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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From October to December 2025, the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) continued to strengthen regional cooperation, capacity building, and sustainable development across the Indian Ocean region.

The IORA Secretariat participated in the Special Course on Functional Competencies for Smarter Diplomacy at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) from 8–13 December 2025, enhancing the skills of diplomats and officials from IORA Member States.

The Secretary-General of IORA, H.E. Sanjiv Ranjan represented IORA at the Indian Ocean Maritime Dialogue and the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue, engaging in discussions on regional maritime security, multilateral coordination, and strategic partnerships.

IORA hosted its Annual Trade Dialogue in Maputo, Mozambique (1–2 December 2025) in a hybrid format, bringing together participants from Member States, Dialogue Partners, and international organizations. Discussions focused on regional and global trade trends, market access, green transitions, and opportunities in the blue economy, alongside strategies to promote SMEs and investment-friendly policies.

The Association advanced sustainable ocean-based industries through the Blue Carbon Hub Symposium in Sri Lanka, aquaculture biosecurity workshops in Indonesia, and the IMDOS marine debris workshop, supporting ecosystem restoration, resource management, and regional collaboration.

IORA strengthened disaster risk governance and climate resilience through workshops in La Réunion, participation in the Bonn Technical Forum, and the First Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) Conference, enhancing institutional frameworks, early-warning systems, and anticipatory financing, particularly for Small Island Developing States.

Knowledge exchange was further promoted through webinars on nature-based solutions in coastal areas and seawater desalination, as well as the NAM S&T Centre workshop on clean water and sanitation, supporting climate-resilient and sustainable infrastructure initiatives.

The Secretariat also attended the Business Without Borders (BWB) Programme graduation, which has successfully trained over 60 women entrepreneurs, fostering skills development, networking, and women's economic empowerment across the region.

Through these activities, IORA reinforced its role as a platform for regional cooperation, advancing maritime security, the blue economy, disaster resilience, innovation, and women's empowerment in the Indian Ocean region.

IORA Secretariat Participates in Special Course on Functional Competencies for Smarter Diplomacy

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat participated in the Special Course on Functional Competencies for Smarter Diplomacy, held at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) from 8 to 13 December 2025. The six-day program brought together 31 diplomats and officials from Mauritius, Seychelles, and the IORA Secretariat.



Participants of the Special Course on Functional Competencies for Smarter Diplomacy, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi

The Special Course on Functional Competencies for Smarter Diplomacy was inaugurated by Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava, Dean of SSIFS, who outlined the three core competencies essential for smarter diplomacy: behavioral, functional, and domain competencies. In his inaugural address, he also highlighted the five Ps of functional competency: process, protocol, progressive, purposeful, and problem solving and shared insights on India's foreign policy pillars, strategic outlook, and the four Ts: trade, technology, tourism, and talent—under the “Diplomacy for Development” framework.

The course was designed to strengthen practical diplomatic skills across political, protocol, process, public, and progressive dimensions. The program comprised 14 expert-led sessions delivered by practitioners from government institutions, leading think tanks, and the Ministry of External Affairs.

As part of the program, IORA Secretariat participants visited the National Maritime Foundation, India's foremost autonomous maritime think tank, where discussions focused on critical maritime issues in the Indian Ocean region, including coastal security, anti-piracy operations, and capacity-building efforts to enhance the preparedness of island nations. During the valedictory session, Ambassador Srivastava presented certificates of participation to the participants and encouraged them to further strengthen ties between India and their respective countries.



Sessions conducted by Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava, Dean of SSIFS

BROADENING ENGAGEMENT

IORA and Republic of Korea Sign MOU to Strengthen Regional Cooperation

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Republic of Korea (ROK), an IORA Dialogue Partner, signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to enhance cooperation in the Indian Ocean region through the establishment of the ROK–IORA Cooperation Fund (KICF).



H.E. Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary-General of IORA & H.E. Mrs. Ji-hyun Park, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of Madagascar

The MoU was signed virtually on 18 December 2025 by His Excellency Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary-General of IORA, and Her Excellency Mrs. Ji-hyun Park, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of Madagascar. The MoU supports project-based collaboration in priority areas, including the blue economy, port operations, and aids to navigation. Through these initiatives, the MoU aims to strengthen partnerships and build capacity among IORA Member States, contributing to sustainable and inclusive regional development.

