

8 Nov 2016 – Morning Sessions Minutes

On day two the participants reconvened in the 3rd and final plenary session to receive reports back from the working groups followed by a discussion period and closing remarks by Vice Admiral Clive Johnstone, Allied Maritime Commander.

Minutes of the individual working groups will be distributed separately. However, some of the common themes that emerged from the working group reports included:

- More time was needed for working group discussions (120 Minutes had been allocated in the agenda)
- The number of working groups stretched the ability of organizations to attend all groups related to their activities. Even large organizations like NATO and EUNAVFORMED were unable to provide appropriate participation at all 9 working groups at the same time. For small organizations it was impossible.
- There was an imbalance between representations of the participants. Weighted in favour of military and political organizations, while light on NGO presence.
- There was a challenge to keep the actions moving ahead in-between the current meetings of the WGs
- More flexibility in the agenda required to allow WGs to merge for common threads of discussion and then reconfigure to work on other issues.
- UN greater role
- NGO voice needs to be augmented
- WGs - too many with areas of overlap
- Set clear tasks for WGs in advance to report back

Vice Admiral Johnstone's Closing Remarks

Vice Admiral Johnstone closed the final session of the SHADE MED 2-2106 by observing that it was up to the participants to create the correct chemistry to allow the sharing and deconfliction to reach a new level. He challenged the participants in the working groups to bite off on important subjects and move it forward. He further challenged WGs to keep actions moving ahead. Select one or two issues and move them ahead. If this meant meeting outside of the main SHADE MED meetings are required then they should take place to ensure continuity of dialogue

He stressed that organizations should strive for continuity within the participants and that they should actively work to identify which key partners were missing from the dialogue – NGOs, African Union, Gulf States, others? – and encourage them to attend. This would include ensuring the appropriate venues were selected for future meetings to ensure access to all.

He reiterated Mr Umberto Masucci's challenge to view Immigration as an opportunity vs threat.

Vice Admiral Johnstone– Commitment to create a 1.5 page letter with a final version which would form a useful tool for all participants to better explain to other potential partners the role of SHADE MED and help change and expand the dialogue by reaching out to correct audience

Vice Admiral Johnstone extended his thanks to the participants for their investment of time and engagement in SHADE MED 2-2016 as well as to the organizers of the event.

