



The Federal Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Yemen are facing a number of challenges that impact negatively on employment generation and poverty alleviation programs. In this regard, the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is organising a Special Capacity Building Program for Somalia and Yemen hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, (MOFAIC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 13-14 August 2017 in Abu Dhabi.

Capacity building in the Indian Ocean Region has become an essential area of cooperation. The IORA SYDP is a unique initiative developed and is one of the first of its kind in any developmental agency. The aim and objectives are to enhance the knowledge and capacities of participants on banking services in support of developing small-scale activities and the artisanal fisheries sector. Yemen and Somalia being coastal communities are highly dependent on fisheries for employment generation and food security. There is also the need to have proper financial services which could influence the development of artisanal fisheries and access to appropriate banking services.

The training programme will develop a platform to train small scale businesses from both Member States with the required skills to meet their developmental needs. IORA stands committed to boost capacity within the Indian Ocean Region by developing programs on unique areas of cooperation for improvement.

Trainers representing IORA Member States will deliver various lectures to participants from Somalia and Yemen along with Senior Government Officials, Dialogue Partners and experts from artisanal fisheries and financial sectors.

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