IORA Secretary-General Participates in Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025

The Secretary-General of IORA, His Excellency Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, participated in the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025, held in New Delhi, India, from 28 to 30 October 2025.



Secretary-General of IORA, H.E. Sanjiv Ranjan, with speakers and participants at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025

Organized by the Indian Navy in collaboration with the National Maritime Foundation, the annual dialogue focused on “Promoting Holistic Maritime Security and Growth: Regional Capacity-Building and Capability-Enhancement.” H.E. Mr. Ranjan moderated a session of experts discussing enhanced coordination among IORA, the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). IPRD 2025 provided a platform to explore regional collaboration, advance multilateral maritime cooperation, and identify initiatives to strengthen maritime strategy, diplomacy, and capacity-building in the Indo-Pacific

IORA Secretary-General at Indian Ocean Maritime Dialogue on Peace and Security

The Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), His Excellency Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, participated in the Indian Ocean Maritime Dialogue on the theme “India and the Indian Ocean – Shaping Pathways for Peace and Security,” held in New Delhi on 27 November 2025.



IORA Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan with participants at the Indian Ocean Maritime Dialogue, New Delhi

The dialogue which was organized by the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) sought to foster an open and forward-looking exchange among Indian and regional stakeholders on practical pathways towards a more stable and resilient maritime order, especially with India’s assumption as the Chair of IORA.

The Secretary-General of IORA intervened in the session dedicated to ‘Regional Architectures and India’s Partnerships’, which aimed to assess the coherence and effectiveness of existing regional maritime structures, notably IORA, Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and the Colombo Security Conclave.

NELSON MANDELA INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (NMIP)

The IORA–Nelson Mandela “Be the Legacy” Internship Programme was launched at the 18th IORA Council of Ministers Meeting in Durban, South Africa, on 2 November 2018, and endorsed through the Special Declaration commemorating the Centenary of Nelson Mandela’s birth and the eThekwin Communique. The Programme aims to nurture a network of young professionals committed to a safe, secure, and sustainably developed Indian Ocean region.



“My internship at the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) has been a truly enriching and transformative experience. It provided me with a deeper understanding of how regional cooperation is fostered across diverse Member States and how collective action can advance shared priorities such as the Blue Economy, Women’s Economic Empowerment, and Climate Resilience. Working across the five directorates allowed me to gain valuable insights into IORA’s institutional mechanisms and coordination processes. I particularly appreciated the opportunities to engage with representatives of Member States through courtesy visits and outreach activities, including a presentation to young students at Loretto College alongside UNITAR and Transparency Mauritius.

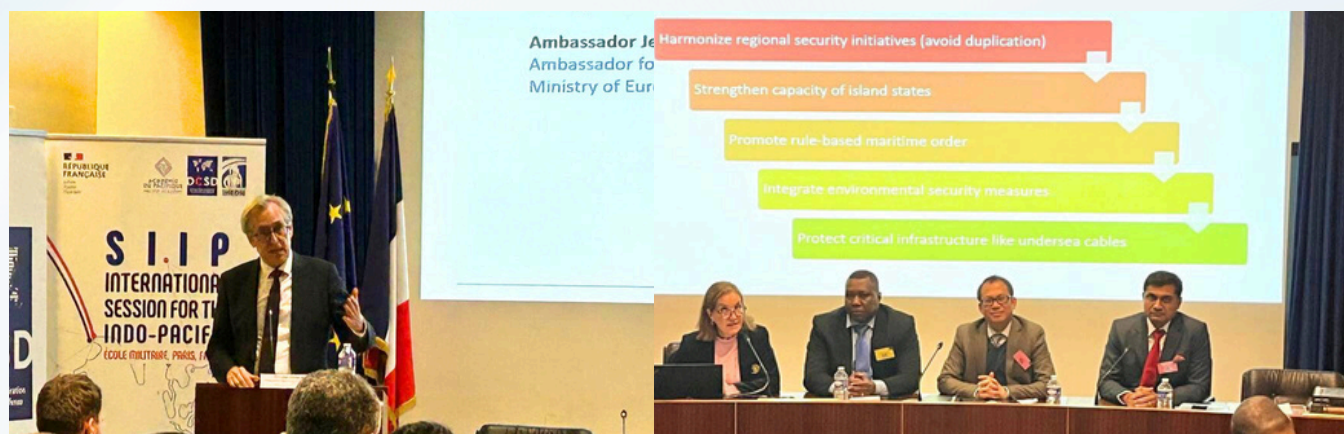
This internship has strengthened my commitment to contributing to regional diplomacy and sustainable development within the Indian Ocean Rim, and I am deeply grateful to the IORA Secretariat for the mentorship, exposure, and professional growth it has offered.”

