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MACN Spring Meeting: Summary Notes

The purpose of this brief to provide a high-level overview of the activities and outcomes of the MACN Spring Members Meeting. The brief can be shared with management, colleagues, and peers.

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We welcomed over 150 participants at **MACN's Spring Members Meeting**, held at Moltkes Palæ in Copenhagen on April 26 - 27, 2023. The meeting covered a mix of plenary sessions and workshops. On the first day, members had the opportunity to hear from several experts and leaders including Richard Bistrong, Yulia Klymenko, and Allan Pagh Kristensen. In plenary, MACN's partners provided a summary overview on the progress made in MACN's Collective Action Countries and members split up to take part in breakout sessions together with MACN's local partners from Egypt, India, Indonesia and Nigeria after.

The workshops on the second day revolved around challenges faced by different segment working groups and compliance related topics, ranging from incident reporting to seafarer recruitment. It also included a plenary session on a vessel detained in a high-risk country by Control Risks and an update from the MACN Board.

Participants gained useful insights from a range of speakers:

- Richard Bistrong (FCPS, Anti-Bribery, Ethics, and Compliance consultant) shared his experience and journey of corruption to compliance champion.
- We heard from Yulia Klymenko (Member of Parliament of Ukraine, First Deputy of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee at Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine) and Allan Pagh Kristensen (Head of the EU Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine, EUACI) on the importance of integrity and anti-corruption measures in the reconstruction process of Ukraine.
- We were joined by Nick Haddock (Response Consultant, Control Risks Crisis Response Division).

MACN is Growing!

MACN now has 189 members, since last meeting 13 new companies have been welcomed in the Network. Visit the MACN website for the complete list of Members.

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Key governance decisions

In a plenary session, the MACN Chair announced that the Board is recruiting new members to the MACN Board. Dorte Rolff, Brendon Hawley and Kevin Leach Smith are leaving the Board after the Fall Members Meeting (in September 2023). Members can nominate themselves or another member via macn@macn.dk. The MACN Cashier, Oistien Jensen, gave a financial update on the audited 2022 results. MACN's CEO, Cecilia Muller Torbrand and MACN Associate Director, Martin Benderson presented MACNs new 2030 strategy.

Collective Action Countries

During the Country Workshops, we heard from our local partners in Egypt, India, Indonesia, and Nigeria. We discussed how MACN's local partners are supporting and implementing collective action with MACN on the ground. The sessions provided MACN members with the opportunity to interact more closely with the partners and discuss various risks and challenges, and at the same time learn more about the opportunities that lie ahead. In addition, MACN announced plans of expanding its Collective Action work in West Africa and members had the opportunity to share insights through various interactive exercises.

Key highlights of the **Country Workshops** included:

- An update on MACN activities undertaken with the Suez Canal Authorities, followed by a canal transit experience sharing from members over the last 6 months in **Egypt**.
- In **India**, we heard more about MACN's current progress, next steps, HelpDesk success stories, and government support highlights.
- In the **Indonesia** Workshop, members discussed key challenges and mapped out areas where MACN should focus its collective action initiative. Updated guidelines on port entry procedures and port tariffs were presented.
- Collective Action developments in **Nigeria**, including a focus on the process and impact of the HelpDesk – how it works and the roles of different actors.
- In the **West Africa** expansion workshop that took place in the form of an exercise, members mapped challenges and gaps in West African countries with the goal to help MACN prioritize and further solidify our collective action efforts.

Industry Working Groups

In this session, MACN's Industry Working Groups (Container Carriers, Dry&Wet Cargo, Port Agents, P&I Clubs, and Ship Managers) exchanged challenges they face in their respective industry segment.

Key highlights of the **Industry Working Group Workshops** included:

- **Container Carriers Working Group:** Discussions were held on MACN's anonymous reporting and how a risk assessment beyond vessel clearance could be conducted. Furthermore, the Secretariat presented the MACN's Global Port Integrity Platform (GPIP).
- The **Dry&Wet Cargo Working Group** heard from representatives of the Abuja MoU Secretariat where Port State Control (PSC) challenges were highlighted.
- The **Port Agents Working Group** reflected on internal training processes of subagents and dissemination of anti-corruption materials more broadly. Furthermore, the group discussed 3SeaDiligence possibilities for the Port Agent segment and shared ideas and recommendations for further rollout.
- Members shared insights on how MACN can support insurance and **P&I clubs** in Collective Action countries. The discussion focused on implementation of the upcoming correspondents' anti-corruption training and challenges faced by P&I clubs and correspondents.
- **Ship Managers** worked to identify key challenges, define the scope of the (new) working group, and agree on next steps.

Capability Building Sessions

Workshops on Compliance

During a series of compliance workshops, members looked at a number of important topics and exchanged ideas on how we can encourage good anti-corruption practices by evaluating the current contractual landscape. The use of Adverese Media Screening (AMS) in the maritime industry and preliminary discussions on guildelines creation was particularly underlined.

Participants had the option to join a workshop on:

- Incentivizing Commercial Partners to support anti-corruption efforts.
- Practices and Pitfalls of Selling Ships in an increasingly more complex compliance environment.
- Adverse Media Screening – Current Practices and Challenges.
- ESG Reporting – How can we make the governance more relevant and what role does MACN play in that?

How Can We Operationalize Anti-Corruption Compliance?

This interactive workshop was separated into 4 main themes with key takeaways as follows:

- **No Cash Onboard:** Members shared experiences of having no cash onboard vessels.
- **Implementing an Anti-Corruption Policy Onboard:** We heard from the seafarers who first-hand face corrupt demands when in ports and terminals and learned from seafarers how they operationalize the company's Anti-Bribery-Corruption policy onboard.
- **Incident Reporting and Risk Assessment:** This session focused on easing the process of incident reporting and how MACN and members use the data for risk assessment.
- **The Next Generation of Seafarers and Seafarer Recruitment:** Discussions revolved around the corruption risks during the maritime recruitment phase.

Thank you for your excellent participation and ongoing engagement in MACN! We hope to see you at the Fall Members Meeting in Mumbai on 27-28 September 2023!