



AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

3RD TRANSATLANTIC MARITIME SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

INFORMATION NOTE

- WHAT:** The Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) and the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (WJPC) will convene a four-day symposium to promote the strengthening and operationalization of the Yaoundé Code of Conduct (YCoC), the regional Combined Maritime Task Force (CMTF), and practicing joint maritime patrol operations between Atlantic partners.
- WHERE:** Lagos, Nigeria
- WHEN:** 21-24 September 2026
- WHO:** This symposium will include **approximately 50 high-level** naval officials responsible for maritime operations within their respective countries. The following countries will be invited to send one participant: Angola, Argentina, Brazil, Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, Portugal, the Republic of Congo, São Tomé e Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, and the United States of America. A representative from the Multinational Maritime Coordination Centers (MMCC) in Angola, Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, and Ghana will also be invited. Additionally, the Interregional Coordination Centre (ICC), the Regional Center for Maritime Security in Central Africa (CRESMAC), the West Africa Regional Maritime Security Centre (CRESMAO), and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) be invited to send one participant each.
- WHY:** The symposium will promote transatlantic cooperation and engagement focused on strengthening YCoC zonal interoperability, information sharing mechanisms, and maritime domain awareness (MDA) for the purpose of conducting joint patrols between countries in the Atlantic basin.
- HOW:** Emphasizing the introduction of best practices from transatlantic cooperation and engagement with respect to conducting joint maritime patrols. Plenary discussions and a practical application exercise will focus on command and control, directing of forces, information sharing, interoperability, and the sustainment of deployed forces.