

## **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) High Level Panel on Enhancing Maritime Cooperation for Inclusive Growth in the Indian Ocean**

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The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) as a member-driven organization currently has 22 member states and 9 dialogue partners. IORA Member States places high importance in maritime cooperation, as it is the backbone of their economies.

This importance was reiterated in the outcomes of the IORA Summit, held in Jakarta on 7 March 2017. These outcome documents, namely the Jakarta Concord and the IORA Action Plan, laid out the Association's focus cooperation in six priority areas and two cross-cutting issues, all of which have heavy focus on maritime cooperation, and to achieve the common objective of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indian Ocean.

To serve this purpose, the Government of Indonesia plans to hold a high-level panel discussion with the theme of "Enhancing Maritime Cooperation for Inclusive Growth in Indian Ocean Rim Region" which was attended by 16 member states and dialogue partners.



### **Objectives:**

- To provide a set of recommendation on future activities and maritime cooperation to support inclusive growth of IORA Member States;
- To explore further collaboration of IORA Dialogue Partners in strengthening IORA's efforts in positively contribute to Member States' economic growth;
- To seek innovations with regard to further accelerate the implementation of cooperation agreed in the Jakarta Concord and the IORA Action Plan.

### **Priority Issues:**

- Enhancing Intra-Trade and Investment Among IORA Member States
- Improving Maritime Safety and Security
- Improving Physical Regional Connectivity
- Sustainable and Responsible Fisheries Management
- Promoting Tourism and Cultural Cooperation in Indian Ocean

### **Outcomes**

This dialogue will provide views on the current state of implementation of the IORA Action Plan, and provide recommendations and ideas to further strengthen maritime cooperation among IORA Member States which could positively impacts economic growth in the region.