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**The Copthorne Tara London Kensington,  
London, UK**

***Augmenting Coast Guard Capabilities Through Enhanced  
Cooperation and Technology Adoption***

***Draft Agenda***

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### WELCOME TO COAST GUARD CAPABILITY 2025

Dear Colleague,

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to you for the upcoming Coast Guard Capability Conference, scheduled to take place on 24 and 25 June 2025 at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, in London. This year's conference promises to offer significant insights and prospects, as it brings together dedicated professionals from across the maritime spectrum to deliberate on the critical theme of "Augmenting coast guard capabilities through enhanced cooperation and technology adoption."

Last year's conference considered an evolving world where challenges to maritime safety, security, and environmental protection were becoming increasingly complex, in which the role of coast guards in delivering maritime security, was becoming ever more critical to ensuring freedom of navigation, maritime trade, food security and the development of sustainable blue economies.

This year's conference is strategically designed to build on the outcomes of Coast Guard Capability 2024 and to address the challenges, opportunities and ways forward identified. Participating subject-matter experts will consider how to achieve effective interagency cooperation, coordination, and communication; identify and develop best practices; and consider how best to leverage affordable and effective technological and human resources to meet challenges and profit from opportunities.

The conference will delve into an array of specific issues that are of paramount importance in today's maritime landscape. These include great power competition, increasing asymmetric threats to merchant shipping, combatting organised crime at sea; and creating the conditions that enable the development of a sustainable blue economy.

Central to our discussions will be the core beliefs that:

- Maritime safety and security require a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary and whole of government approach, both nationally and internationally
- Maritime safety and security underpins economic development and generates wider stability
- Maritime security must be wider than just countering piracy and terrorism
- The importance of the role of coast guards and other agencies implementing coast guard functions cannot be overstated.

We are excited to welcome distinguished experts, practitioners, and thought leaders from coast guard organisations, government agencies, academia, and industry. Together, we will engage in insightful discussions, share experiences, and forge connections that will drive us toward practical outcomes and impactful strategies.

Warm regards,

**Chris Trelawny IPM,**

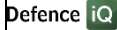

Deputy Secretary General,




International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police (INTERPORTPOLICE)







2025 SPEAKERS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Admiral Guillermo José Giménez Pérez</b>, Commandant, <b>Prefectura Naval Argentina</b></li> <li>○ <b>Rear Admiral (UH) Valentino Rinaldi</b>, Operation Commander, <b>EUNAVFOR MED IRINI</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Alexandru Oae</b>, Police Chief Commissioner, Head of Romanian Coast Guard, <b>Romanian Coast Guard</b></li> <li>○ <b>Commander Robert Scotland</b>, Commandant, <b>Cayman Islands Coast Guard</b></li> <li>○ <b>Aija Kalnaja</b>, Deputy Executive Director for Capabilities (DED-CAP), <b>FRONTEX</b></li> <li>○ <b>Pat McCuen</b>, Deputy, Office of Shore Forces (CG-741), <b>U.S. Coast Guard</b></li> <li>○ <b>Captain Ali H. Ashour</b>, Senior Engineering Officer, <b>KCG - Ministry of Interior - State of Kuwait</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Martin Cauchi-Inglott</b>, Project Director, <b>CRIMARIO II</b></li> <li>○ <b>Tony Long</b>, CEO, <b>Global Fishing Watch</b></li> <li>○ <b>Chris Reynolds</b>, Former Head of Irish Coast Guard and of European Union Capability Development in Somalia, <b>EUCAP</b></li> <li>○ <b>Francis Zachariae</b>, Secretary-General, <b>International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Caroline Jupe</b>, CEO, <b>International Maritime Rescue Federation</b></li> <li>○ <b>Crawford Allan</b>, Vice President of Nature Crimes and Policy Advocacy, Wildlife Conservation, <b>WWF-US</b></li> <li>○ <b>Mr Chris Stockdale</b>, President, <b>CIMSEC (Centre for International Maritime Security)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Anne-Marie Weeden</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Organised Crime and Policing Research Group, <b>RUSI</b></li> </ul>