Rennie Mondon, Seychelles

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY

IORA Participates in 5th International Session for the Indo-Pacific in Paris

The IORA Secretariat participated in the 5th International Session for the Indo-Pacific (SIIP) from 17–21 November 2025 in Paris, France, organized by the Directorate for Security and Defense Cooperation (DCSD), the Institute for Advanced Defense Studies (IHEDN), and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.



Speakers and delegates during the 5th International Session for the Indo-Pacific (SIIP), held in Paris, France

The session brought together around 55 delegates from 32 Indo-Pacific countries and five regional organizations. Mr. Shivraj Dhuppe, Director for Maritime Safety and Security at IORA Secretariat, participated in the panel discussion: “Challenges and Issues of Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific,” emphasizing the need for a renewed commitment to a rules-based international order, enhanced capacity building, and deeper information sharing to ensure a stable, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Ambassador Jean-Claude Brunet, IORA Senior Official from France/Reunion, highlighted the role of multilateral organizations and the importance of coordinated regional efforts for sustainable development. The conference provided a platform to exchange ideas on maritime security, freedom of navigation, and climate change, reinforcing the value of regional collaboration.

IORA Highlights Importance of Regional Maritime Security

The Third Maritime Information Sharing Workshop, organized by the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) and Indian Navy, was held in Gurugram, India, from 3 to 5 November 2025.



IORA Director addresses the Third Maritime Information Sharing Workshop, Gurugram.

The workshop brought together maritime security experts, government officials, and stakeholders from across the Indian Ocean Region to discuss emerging challenges, best practices, and collaborative approaches to ensuring a safe and secure maritime environment. As part of the event, Mr. Shivraj Dhuppe, Director for Maritime Safety and Security at the IORA Secretariat, delivered a keynote address focusing on maritime security in the region. He underscored the increasing complexity of maritime threats.

IORA Participates in 2025 UNODC Southern Route Partnership Meeting

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) virtually participated in the 2025 UNODC Southern Route Partnership Meeting, held from 16–17 December 2025. Mr. Shivraj Dhuppe, Director for Maritime Safety and Security at the IORA Secretariat, contributed as a panellist alongside representatives from regional and international maritime and law-enforcement centres. Discussions focused on strengthening coordination between specialised and generalist centres, improving analytical information sharing, and adapting to evolving trafficking tactics at sea. Mr. Dhuppe highlighted the importance of collaborative analysis, trust-based cooperation, and finally information sharing for actionable maritime domain awareness to all the stakeholders for ensuring Maritime Safety and Security. The conference reaffirmed the value of regional cooperation in addressing complex maritime security challenges across the Indian Ocean region.

TRADE & INVESTMENT FACILITATION

Mozambique Hosts IORA Annual Trade Dialogue

The Republic of Mozambique hosted the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Annual Trade Dialogue in Maputo, Mozambique, on 1–2 December 2025, held in hybrid format.



Group photo: Opening Ceremony of the IORA Annual Trade Dialogue, Mozambique

The Annual Trade Dialogue was inaugurated by the Minister of Economy of Mozambique, His Excellency, Basílio Zefanias Muhate. The IORA Secretary-General, Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan delivered the opening address virtually. Participants were from the public and private sectors of 14 Member States: Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Madagascar, Mauritius, Malaysia, Mozambique, Oman, Somalia, Tanzania, and Thailand and 3 Dialogue Partners: Egypt, Italy and Türkiye.

The Dialogue provided a platform for IORA Member States, Dialogue Partners, and experts, including those from the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), to review global and regional trade developments.

The platform also aimed to raise awareness among governments and businesses about regional cooperation opportunities in trade and investment, to deepen public-private cooperation, and to facilitate trade opportunities among IORA Member States.

