

## Maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea

### – what has been done, what needs to be done?

A conference co-organised by DEVCO, the EUISS and the EEAS

Tuesday, 30 June 2015

Maelbeek Room, Residence Palace

155 rue de la Loi

1040 Brussels, Belgium

#### Programme

**8:45**            **Registration**

**9:00**            **Welcoming remarks**

**Antonio Missiroli**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies

**9:15**            **Opening remarks**

**Nick Westcott**, Managing Director, Africa, European External Action Service

**Didier Versé**, Head of Unit, Geographical Coordination West Africa, DEVCO

#### 09:45-11:15    **Session 1: Maritime security : the big picture**

**Chair**            **Patricia Davies**, European External Action Service , Africa Department,  
EU Gulf of Guinea Strategy and Action Plan policy officer

**Presenters**    **Michel Dagoh**, Ambassador, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Togo

**Irene Vidal**, Oceans Campaigner, Environmental Justice Foundation

**Patrick Verhoeven**, Secretary General, European Community  
Shipowners' Associations

**Discussant**    **Alex Vines**, Head of Africa Programme, Chatham House

**11:15-11:30**    **Coffee break**

#### 11:30-13:00    **Session 2: The regional picture: what prospects for the Yaoundé process?**

**Chair**            **Cristina Barrios**, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

**Presenters**    **Abdourahmane Dieng**, Colonel, Inter-regional Coordination Centre  
Director, Yaoundé (previously from Economic Community of West  
African States)

**Jean-Pierre Labonne**, Admiral, Team Leader, CRIMGO Project

**Siri Bjune**, Programme Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and  
Crime

**Discussant**    **Thierry Vircoulon**, Project Director for Central Africa, International  
Crisis Group

**13:00-14:00** *Sandwich Lunch*

**14:00-15:45** **Session 3: International support and coordination**

**Chair** **Maciej Madalinski**, Manager, Critical Maritime Routes, DG DEVCO

**Presenters** **Karen Sumser-Lupson**, Commissioner, African Maritime Safety and Security Agency

**Joseph Tysk**, Maritime Partner Liaison, AFRICOM, USA

**Patricia Romeyro**, Project Administrator, European Union Satellite Centre

**Leendert Bal**, Head of Department Operations, European Maritime Safety Agency

**15:45-16:15** **Closing remarks by Ana Gomes**, MEP, European Parliament

**16:15** **End of conference**