

Maritime Security / Strengthening Regional Operational Training by RMU



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SWAIMS Intensive Six-Weeks Training in Maritime Affairs and Maritime Security At the Regional Maritime University, Accra, Ghana



Key Information

SECTOR: **Governance / Maritime Security**

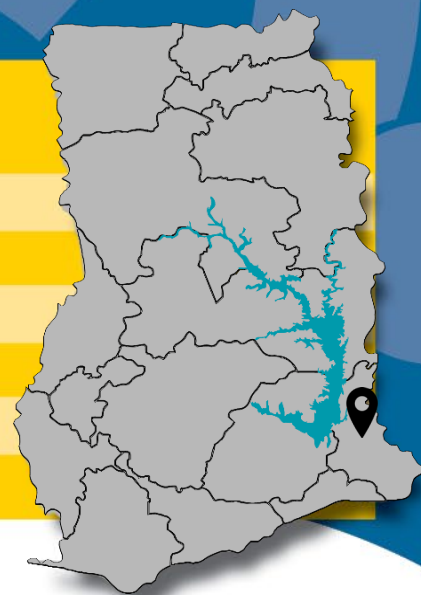
LEAD PARTNER: **Regional Maritime University, Accra, Ghana**

OTHER PARTNERS:

DURATION: **September 2021 to September 2024**

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: **USD 300,000**

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: **100%**



Background



The maritime domain and significance of the Blue Economy are critical for realizing the fundamental ideals of the Economic Community of West African States and for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The exploitation of maritime and coastal natural resources and the flow of trade over shipping lanes and ports are important for regional economies, livelihood, and food sources cannot be underestimated.

Maritime safety and security, maritime trade and the preservation of the marine environment are crucial for ECOWAS economies and the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The overexploitation of marine resources, rapid degradation of the marine environment through pollution, coastal erosion and rising sea level, and criminal acts at sea have given urgency to finding coherent responses to these complex and interrelated challenges.



Project Details



Mindful of the regional and global dimensions of Piracy and armed robbery at sea, oil smugglers, IUU fishing and other maritime crimes in the Gulf of Guinea the ECOWAS engagement with the European Union (EU) and other regional and trans-regional partners led to the EU-funded Support for West Africa Integrated Maritime Security (SWAIMS) programme.

Strengthening of Regional Operational Training by RMU is a major component of the SWAIMS programme and the Regional Maritime University (RMU), Accra, was selected to train a target group with these specific objectives (i) improve the technical capacity of public and private professionals in maritime sector in ECOWAS states; (ii) improve transnational cooperation between maritime professionals in ECOWAS states.

The target group drawn from ECOWAS counties are taken through a six-week comprehensive training programme in Maritime Affairs and Security. The course is made up of 8 modules, namely:

- Introduction to Maritime Security Environment
- The Maritime Security Functional Areas
- Legal and Policy Frameworks for Advancing Maritime Security
- Blue Economy and Maritime Environment
- Maritime Crisis Management
- Fisheries Sector Security and Governance
- Yaoundé Architecture Information and Incidence Reporting System
- Managing Complexities of Safety & Security

Expected Results



- To build up the capacities of maritime security professionals in the ECOWAS region with the skills set required to operate regional maritime security centers, that are a core component of the Yaoundé architecture.
- To enhance the professional competencies of participants in the maritime security environment.
- To enhance regional and international cooperation to respond to maritime security issues
- Improved security for shipping in the Gulf of Guinea and better management of maritime resources.

Target group

Naval officers, ECOWAS Maritime multinational center officers, Law enforcement officers (Maritime Police, Gendarmerie, Customs, immigration, Maritime Agencies, Coast Guards), Maritime safety, security and environment professionals, Maritime Lawyers, Magistrates and Prosecutors, and even civil society representatives linked to Maritime security)



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