**Terms of Reference**

**CROSS-ENGAGEMENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**Danish Maritime Security Programme for the Gulf of Guinea 2022-2026**

**Background**

These terms of reference relate to the establishment and operation of a Cross-Engagement Coordination Committee (CECC), which will provide a mechanism for local discussion between the main programme implementing partners involved in the third generation of the Danish Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security Programme 2022-2026 (DMSP 3).

The programme has been designed around four interlinked Peace and Stabilisation Engagements (PSE):

* **PSE 1** – Support to gendered criminal justice system responses to the threat of maritime crime in Benin, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, and Togo, through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
* **PSE 2** – Supported Regional Maritime Policing in Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, and Togo through The International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).
* **PSE 3** – Integrated Responses to Threats to Maritime Safety and Security in the Gulf of Guinea Maritime Domain through the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC).
* **PSE 4** – Maritime Domain Awareness, Sustainable Force Generation, and Operational Response through direct implementation by Danish Defence under management of Defence Command Denmark (DCD).

The Programme is managed by the Danish Embassy in Accra under overall management of the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Denmark in Accra, Ghana supported by a Maritime Security Programme Advisor (MSPA), who will be responsible for day-to-day management (Annex 9). A Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator (Annex 10) supports the MSPA. The MPSA supervises implementation of PSE 1, 2, and 3, which are funded by official development aid (ODA). The programme also includes non-ODA funded engagements, PSE4 and a non-ODA-engagement within PSE 1, which are both coordinated by the Danish Military Maritime Adviser (MMA) at the Danish Embassy in Abuja. The MMA-Abuja is supported by the Civilian Maritime Advisor (CMA), who has day-to-day coordination with the MSPA.

**Purpose**
The purpose of the CECC is to ensure coordination and that synergies between the PSEs, as identified in the DMSP 3 Programme Document and detailed in the respective Peace and Stabilisation Engagement Documents (PSEDs), are realised in practice. Furthermore, the CECC willadaptively manage areas of cross-engagement cooperation and new opportunities arising during implementation. The CECC should also consider new areas of interested, which could be addressed by adjusting PSEs or using unallocated funding, yet final decisions lies with the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Denmark in Accra, Ghana.

**Mandate**

1. Act as an overall programme discussion and coordination group enabling implementing partners to jointly reflect on overall progress, take action to utilise opportunities and synergies that may arise, and minimise overall risks.
2. Provide a framework for information exchange on the Gulf of Guinea and maritime security issues besides matters related to the PSF-programme, including relevant political developments.
3. Provide input to the monitoring of the overall programme (arrange participation in meetings, visits, reviews, etc.) and provide feedback to group members on these.
4. Propose areas/activities where operational synergies might be achieved between engagements.
5. Discuss regional reports prepared by the UNODC Monitoring Hub and take account of developments/programmes being supported by other donors.
6. Consider new areas of interested, which could be addressed by adjusting PSEs or using unallocated funding.
7. Consider communication issues.

**Organisation**

The Cross-Engagement Coordination Committee will:

* Meet virtually at least twice per year on a schedule that is optimised to inform the annual programme reporting. More frequent meetings may be called, if necessary.
* Be organised and chaired by the MSPA, who will prepare and keep meeting records.
* The CECC will consist of a core group of the engagement managers of the three ODA funded engagements (UNODC, INTERPOL, and KAIPTC), the Danish embassies in Accra and Abuja including the MMA-Abuja and MA-Accra, and relevant members of their respective implementation teams, when deemed relevant.
* The final decision on both adjustments and the use of unallocated funds lies with the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Denmark in Accra, Ghana.