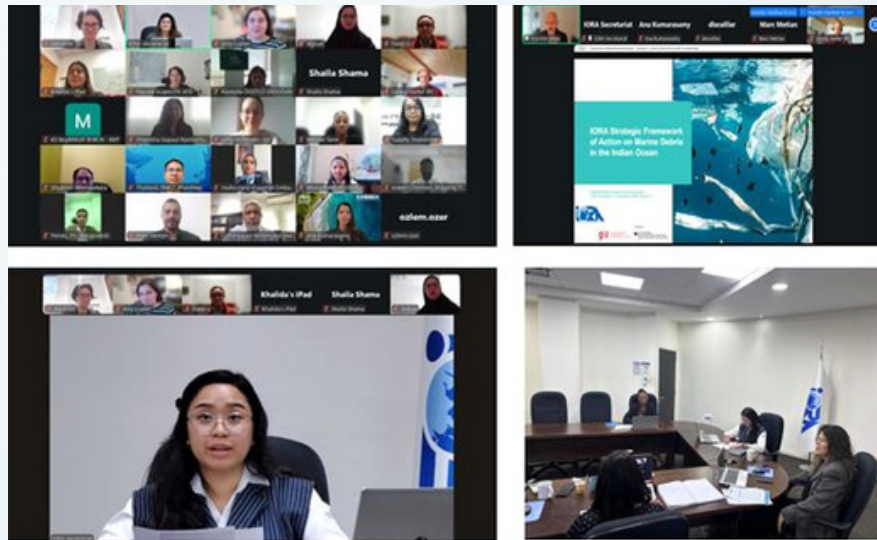
Topics covered included trade flows, agreements, and barriers to market access; the green transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient global economy; the opportunities of the Blue Economy for sustainable ocean-based industries and attracting financing; and ways to promote Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The IORA Annual Trade Dialogue provided a timely opportunity to take stock of current developments against the backdrop of an unstable global trading environment marked by economic uncertainty, shifting geopolitical dynamics, rising trade barriers, and the impacts of climate change.

As the third-largest ocean, intricately connected through vital trade routes, the Indian Ocean commanded major sea-lanes that carried half of the world's container ships, one-third of global bulk cargo, and two-thirds of oil shipments. In this context, the Dialogue served as a crucial platform for strengthening intra-regional economic ties and enhancing the region's capacity to attract and sustain productive foreign investment, including in the blue economy. Key outcomes of the Dialogue included reports on discussions and action plans.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND BLUE ECONOMY

IORA Hosts Online Workshop on Integrated Marine Debris Observing System

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD) and Geo Blue Planet, successfully held a two-day online workshop on the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS) on 5–6 November 2025.



Participants and speakers at the online workshop on the Integrated Marine Debris Observing System

The workshop brought together representatives from IORA Member States, Dialogue Partners, and international organizations to share experiences on marine litter monitoring, data harmonization, and national and regional guidelines for combating marine pollution. Mrs. Stephanie Johanness, Director for Blue Economy and Fisheries Management from the IORA Secretariat, addressed the workshop. Discussions highlighted the need to harmonize data, strengthen monitoring systems, and improve coordination among stakeholders to enhance regional responses to marine debris in the Indian Ocean. IORA expressed appreciation to all participants and speakers for their contributions and continued commitment to protecting the region's marine environment.

IORA Blue Carbon Hub Holds Sixth Think Tank Symposium in Sri Lanka

The Sixth Think Tank Symposium of the IORA Blue Carbon Hub, “Towards Effective Restoration for Sustainable Management of Coastal Ecosystems and Enhanced Livelihoods,” was held from 9 to 11 September 2025 in Negombo, Sri Lanka, with the participation of Mrs. Stephanie Johanness, Director for Blue Economy and Fisheries Management from the IORA Secretariat.



Participants of the Sixth Think Tank Symposium of the IORA Blue Carbon Hub in Negombo, Sri Lanka, 9–11 September 2025.

The symposium brought together scientists, policymakers, and practitioners from 14 Member States and 12 Dialogue Partners to discuss approaches for restoring coastal ecosystems and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Participants visited the Anawilundawa Ramsar Sanctuary to observe the integration of science, policy, and community engagement in ecosystem restoration. Field activities included demonstrations of local products such as seaweed, mangroves, and sea cucumbers, visits to restored mangrove and salt marsh sites using the Accelerated Natural Regeneration of Mangroves (ANRM) methodology.

IORA Workshop to Strengthen Biosecurity in Inland Aquaculture

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, will convene the IORA Workshop on Enhancing Biosecurity Practices in Inland Aquaculture Farms from 18 to 21 November 2025 in Padang, West Sumatra, Indonesia.



