



IMO held a five-day workshop (28 March-1 April) in Mahé, Seychelles, with a focus on strengthening the capacity of maritime law enforcement and the Designated Authority. The workshop involved all key entities and stakeholders within the Maritime Administration. The 22 participants from various agencies – including Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority (SMSA), Seychelles Coast Guard and Seychelles Port Authority – discussed the way forward to put in place a legal framework that will give full and complete effect to the IMO instruments dealing with maritime security - namely SOLAS Chapter XI/2 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. They further engaged in discussions led by IMO Technical Officer Mourad Ghorbel on port security legislation and development of the related compliance framework. Officials from fellow implementing partner United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) also attended the event.

The workshop included a visit to the Port of Victoria, to observe key features including physical security, structural integrity, personnel protection systems, procedural policies, telecommunications systems, relevant infrastructure, utilities and other areas posing a risk to

persons, property or operations applied within the port in line with ISPS Code requirements. The [ISPS](#) Code sets measures designed to strengthen the security of ships and port facilities.

Building upon this training, IMO is organizing similar training workshops in the other participating countries of this project: Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania during the remainder of 2022. This comprehensive suite of technical assistance activities promotes the delivery of long term and sustained improvements in maritime security within the participating countries and across the East Africa, Southern Africa and western Indian Ocean region.