#### DAY ONE, TUESDAY 24 JUNE






<b>0800</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS</b>
<b>0845</b>	<b>DEFENCE iQ WELCOME</b>  <b>Blessing Aroboto</b> , Senior Conference Producer, <b>Defence iQ</b>
<b>0850</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</b>  <b>Christopher Trelawny</b> , Deputy Secretary General, <b>INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b>
<b>UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE COAST GUARD AND THE NEW THREAT ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>0900</b>	<b>ICEBREAKER</b> <b>AUDIENCE ICEBREAKER DISCUSSION: FROM A PURELY CIVILIAN FUNCTION TO A QUASI-MILITARY AGENCY</b> <i>Nominate someone from your table to act as facilitator and spokesperson. Activity for 20 minutes:</i>


	<p><i>On your tables you will see a whiteboard and pen, use these to provide answers to the questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In what ways are international coast guards changing in their roles? What are the new expectations of coast guards?</li> <li>• What is the impact of the new threat of attacks on underwater cables and critical infrastructure on the work of coast guards?</li> <li>• What do coast guards need to be able to effectively carry out their traditional tasks as well as new ones?</li> <li>• Solutions: what solutions are key to the success of the work of coast guards?</li> </ul> <p>Activity for 10 minutes:  <i>Each table's spokesperson will feedback to the wider group.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing thoughts, comments, or questions from the audience</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Christopher Trelawny</b>, Deputy Secretary General, <b>INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b></p>
0930	<b>RESERVED FOR INDUSTRY INSIGHTS: ARCTIC CAPABLE SHIPS FOR ENHANCING COAST GUARD CAPABILITIES</b>
1000	<p><b>ASSERTING ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGNTY AT SEA AND ENSURING MARITIME SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on Argentina's Operation Griffon XVII in South Atlantic waters and the work of Argentine Naval Prefecture in preventing and controlling IUU fishing by enemy states</li> <li>• Navigational Safety: Response tactics of Argentine Naval Prefecture for navigation incidents and casualties as a result of pollution of vessels</li> <li>• Understanding the SAR strategies of the ANP</li> </ul>  <p><b>Admiral Guillermo José Giménez Pérez</b>, Commandant, <b>Prefectura Naval Argentina (Argentine Naval Prefecture)</b></p>
1030	<b>MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</b>
1100	<p><b>SECURING THE EXTERNAL BORDERS OF ROMANIA AND JOINING THE SCHENGEN AREA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on Romania joining the border-free Schengen Area and navigating the lift on checks on persons at the internal land borders</li> <li>• Securing the external borders of Romania, the Schengen area and other EU nations</li> <li>• Implementation of surveillance techniques and patrol trucks for securing external borders</li> </ul>  <p><b>Mr. Alexandru Oae</b>, Police Chief Commissioner &amp; Head of <b>Romanian Coast Guard</b></p>
1130	<b>RESERVED FOR INDUSTRY INSIGHTS</b>
1200	<p><b>THE EVOLVING FIGHT AGAINST BORDER CRIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapting to the new threat landscape through greater border management</li> <li>• SAR operations as a vehicle for countering illegal immigration</li> <li>• FRONTEX's work to effectively counter instances of a combination of criminal activities including drug smuggling and illegal immigration through one vessel</li> <li>• Overcoming the challenge of lack of personnel through advanced technologies</li> <li>• The necessity for advanced technologies for adapting to new criminal techniques in border crime</li> </ul>  <p><b>Aija Kalnaja</b>, Deputy Executive Director for Capabilities (DED-CAP), <b>FRONTEX</b></p>

