

The time has come when we need to refocus our maritime security efforts away from intensive counter piracy programs to a soft edge strategy, focusing on improving livelihoods of coastal communities



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Yemen currently requires support and technical assistance from Member States and Dialogue Partners in development projects and programs, economic recovery, reconstruction programs, poverty reduction and capacity building programs related to the six priority areas of IORA



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The Somalia and Yemen Development Program (SYDP) on Banking and Artisanal Fisheries

Capacity building has become the cornerstone for strengthening cooperation and development between IORA Member States in the Indian Ocean Region. The SYDP is a paramount program to enhance the short and long term potential of the region. Yemen and Somalia are highly dependent on the fisheries sector which provides livelihoods, employment generation and food security to coastal communities. However, with the constraints of reduced or depleting fish stocks, degrading environment and increasing population pressure, it is of prime importance to enhance human and institutional capacities to promote the sustainable development of this sector, artisanal fisheries, as well as access to international markets through financial and microfinance services.

With particular challenges faced by these two Member States, the IORA Secretariat has developed the capacity building development program for trainers and small scale businesses to address these challenges and build skills to meet developmental needs. The training topics are based on best practises and are delivered by skilled experts.

Aims and Objectives

To enhance knowledge and capacities of the participants on artisanal fisheries, as well as banking services in support of developing small-scale activities.

Host and Organisers (Partners)

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), with the support of the IORA Secretariat, will be hosting the training program in Abu Dhabi. It will also involve the participation of IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners, who will share expertise and know-how on artisanal fisheries and banking services to promote development of this important sector.

Program

12 August 2017

Welcome Dinner at Al Fanar Restaurant located at Ritz Carlton Abu Dhabi

13 August 2017

0830 – 0900 Arrival and Registration of Participants

0900 – 0915 Inauguration

0930 – 0945 Coffee Break

0945 – 1000 Outline of Arrangements and Introduction

0945 – 1120 Introduction: Status of artisanal fisheries and banking services in Yemen and Somalia

1120 – 1300 Module 1: Sustainable approach towards developing artisanal fisheries

1300 -1400 Lunch

1400 – 1530 Module 2: Microfinance and application in artisanal fisheries development

1530 – 1545 Tea Break

1545 – 1715 Module 3: Enhancing access of artisanal fishers to banking service

Site Visits to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and Wahat Al Karama memorial site

14 August 2017

0900 – 1030 Module 4: Revitalising artisanal fisheries through the use of ICT

1030 – 1045 Coffee Break

1045 – 1215 Module 5: Market access for small-scale artisanal fisheries

1215 – 1315 Lunch

1315 – 1430 Working Session: Recommendations, outcomes and approval of the report of the training program

1430 – 1445 Closing