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PORTS GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

Empowering Safe and Secure Ports to promote stability and prosperity



THE SOLUTION

Having up-to-date regulations and complying with international port standards will help ports prevent incidents and manage risks. There are additional benefits of improved efficiency and building an international reputation that can foster global trade. All of this is encompassed in good port governance.

To this end, UNITAR and RUSI have teamed up to support ports and private sector entities associated with ports in enhancing their resilience against these threats and risks.





THE PROGRAMME

The Ports Governance Programme assists ports in achieving good port governance so that they can operate safely, securely, efficiently, and sustainably, while also contributing to the economic development of their regions. Safety and security on- and off-shore are essential components of port governance as they ensure the efficient and effective functioning of ports, protect people and cargo, and thus benefit vessels, port operators and clients while facilitating global trade and economic activity.

In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Ports Governance Programme assists seaports and the relevant authorities through innovative safety and security training solutions, equipment, capacity building development and knowledge sharing actions implemented in the ports. The partners offer certified training courses according to the need of each port.



THE CHALLENGE

Ports are crucial nodes in the worldwide supply chain, and it is imperative to guarantee their safety and security to ensure the seamless flow of global trade. Any transnational security threats, such as terrorism, piracy, drug, human and wildlife trafficking, theft, pollution and illegal fishing can disrupt port operations and trade for extended periods, causing significant challenges. Unfortunately, many ports are ill-equipped to handle the evolving risks they confront, including new cybersecurity challenges, which can exacerbate threats.