1300	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
<b>UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT AND CHANGING THREAT ENVIRONMENT FOR COAST GUARDS</b>	
1400	<b>UPGRADING KUWAIT'S NATIONAL MARINE AND COAST GUARD CAPABILITIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategies for modernising Kuwait's Coast Guard fleet</li> <li>Updates on Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior's contracts with EDGE and SRT Marine systems for enhancing coast guard capabilities</li> <li>Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior's future plans and priorities for technology acquisition</li> </ul>  <b>Captain Ali H. Ashour, Senior Engineering Officer, KCG - Ministry of Interior - State of Kuwait</b>
1430	<b>RESERVED FOR INDUSTRY INSIGHTS</b>
1500	<b>GFW AND ROYAL NAVY STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING, DETERRING, AND ELIMINATING IUU FISHING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates on the recent collaboration between Global Fishing Watch, Joint Analytic Cell (JAC), and the Royal Navy to tackle IUU fishing in the Indo-Pacific region</li> <li>Tools for effective cross-agency collaboration for tackling IUU Fishing</li> <li>Advanced technologies to aid the fight against IUU fishing</li> </ul>  <b>Tony Long, CEO, Global Fishing Watch</b>
1530	<b>AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING BREAK</b>
1600	<b>THE RISE OF DRONES AND MASS FOR ENHANCING COAST GUARD SAR MISSIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the work of the International Maritime Rescue Federation in enhancing SAR missions</li> <li>How to effectively utilise drones for success in SAR missions</li> <li>The role of maritime autonomous surface ships into help overcome challenging SAR missions</li> </ul>  <b>Caroline Jupe, CEO, International Maritime Rescue Federation</b>
1630	<b>WWF-US' STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why the fight against illegal wildlife trafficking matters: understanding the negative economic, environmental, and social impact of the illegal wildlife trade</li> <li>What are the causes of the illegal wildlife trade and how do we close the gaps in protection against it?</li> <li>What is the role of governments and by extension coast guards in combatting poaching?</li> <li>Success strategies for improving the work of governments and coast guards in tackling poaching</li> </ul>  <b>Crawford Allan, Vice President of Nature Crimes and Policy Advocacy, Wildlife Conservation, WWF-US</b>
1700	<b>CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS</b> <p><b>Christopher Trelawny, Deputy Secretary General, INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b></p>
<b>END OF DAY ONE</b>	