Participants at the IORA Workshop on Enhancing Biosecurity Practices in Inland Aquaculture Farms, Padang, Indonesia, November 2025.

The workshop will bring together representatives from IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners, along with policymakers, technical experts, academics, and aquaculture practitioners, to strengthen regional cooperation and capacity building in aquaculture biosecurity. The initiative supports sustainable and responsible growth within the blue economy by enhancing fish health management and promoting resilient aquaculture systems.

The workshop also supports implementation of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Progressive Management Pathway for Improving Aquaculture Biosecurity, aiming to improve technology transfer, capacity development, and alignment of national biosecurity frameworks with IORA's regional sustainability objectives.

DID YOU KNOW?

Blue Economy

IORA supports sustainable marine growth, including aquaculture biosecurity workshops and coastal ecosystem restoration, helping Member States protect marine resources and enhance livelihoods.

Clean Water & Sanitation

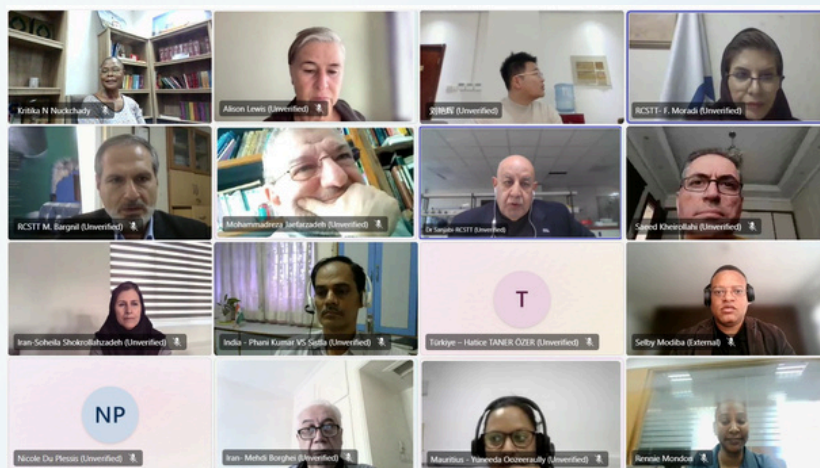
The IORA NAM S&T Centre organizes workshops on water-treatment technologies and climate-resilient sanitation, promoting sustainable access for vulnerable coastal communities.

Maritime Security

IORA fosters regional maritime safety and security through information sharing, high-level dialogues, and capacity building, ensuring a rules-based and secure Indian Ocean.

ACADEMIC, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

IORA Webinar Highlights Regional Cooperation on Seawater Desalination



Participants and speakers at the Webinar on Seawater Desalination and Multipurpose Utilization in the Indian Ocean Region

The Webinar on Seawater Desalination and Multipurpose Utilization in the Indian Ocean Region was held on 26 November 2025. The event was organized by the IORA Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (RCSTT) Coordination Center for Desalination Technologies, in cooperation with the RCSTT Organizing Committee for the project Comprehensive Study on Dual Purpose Desalination.

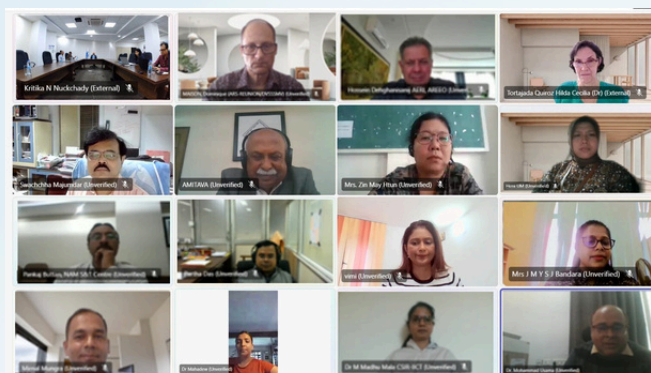
The webinar brought together policymakers, researchers, and technical experts to exchange views on innovative and sustainable desalination solutions. Discussions underscored the importance of establishing a regional desalination network to promote continued collaboration, technology sharing, and coordinated research among IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners.

IORA NAM S&T Centre Workshop on Clean Water and Sanitation

The IORA NAM S&T Centre International Workshop on “Clean Water and Sanitation in the Developing World: Perspectives, Best Practices and Future Challenges” was held on 20–21 November 2025.

