

CGPCS Working Configuration (as from 20th CGPCS Plenary)

1. Main Bodies

Chairman and Secretariat

Chair: Seychelles (2016-2017, Indian Ocean Commission, represented by Mauritius 2018-2019). Handles internal and external communication, prepares communique, organizes plenary, can call for an extraordinary plenary.

Plenary

Discusses recommendations of Working Groups and other arising matters. Makes consensual decisions in form of communique.

2. Working Groups

Meet 1-3 times per year and make recommendations to CGPCS Chair. Submit reports to the CGPCS Chair.

Working Group 1: Operations at Sea (WGOPS)

Co-chaired by India, Seychelles and UAE. Main agenda items: Threat Assessments, Naval Coordination, Naval-Industry Coordination, Best Management Practices.

Working Group 2: Regional Capacity Building (RCBWG)

Co-chaired by IOC and Kenya. Secretariat provided by OBP. Main agenda items: coordination of capacity building in the Western Indian Ocean, assessment and prioritization of capacity building needs, information sharing and maritime situational awareness.

3. Other Groups

Groups that are part of the CGPCS, but do not have the status or *modus operandi* of a working group. Are invited to report on their activities to the chair.

Somali focused Group on Capacity Building (MSCC)

Chaired by the Chair of the Somali Maritime Security Coordination Committee (MSCC). Coordinates Capacity Building and Maritime Security Sector Reform in Somalia.

Law Enforcement Task Force (LETF)

Facilitated by UNODC. Coordinates law enforcement agencies in order to prosecute piracy financiers and facilitators (the so called kingpins). Closed meeting to enable trust and evidence sharing.

Virtual Legal Forum (VLF)

Maintained by Portugal and Mauritius. Maintains the network of legal experts from CGPCS countries. Collates legal documents, such as national piracy laws, UN documents, and court cases.

4. Related Groups

Not formally CGPCS bodies, but directly related to the CGPCS. Groups give updates and briefings to the plenary.

UN Trust Fund to Support Initiatives of States Countering Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (UN Trust Fund)

Chaired by UN. Funds counter-piracy projects. Meets in the margins of the plenary.