**DAY TWO, WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE**

<b>0830</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS</b>
<b>0855</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</b>  <b>Christopher Trelawny</b> , Deputy Secretary General, <b>INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b>
<b>0900</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF OPERATION EUNAVFOR MED IRINI AND ITS IMPACT ON MARITIME SECURITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the work of Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI</li> <li>• Combatting illegal arms trafficking and supporting the implementation of the arms embargo on Libya</li> <li>• Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI work alongside FRONTEX and national authorities to disrupt illegal migrant smuggling operations</li> <li>• Collaboration with Libyan institutions to improve law enforcement at sea and SAR missions</li> </ul> <b>Rear Admiral (UH) Valentino Rinaldi</b> , Operation Commander, <b>EUNAVFOR MED IRINI</b>
<b>0930</b>	<b>RESERVED FOR INDUSTRY INSIGHTS: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR PROTECTING HARBOURS AND PORTS AGAINST UNDERWATER ATTACKS</b>
<b>1000</b>	 <b>RE-IMAGINING THE COAST GUARD AS AN ENABLER FOR YOUR NATION'S BLUE ECONOMY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the impact of the work of Coast Guard organisations on each nation's blue economy. What coast guard functions directly impact the blue economy?</li> <li>• How can Coast Guard organisations improve the blue economies of their nations today?</li> <li>• Strategies for securing additional funding towards the enhancement of coast guard capabilities.</li> <li>• How can we market the importance of enhancing coast guard to decision makers in government?</li> </ul> Moderator: <b>Christopher Trelawny</b> , Deputy Secretary General, <b>INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b>
<b>1030</b>	<b>MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>COUNTERING DRUG SMUGGLING OPERATIONS ON THE CARIBBEAN SEAS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies for successful patrol missions at sea</li> <li>• Effective cooperation between Cayman Islands Coast Guard and other organisations in combatting drug smuggling on the Caribbean seas</li> <li>• Understanding the tactics of drug smuggling organisations at sea and how coast guards can effectively combat these operations</li> </ul> <b>Commander Robert Scotland</b> , Commandant, <b>Cayman Islands Coast Guard</b> 
<b>1130</b>	<b>THE U.S. COAST GUARD APPROACH TO MAINTAINING MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS AND SECURITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear updates on the latest U.S. Coast Guard acquisition in surveillance systems and technologies</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies for enhancing maritime partnerships for securing maritime domain awareness and security</li> <li>• U.S. Coast Guard strategies for maintaining maritime domain awareness and what other coast guards can learn</li> </ul> <p><b>Pat McCuen</b>, Deputy, Office of Shore Forces (CG-741), <b>U.S. Coast Guard</b></p>
	<p><b>1200</b>      <b>ENHANCING MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS THROUGH CROSS-AGENCY COLLABORATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on CRIMARIO II's work to enhance maritime domain awareness in the West Indian Ocean through training and capacity-building activities including IORIS training, for improving secure communication, information sharing, and interagency collaboration</li> <li>• Strategies for successful cross-agency collaboration for enhancing maritime domain awareness</li> <li>• CRIMARIO II future plans and strategies for enhancing and maintaining maritime domain awareness in the West Indian Ocean</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Martin Cauchi-Inglott</b>, Project Director, <b>CRIMARIO II</b></p>
<p><b>1230</b></p>	<p><b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b></p>
	<p><b>1330</b>      <b>NEUTRALISING ATTACKS ON UNDERWATER CABLES, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CYBER SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the key challenges Coast Guards are facing worldwide, and the solutions being considered or implemented</li> <li>• Combatting threats to underwater cables and critical infrastructure</li> <li>• Adapting to the new techniques being used to facilitate illegal immigration and IUU fishing</li> </ul> <p><b>Chris Reynolds</b>, Former Head of Irish Coast Guard, Head of European Union Capability Development in Somalia, <b>EUCAP</b></p>
	<p><b>1400</b>      <b>IMPROVING NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY AS A PART OF WIDER MARITIME SECURITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IALA's work to improve navigational safety at sea</li> <li>• Updates on IALA's transition from non-governmental agency to an intergovernmental organisation and how it will affect our work</li> <li>• IALA's work to implement standards to ensure the consistency of Marine Aids to Navigation across all member states</li> </ul> <p><b>Francis Zachariae</b>, Secretary-General, <b>International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)</b></p>
<p><b>1500</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING BREAK</b></p>
	<p><b>1530</b>      <b>DISRUPTING THE GLOBAL INDUSTRIES OF ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE AND IUU FISHING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The convergence of illegal wildlife trade and IUU fishing with other crimes facilitated at sea, including implications for enforcement actors in the maritime domain</li> <li>• The role of Coast Guards and other maritime enforcement actors in countering the illegal wildlife trade</li> <li>• Key threats driven by the complex interaction between crimes at sea and climate change impacts, and the accompanying need to evolve the response</li> </ul> <p><b>Anne-Marie Weeden</b>, Senior Research Fellow, <b>Organised Crime and Policing Research Group, RUSI</b></p>
<p><b>1600</b></p>	<p><b>THE WORK OF COAST GUARDS IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DISASTER RELIEF</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the current role of coast guards in aiding HADR efforts</li> <li>• How coast guards can improve their HADR operations in providing food, water, shelter, health care, and other critical aid</li> <li>• Strategies for successful humanitarian assistance disaster relief</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr Chris Stockdale, President, CIMSEC (Centre for International Maritime Security)</b></p>
<b>1630</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Christopher Trelawny, Deputy Secretary General, INTERPORTPOLICE (International Organization of Airport and Seaport Police)</b></p>
<b>1635</b>	<p><b>END OF CONFERENCE</b></p>