



**ICC Yaoundé and Nigeria announce the Inaugural Plenary Meeting
of the
GULF OF GUINEA MCF/SHADE Forum**

Further to the Communiqué of the 26th April 2021 in which the Inter Regional Coordination Centre (ICC), Yaoundé and Nigeria announced the formation of an International Framework to provide shared awareness and de-confliction for activities in the Gulf of Guinea named **Gulf of Guinea Maritime Collaboration Forum – SHADE (GOG MCF/SHADE)**, we are pleased to announce the inaugural plenary meeting will take place on **Wednesday 14th July 2021**.

The online meeting will be hosted by the Gulf of Guinea Maritime Institute (GOGMI) in Accra, Ghana and will be by invitation of the SHADE Co-Chairs, the ICC, and the Nigerian Navy. The meeting will be divided into 2 sessions. The morning session will formally open this historic Plenary and include welcome remarks by both regional and international dignitaries. The Plenary Co-Chairs will lead the second session by setting the vision and plan for what the GOG-MCF SHADE will seek to accomplish. Their intent is to produce meaningful actions and measures that translate to a significant increase in the cooperation at sea between regional and international navies, the international shipping industry, and maritime stakeholders in the Gulf of Guinea. Three Working Groups will deliver these actions: Cooperation at Sea (Operations), Reporting and Information Sharing and Air De-Confliction. Each Working Group will be chaired by a regional representative and supported by a Subject Matter Expert.

The first GOG MCF SHADE will be an invitation only working meeting that will initially focus on implementing the framework, by bringing together stakeholders who have committed to tackling piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea. It is the express intention of the Co-Chairs to provide a full report of the activities of this forum on an ongoing basis.

As the GOG -MCF/SHADE moves forward the Co-Chairs will review and adapt the meeting as required to achieve the results that this forum is set up to deliver.

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