The two-day workshop brought together experts, researchers, and representatives from IORA Member States, Dialogue Partners, and other developing countries to share insights on innovative water-treatment technologies, integrated water management, human-rights frameworks, and climate-resilient solutions.

Active engagement and contributions from participants advanced discussions on sustainable water and sanitation solutions across the Indian Ocean region.



Participants at the IORA NAM S&T Centre International Workshop on Clean Water and Sanitation

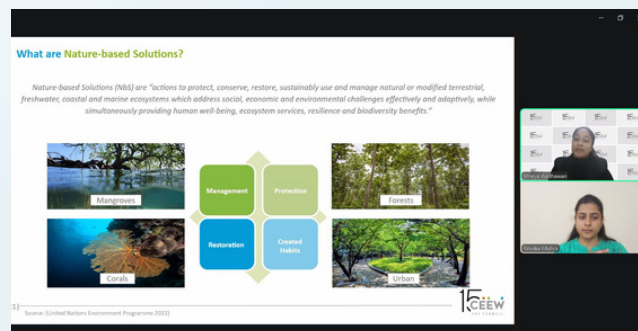
DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

IORA and CDRI Conduct Webinar on Nature-Based Solutions in Coastal Areas

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in partnership with the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), conducted a webinar on “Application of Nature-based Solutions in Coastal Areas” on 13 November 2025. The webinar was attended by around 100 participants from IORA Member States, Dialogue Partners, and regional and international organizations.

Following the IORA-CDRI Memorandum of Understanding, this event marks the first in a series of learning webinars aimed at sharing knowledge, good practices, and fostering peer-to-peer learning on climate- and disaster-resilient infrastructure.

Hosted on CDRI’s DRI Connect platform and organized in collaboration with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), the webinar featured expert insights on implementing nature-based solutions, cost-benefit analysis approaches, and case studies on coastal resilience.



Experts and participants discussing nature-based solutions for climate- and disaster-resilient coastal infrastructure during the IORA-CDRI webinar

IORA Participates in First Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme Conference



Delegates and experts during the ODTP Conference in Hyderabad, focusing on actionable tsunami warnings and regional cooperation.

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) participated in the First Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP) Conference, held in Hyderabad, India, on 10–11 November 2025. The event, hosted by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), brought together scientists, policymakers, operators, and community partners to review progress on ODTP actions.

Representing IORA, Mr. Shivraj Dhuppe, Director for Maritime Safety and Security and Disaster Risk Management, emphasized the importance of regional cooperation, particularly for Small Island Developing States, in achieving ODTP goals of delivering actionable tsunami warnings within 10 minutes. He also highlighted ongoing IORA programmes supporting Member States across the Indian Ocean region. The conference concluded with a strengthened roadmap for advancing global tsunami resilience, including improved real-time data sharing and accelerated implementation of the ODTP 10-Year Research, Development, and Innovation Plan.

IORA Hosts Technical Workshop on Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance

The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) conducted a five-day Technical Workshop on Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance in La Réunion from 13 to 17 October 2025. The workshop brought together experts, policymakers, and representatives from IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners to enhance regional cooperation on disaster risk management (DRM) and anticipatory financing.



Participants and speakers at the IORA Technical Workshop on Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance

Organized jointly by IORA, the Republic of France, and the European Union, with support from technical partners including PIROI (French Red Cross), UNDRR, IFRC, and the Indian Ocean Commission, the workshop focused on reinforcing institutional frameworks, advancing legal policies, and developing anticipatory financing mechanisms. Financial support was provided by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the European Union.

Participants agreed on strengthening national disaster management authorities, enhancing multi-sectoral coordination, and promoting a whole-of-society approach. They committed to aligning national legislation with the Sendai Framework, the Paris Agreement, and the Sustainable Development Goals, while integrating early warning systems and innovative risk-financing tools such as insurance, blended finance, and AI-based forecasting. The Reunion Workshop reaffirmed IORA's collective vision for a safer, more resilient, and better-prepared Indian Ocean region through institutional, legal, and financial resilience.

IORA Participates in Bonn Technical Forum on Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction

The IORA Secretariat participated in the Bonn Technical Forum, held from 2 to 5 December 2025 in Bonn, Germany. It was hosted by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Bonn Office, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The Forum brought together over 65 participants from intergovernmental and international organizations to improve data-driven approaches to climate and disaster risk reduction. Discussions focused on regional strategies for managing risks and using data to better track hazards and damages through the UNDRR-supported DELTA Resilience system. Mr Shivraj Dhuppe, Director for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) participated in the deliberations on the role of regional organizations to integrate climate action in DRM.



