

**MARITIME ORGANIZATION OF
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PERIODS	ACTIVITIES	VENUE	JUSTIFICATION	REMARKS
7 FEBRUARY (performed)	Courtesy visit to Ivorian Secretary of State in charge of Maritime Affairs	Abidjan (COTE D'IVOIRE)	Presentation of Strategic plan, discussions on Headquarters building, secondment of staff.	Côte d'Ivoire is the host country of MOWCA's Headquarters since 1975
10 - 15 FEBRUARY (performed)	Assessment, redeployment and sensitisation of the staff	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	Revival of the Organisation / Search for efficiency / Human resource management.	Low capacity of Officers to face the new challenges
TBD FEBRUARY (performed)	Working visit to the Chairman	Accra (GHANA)	Addressing crucial issues: draft budget 2022, arrears of contributions, secondment of Executives, organogram.	Outcomes of the interim report of the External Auditor, ERNST & YOUNG
28 FEBRUARY (performed)	Working visit to Honourable Minister of Transport, Works and Infrastructure	Banjul (THE GAMBIA)	Deployment of the programme of work, need assessment, arrears of contributions.	Follow up of talks on the commitment of the member State
1 – 5 MARCH (partly performed)	Courtesy visits to National Authorities of the host country and to Diplomatic Groups	Abidjan (COTE D'IVOIRE)	To introduce the new SG and ease procedures for Protocol, and assistance requested	Diplomatic status of MOWCA
TBD MARCH (ongoing)	Setting up of the Committees on the review of MOWCA's institutional texts	Online meeting	Implementation of a decision of the 16th General Assembly	Achievement will depend on availability of designated members
TBD MARCH (ongoing)	Collection of recent statistics on cargo flows in member States	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	To update the basis for calculation of contributions to the budget	Implementation of the Regional Maritime Fund

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TBD MARCH (performed 6 April)	Working visit to Hon Minister of Transportation	Abuja (NIGERIA)	Issue of launching the Regional Maritime Development Bank	Hon Minister has been given mandate by the 14 th GA to monitor the installation
TBD MAY (rescheduled due to ongoing arrangements)	Conference on update status of the Regional Maritime Development Bank	Abuja (NIGERIA)	An update on the establishment of the bank and engagement of States that are not members of the Board	Open to all member States of MOWCA
TBD - APRIL (performed 22 to 26 March)	Working visit to Honourable Minister of Transport, Yaoundé	Yaoundé (CAMEROON)	Deployment of the programme of work, need assessment, arrears of contributions.	Follow up of a letter of invitation
TBD MAY (not yet approved by Chairman)	Online consultations of members of the Bureau	Online meeting	To formally approve the budget, organogram and programme of activities	The Bureau assists the SG in implementing decisions of the G A (Art 6 Rules of Proc)
TDB MAY (rescheduled - unavailability of SG-ASLA)	Technical meeting with Secretary General of ASLA	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	To consider the strategic plan and the approach for boosting the African sea transport capacity	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of Rules of Procedure
23 – 27 MAY (performed)	Working visit to Honourable Minister of Transport, Sierra Leone	Freetown (SIERRA LEONE)	Deployment of the programme of work, need assessment, arrears of contributions.	Follow up of a letter of invitation
TBD JUNE (rescheduled)	Assessment of the implementation of ongoing projects and programmes	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	The need to make recommendation to the Bureau on each, whether to continue, modify or terminate	No formal assessment has been done since 2011

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29 MAY-04 JUNE (performed)	Working visit to Hon Minister of Transport, Communication and Unlocking Routes	Kinshasa (DR CONGO)	Deployment of the programme of work, need assessment, arrears of contributions.	Follow up to the letter expressing concerns
15 – 17 JUNE (rescheduled)	Conference on the promotion of BLUE ECONOMY in West and Central Africa	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	To harmonise with the African Union strategic plan and national initiatives of member States	Drawing welfare from the use of the sea and the exploitation of its resources
20 – 21 JUNE (performed 12 April in Lagos)	Technical meeting with Secretary General of PMAWCA	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	To consider the strategic plan and the port development policy in West and Central Africa	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of rules of Procedure
27 – 29 JUNE (performed)	EUROMARITIME Exhibition	Marseille (FRANCE)	Exhibition on new generations of law enforcement vessel, anti-piracy sea awareness technologies	Update on new equipment and procedures for enhancing security
30 June – 3 JULY (performed)	Crans Montana Forum (CMF)	Plaza Hotel Brussels BELGIUM	The integration of Africa to the world maritime industry as a leading power	MOWCA has an MOU with CMF conferring the chairmanship of CLUB OF PORTS
5 – 6 JULY (performed)	G7++ Friends of Gulf of Guinea	Ritz Hotel Berlin GERMANY	The G7++ FGoG is the main donor for funding the Yaoundé Architecture aimed at strengthening maritime security	Cooperation with ICC Yaoundé and UNODC
TBD JULY (performed on 23rd June)	Working visit with MOWCA's Chairman to IMO Headquarters. (Delegation led by Hon. Minister of DR Congo, in absence of Chairman)	London (UNITED KINGDOM)	Introduction of Chairman and SG of MOWCA to Secretary general of IMO, Deployment of the programme of work, assistance.	IMO has granted observer status to MOWCA and is the main partner for the coast guard network

