

Conference Day One: Monday 7th December 2009

08:00 Registration And Coffee

09:00 Chair's Welcome

In-Depth Threat Analysis

09:10 INTRODUCTORY KEYNOTE: An Analysis Of The Current Threats Of Maritime Piracy

- Assessing the evolution of piracy: increased incidences of attempted and successful attacks; changes in the pirates behaviour; geographical trends
- Counting the true costs of the attacks
- Evaluating the challenges faced by the commercial shipping industry in trying to counter these threats

Commander Neil Parsonage

Director

UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), Dubai

09:50 Political Instability In Somalia And The Implications For GCC Maritime Security

- Bolstering political and financial support of the new Somali government
- Working with International military and civil authorities to undermine the legitimacy of piracy
- Tying international support for Somali economic development to explicit anti-piracy initiatives

Hady Amr

Director

Brookings Doha Centre

10:30 Morning Coffee And Networking

11:00 The Impact Of Increased Piracy And Sea Crime On The Commercial Shipping Industry

- The economical and psychological impacts of piracy
- Tackling the issues with practical solutions to mitigate the on-going threats
- Keeping the cost of security low, whilst ensuring crew safety and minimising possible financial losses

Farhad Patel

Assistant General Manager

Sharaf Shipping

Reducing Vulnerability to Attack

11:40 PRACTICAL PREPARATION: Outlining The Current Best Practice Guidelines For The Shipping Industry

- Strategies for mitigating the risks of attack
- Investing in new self-protection technologies
- Debating the pros and cons of utilising private security

Giles Noakes

Head of Maritime Security

BIMCO

12:20 Innovative Strategic Thinking To Counter Piracy

- To get different results you have to think different
- Innovative thinking to gain an alternative viewpoint
- Elite Assault K9 Solutions to combating piracy

Grant Goldin

S.E.A.L. Security

13:00 Networking Lunch

14:10 Reducing Vulnerability Through Multi-National Collaboration

- The coalition forces and Combined Task Force (CTF) 151
- Synchronising planning, intelligence gathering and distribution and overcoming challenges of integration and interoperability
- Future plans for military support to counter pirate attacks; what can commercial organisations expect?

Commander Stein Olav Hagalid

NCAGS/NSC Branch Head

NATO Northwood

14:50 Driving Military And Commercial Cooperation

- Outlining the protection needs of the commercial shipping industry
- Assessing the barriers to greater cooperation and coordination; technical and cultural
- Opening the channels of communication between military operators and commercial shipping companies

Dr Eric Thompson

Director International Affairs Group

Centre for Naval Analysis

15:30 Increased Cooperation And Coordination: Developing A Common Operating Picture To Facilitate Law Enforcement

- The importance of ongoing intelligence sharing
- Technological solutions: establishing a Common Operating Picture between the military and the commercial shipping industry
- Overcoming the cultural barriers to establishing the Common Operating Picture

Senior Representative

Naval Criminal Investigative Service

16:10 Afternoon Coffee And Networking

16:40 International Collaboration Is The Silver Bullet: A Global Space Partnership To Provide Collaboration In Space For International Global Maritime Awareness

- The importance of global maritime awareness in tackling piracy and sea crime
- Understanding the mission of the Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness and possible co-operation with the Arab states
- Current priorities and future plans and the relevance for commercial operators

Guy Thomas

Science & Technology Advisor Global Maritime Awareness

National Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness (OGMSA)

17:20 USCG Efforts To Deter Piracy And Support Stable Maritime Operations

- Developing and improving security directives for commercial vessels to deter piracy
- The risk of arming commercial vessels and possible alternatives
- Coast Guard regulatory authority and security directives releases

Dana Goward

Director, Assessment, Integration, and Risk Management

United States Coast Guard

18:00 End Of Day One