CRIMARIO sponsors the Djibouti Code of Conduct High Level Meeting

The DCoC High Level Meeting took place in Dubai on 28-30 June 2022. The event, sponsored and organised by CRIMARIO and IMO, gathered delegates of the DCoC countries and international maritime partners to update each other on recent development on maritime security in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden.

CRIMARIO took the opportunity of this meeting to propose IORIS as the information sharing tool for the DCoC Architecture, since the platform is already used by several Member Countries. The meeting provided a strong foundation upon which national maritime information-sharing centres would be enhanced and reinforced, with the support of the Friends of the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCoC).

CRIMARIO received some positive exposure, and the team was able to give a 20-minute brief, participate in a panel discussion, and set up an information stand outside with a live IORIS feed. CRIMARIO was repetitively mentioned by the Chair (Somalia) Co-Chair (Seychelles), the latter going as far as proposing that IORIS would be twice tried as the information-exchange platform for the DCoC Architecture.

Other activities

CRIMASREX 22.1 and 22.2 CRIMARIO and MASE continue their collaboration over the CRIMASREX exercise series. The last two exercises took place in May and June, aiming to increase readiness and ability to share information, react in a timely manner and implement initial responses through a command post exercise (CPX) with the involvement of countries of the Western Indian Ocean. During the exercises, IORIS was used as main communication and coordination tool for the
participants, among which Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. RCOC and RMIFC participated as planned.

IORIS training The CRIMARIO team keep working towards the expansion of IORIS to Indo-Pacific rim countries and train partners on the tool. Four new countries benefited for basic IORIS training (Palau, Comoros, Sri Lanka, Indonesia) and continuity courses were provided to Kenya and Philippines. **Author: ElenaP**