
Strengthening capacities, boosting development”***

Agenda

Monday, June 26

- 15h45 - 15h50 Introduction by Ambassador **Luca Giansanti**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Political Director
- 15h50 - 16h00 Welcome address by H.E. the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Mario Giro**
- 16h00 - 17h00 Round table 1: *The benefits of maritime security*
“How a more secure maritime environment can increase development opportunities in coastal regions? Experiences and best practices.”
Chair:
Mrs. Hélène Cavé (Senior Coordinator for the Gulf of Guinea, EEAS)
Mr. Kwame Owusu (General Director Maritime Authority, Ghana)
- Panelists:
Mrs. Halima Ahmed (ECOWAS, Commissioner Political Affairs, Peace and Security)
Mrs. Ahmed Achta Sene (ECCAS, Secretariat of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa)
Mr. Cesare D’Amico (CONFITARMA, Chairman of Maritime Security WG)
Mr. Marco Giachetta (Tirrenian Sea Tuna Producers Association, Director)
Mr. Claudio Bertolini (ENI, Executive Protection, Global Security Analysis & Emergency Manager)
- 17h00 - 17h15 Coffee break

17h15 - 18h15 Round table 2: *Piracy and Armed Robbery*
“What are the current trends of piracy, armed robbery and other illicit activities in the Gulf of Guinea? How this is affecting economic development and social stability?”

Chair:

Mr. Hubertus Klink (Counsellor - German Foreign Office - Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea, Germany)

Mr. Dominique Awono Essama (Ambassador of Cameroon in Rome, Cameroun)

Panelists:

R. Adm. Adeniyi Osinowo (Chief of Training and Operations - Nigerian Navy)

Mr. Gregory Clough (Oceans Beyond Piracy, Associate Director)

Mrs. Gisela Vieira (IMO, Regional Maritime Security Projects - Program Manager)

18h15 – 18h35 Remarks by the Presidency

19h00 - 21h00 Reception (buffet) at Italian Navy Officers' Club

Tuesday, June 27

09h15 - 10h15 Round table 3: *Maritime Domain Awareness*

“How technology can improve maritime security? How exchange of information networks can improve Maritime Domain Awareness?”

Chair:

Mr. Chris Pommerer (Office of Security Affairs U.S. Department of State, Africa Bureau, USA)

Mr. Jean-Louis Moulot (Cabinet of the President of Republic, Côte d'Ivoire)

Panelists:

Mr. Christian Trimua (ICC, Executive Director)

Adm. Jean-Pierre Labonne (GoGIN, Team Leader)

Mr. Terence Gibson (MDAT, UK Project Leader)

Capt. Sosthène Loulla-Mabicka (CRESMAC, Director)

Sr. Capt. Konan K. Boniface (CRESMAO, Acting Director)

10h15 - 10h45 Coffee Break

10h45 – 11h45 Round table 4: *Criminality, Legal Systems, Law Enforcement*

“Why haven't we seen an armed robbery or piracy prosecution in the Gulf of Guinea? What actions can be taken in the next 12-18 months by the Gulf of Guinea states or international partners to address this issue?”

Chair:

Mr. Carl P. Salicath (Director of Maritime Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway)

Mr. Valéry Kpade (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Togo)

Panelists:

Cornel Petru Tarca (INTERPOL, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Maritime Security Sub-Directorate)

Mrs. Siri Bjune (UNODC, Programme Officer Maritime Crime Team, Justice Section Division for Operations)

Mr. Hajara Yusuf (Department of Public Prosecution of the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria)

11h45 – 12h00 **Mr. Christian Trimua** (ICC, Executive Director) - Update on Interregional Coordination Center's activities

12h00 - 12h30 Chairs summaries and closing session

12h30 - 12h35 Conclusions by Ambassador **Luca Giansanti**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Political Director

12H35 – 13h00 Closing address by H.E. the Deputy Minister of Defense Hon. **Domenico Rossi**, H.E. the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Congo, **Gen. Charles Richard Mondjo** and H.E. the Minister of Defense of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Brigadier General (Rtd) Mansur Muhammad Dan Ali**.

13h00 - 14h30 Luncheon (buffet)

14h30 – 17h30 Visit to the Italian Navy Fleet HQ, CINCPNAV (booked participants)