Delegates discussing data-driven approaches to disaster risk reduction at the Bonn Technical Forum, hosted by UNDRR, UNDP, and WMO.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

IORA Attends Graduation of Business Without Borders Programme

On 1 October 2025, the Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Directorate of the IORA Secretariat attended the graduation ceremony of the third cohort of the Business Without Borders (BWB) Programme. Launched by the Association Mauricienne des Femmes Chefs d'Entreprise (AMFCE) and affiliated with the World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM), the programme provides capacity-building support for women entrepreneurs.

Since its inception, the BWB Programme has successfully trained and equipped more than 60 women entrepreneurs, strengthening skills and promoting women's economic empowerment across the region.



Participants and IORA WEE team at the graduation ceremony of the Business Without Borders Programme, Mauritius

IORA Secretariat Participates in International Symposium on Women's Rights in the Western Indian Ocean

On 13–14 November 2025, the IORA Secretariat participated in the International Symposium on Action for Women's Rights, Equality and Empowerment in the Western Indian Ocean, organized by the Charles Telfair Centre in collaboration with Curtin University and the Curtin University Gender Research Network (Australia), marking the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action.

The symposium brought together researchers from Australia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, and Tanzania to present studies on themes including poverty alleviation, climate justice, women's economic empowerment, equal participation in decision-making, and the elimination of violence. On the second day, participants—including Mrs. Rennie Mondon, IORA Nelson Mandela Internship Programme secondee—collaborated with stakeholders from government, civil society, and academia to develop a policy roadmap for advancing women's rights and empowerment in the region.



NMIP intern with other participants for the International Symposium on Action for Women's Rights, Equality and Empowerment in the Western Indian Ocean

IORA Secretary-General Meets Indonesian Chargé d’Affaires



The IORA Secretariat welcomed Mr. Lanang Seputro, Chargé d’Affaires en pied of the Republic of Indonesia in Antananarivo, Madagascar, for a courtesy call with H.E. Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, Secretary-General of IORA.

The meeting highlighted Indonesia’s ongoing engagement and valuable contributions to IORA, as a founding Member State. Indonesia has played a key role in advancing initiatives on the blue economy, fisheries management, maritime safety and security, and tackling marine debris.

The Secretariat expressed its appreciation to the Indonesian Embassy in Antananarivo and the Government of Indonesia for their continued support, including the secondment of a Director to the IORA Secretariat.



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ACRONYMS

- AFD – French Development Agency (Agence Française de Développement)
- ANRM – Accelerated Natural Regeneration of Mangroves
- BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BWB – Business Without Borders (Programme)
- CDRI – Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- CEEW – Council on Energy, Environment and Water
- COM – Council of Ministers (IORA)
- CRIMARIO – Crime Monitoring and Information Sharing in the Indian Ocean (project)
- DELTA – Data as the Lever for Climate Change – Accelerating Tracking of Hazardous Events and Disasters
- FCEM – Femmes Chefs d’Entreprises Mondiales / World Association of Women Entrepreneurs
- HD – Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- IORA – Indian Ocean Rim Association
- IOC – Indian Ocean Commission
- IONS – Indian Ocean Naval Symposium
- INCOIS – Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services
- IOTWMS – Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System Secretariat
- IPRD – Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue
- MISW – Maritime Information Sharing Workshop
- MOFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Indonesia)
- NMIP – Nelson Mandela Internship Programme (IORA)
- ODTP – Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme
- PIROI – Regional Intervention Platform for the Indian Ocean (French Red Cross)
- PMP/AB – Progressive Management Pathway for Improving Aquaculture Biosecurity (FAO)
- RCSTT – Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (IORA)
- RDRM-IO – Resilience Building and Disaster Response Management in the Indian Ocean Region (EU Programme)
- RNIFC – Regional Narcotics Interagency Fusion Center
- RMIFC – Réunion Maritime Interagency Fusion Center
- RCOC – Regional Coordination Operations Centre
- SDG – Sustainable Development Goals
- SIIP – International Session for the Indo-Pacific
- SSIFS – Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service
- UNDRR – United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- UNDP – United Nations Development Programme
- UNESCO-IOC – Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
- VIF – Vivekananda International Foundation