

**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	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	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	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	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	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	Courtesy 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 MARCH	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
4 – 7 APRIL	Assessment of the implementation of ongoing projects and programmes	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	The need to make recommendation on each, whether to continue, modify or terminate	No formal assessment has been done since 2011
TBD APRIL	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	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
Monday 18 APRIL	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)
20 – 29 APRIL	105 th Maritime Safety Committee of IMO	Online or London (UK)	Partnership with IMO on the subregional coast guard network	Piracy issues in the Gulf of Guinea

9 – 13 MAY	46 th Facilitation Committee of IMO	Online or London (UK)	Transit transport to landlocked member States	Facilitation of international trade
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16 – 17 MAY	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
6 – 10 JUNE	78 th Marine Environment Protection Committee of IMO.	Online or London (UK)	Preparation to face large scale oil pollutions in the Gulf of Guinea	There is a need to have operational plans and to carry out training, exercises
15 – 17 JUNE	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	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
TBD JULY	Working visit with MOWCA's Chairman to IMO Headquarters	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
4 – 5 JULY	Technical meeting with Secretary General of UASC	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	To consider the strategic plan and the issues relating to freight rates and Cargo Tracking Note	MOWCA and Specialised Organs meet based on Art 13 of rules of Procedure

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11 – 12 JULY	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
25 – 26 JULY	Technical meeting with DG of Regional Maritime Academy of Abidjan	SECRETARIAT GENERAL	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
TBD JULY-AUGUST	Working visit with the Chairman to 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 from 2011.
TBD AUGUST	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)

7 – 9 SEPTEMBER	Seminar on maritime boundary delineation	TBD	To prevent conflicts among member States on the limits of their EEZ	In partnership with DOALOS (UN) and African Union
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17 – 21 OCTOBER	72nd Technical Cooperation Committee of IMO	Online or London (UK)	Assistance sought from IMO	Needs of individual member States and regional programmes and projects
9 – 11 NOVEMBER	Working visits 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
8 – 9 DECEMBER	9th session of the Bureau of Ministers	Accra (GHANA)	To assess the implementation of decisions of 16 th GA, and to consider current hot issues	Statutory meeting of this Governing body of MOWCA

