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Concept Note

Workshop on the prevention of workplace accidents and occupational diseases:

***Strengthen the knowledge and capacities of the focal points of the African Network of Institutions
Responsible for the Promotion of Maritime Medicine (RAP2M)
(Tangier, June 4-6, 2026)***

I- General context:

The fisheries sector has become an essential pillar of development for the member states of ATLAFCO. It contributes significantly to food security, job creation, and regional development. However, this economic importance cannot be sustained without serious consideration of the human dimension.

Beyond the technical challenges related to fisheries resource management, Member States face cross-cutting challenges related to the protection of human capital, the improvement of working conditions and the prevention of occupational risks in maritime professions.

In this context, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) appears as a strategic theme capable of uniting States around a common objective: the protection of human capital and the social sustainability of fishing industries.

This priority is all the more urgent given that the maritime environment remains one of the most hostile working environments. Professionals in this sector face high risks of accidents and chronic occupational illnesses on a daily basis. These dangers are a direct consequence of extreme working conditions, characterized by persistent fatigue, the handling of heavy loads, exposure to harsh weather, and the operation of hazardous equipment.

Faced with this critical situation, coordinated action at the regional level has become necessary to reverse the trend. In this context, the Executive Secretariat of ATLAFCO will organize a workshop on the prevention of accidents and occupational diseases in Tangier from June 4th to 6th, 2026.

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II- Workshop Objectives

- General objective:

- Promote compliance with applicable international standards, in particular ILO Convention C188 relating to work on board fishing vessels;
- Strengthening, through the RAP2M network, the capacities of Member States in setting up systems and measures aimed at preventing work-related accidents and occupational diseases to which seafarers are exposed;
- To highlight good practices and initiatives in occupational health and safety.

- Specific objectives:

- Apply the principles of prevention and safety at work in accordance with national and international standards;
- Identify, assess and analyze occupational risks on board fishing vessels;
- To establish mechanisms for monitoring, preventing and controlling work-related accidents and occupational diseases;
- reporting tools and maritime medical intervention devices to effectively manage emergency situations and incidents related to occupational health;
- Promote cooperation between ATLAFCO member states around human and social issues related to maritime professions.

III- Beneficiaries and participants:

- Officials responsible for maritime safety management and the work of seafarers in Member States (ATLAFCO RAPMM Network);
- Occupational and maritime health physician;
- Maritime safety and labour inspectors;
- Resource persons (national and international experts),

IV-Workshop outline:

The workshop will take place over three (3) days and will include seven (7) sessions, distributed as follows:

- Presentations, by Member States, of their national strategy on health and safety at work in the maritime sector;
- Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the previous workshop (Tangier, March 18 and 19, 2025);
- Presentations by experts and resource persons in the field;
- Interactive roundtables between participants;
- Meeting of the RAPMM office;
- Site visit on the last day.

V- Expected results:

- Control of the risks of accidents and occupational diseases on board and proposal of appropriate corrective measures;
- Implementation of an awareness and continuing training plan for fishermen working on board fishing vessels;
- Development of common policies on maritime health and safety in the ATLAFCO region;
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VI-Logistics

The airfare (economy class) and accommodation (hotel) costs for each representative of a Member State as well as invited experts/panelists are the responsibility of ATLAFCO.

Each participant will also receive a per diem from the Executive Secretariat for their living expenses according to the scale applied by ATLAFCO.

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