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11 – 12 JULY (performed 16 August)	Technical meeting with Vice-Chancellor of RMU	Headquarters of RMU ACCRA	To consider issues regarding capacity building in the maritime industry and the promotion of cadets on the international manpower market	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of rules of Procedure
18 JULY (performed)	Technical meeting with Secretary General UASC	SECRETARIAT GENERAL ABIDJAN	To consider issues regarding the membership of UASC, performance of Shippers' Councils and institutional support from MOWCA	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of rules of Procedure
18 JULY (performed)	Working visit of a delegation of Intergovernmental Standing Committee On Shipping (ISCOS) led by its SG	SECRETARIAT GENERAL ABIDJAN	To consider collaboration and partnership. To adopt a MOU	ISCOS is a sister organisation dealing with shipping in Eastern Africa
26 JULY (performed)	Technical meeting with DG of Regional Maritime Academy of Abidjan	Headquarters of ARSTM ABIDJAN	To consider issues regarding capacity building in the maritime industry and the promotion of cadets on the international manpower market	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of Rules of Procedure
1 – 10 AUGUST	Assessment of the work done Training sessions	MOWCA Headquarters ABIDJAN	As part of improvement of staff capabilities and preparation of the 9 th Bureau of Ministers	SUMMER VACATION FOR MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS

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11 AUGUST (performed)	Celebration of 35 th anniversary of Regional Maritime Academy of Abidjan and congregation of Cadets of Class 2022	ARSTM Headquarters ABIDJAN	ARSTM was established in 1987	In presence of Hon. Minister of Transport, Côte d'Ivoire
12 AUGUST (performed)	Working visit of a delegation of DR Congo led by Legal Adviser of Hon. Minister of Transport	MOWCA Headquarters ABIDJAN	signature of the Bank Charter – training of students at ARSTM – wreck removal in Congo river	Follow up of the visit of MOWCA's SG in Kinshasa
22 – 23 AUGUST	Working visit to Hon. Minister of Maritime Economy of Togo	Lomé TOGO	To rebuild confidence – make an update on activities – seek involvement of Togo in the harmonisation of the prosecution of pirates caught in the GOG	Togo has adopted a Maritime Code that addresses the issue of prosecution of pirates
6 – 8 SEPTEMBER	Working visit to Hon. Minister of Transport and Road Safety, Chad	Office of Minister in Njamena CHAD	To consider more involvement of Chad in the activities of MOWCA – unfold SG's vision and assess needs	Chad did not take part to MOWCA's activities for a very long time
TBD SEPTEMBER	Working visit to the President of World Maritime University (WMU)	Malmö (SWEDEN)	To engage and sign an MOU on capacity building for member States and to take back slots on African maritime policies in the teaching programmes of the University	WMU is founded under the auspices of IMO and SGs of MOWCA were visiting Professors until the position was lost in 2011.
TBD SEPTEMBER	Working visit to African Union Commission	Addis-Ababa (ETHIOPIA)	To implement the MOU on cooperation and to address the project of AMO	Transformation of MOWCA into African Maritime Organisation (AMO)
27 – 28 SEPTEMBER	Joint ASA/MOWCA African Hellenic Maritime Conference	Intercontinental Hotel Athens GREECE	To consider the sustainable development of African Blue Economy	MOWCA is collaborating with the African Shipowners' Association (ASA)

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2 – 6 OCTOBER	Working visit of all MOWCA Ministers to IMO	Headquarters of IMO LONDON – UK	Assistance to member States – Implementation of the joint action plan	A follow up of the audience granted to MOWCA’s SG in June 2022
17 – 21 OCTOBER	72 nd Technical Cooperation Committee of IMO	Online or London (UK)	Assistance sought from IMO	Needs of individual member States and regional programmes and projects
TBD OCTOBER	Visit to DOALOS for the preparation of the 2023 Seminar on maritime boundary delineation	United Nations HQ NEW YORK	To prevent conflicts among member States on the limits of their EEZ	In partnership with DOALOS (UN) and African Union
9 – 11 NOVEMBER	Working visits to partners and stakeholders in Europe (IHO, AILA, European Commission)	Brussels (BELGIUM) and Nice (FRANCE)	To Implement Cooperation agreements with sister Organisations and deploy 2023 programme of action to EU for assistance	MOWCA has signed an MOU with IHO and IALA for training of Hydrographers and Managers of Aids to Navigation
23 – 24 NOVEMBER	Joint IMO/MOWCA Conference on harmonisation of legal instruments for prosecution of pirates caught in the GoG	Abuja NIGERIA	To consider SPOMO Act of Nigeria and Maritime Code of Togo for replication	Follow up action of the audience granted by SG IMO to SG MOWCA in London
8 – 9 DECEMBER	9th session of the Bureau of Ministers	Accra (GHANA)	To assess the implementation of decisions of 15 th and 16 th GA, and to consider current hot issues	Statutory meeting of this Governing body of MOWCA