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Call to Action to Tackle African Maritime Security Threats

A “resounding call to action” to enhance regional co-operation and combat maritime security threats has come out of last month’s African Maritime Forces Summit (AMFS) and Naval Infantry Leadership Symposium (NILS).

Co-hosted by the Ghana Navy in partnership with the United States Naval Forces Africa, the event is understood to have brought together senior naval officers and experts from over 40 countries from four continents, alongside international partners.

Delegates reportedly discussed topics including:

- strategies for co-operation and models for combined operations
- the spectrum of maritime action at sea and in the littorals
- assessing maritime security interventions
- refining global partnerships
- countering and prosecuting illicit maritime activity



Ghana Minister for Defence Dominic Nitiwul (pictured) praised the three-day event for drawing focus on enhancing regional co-operation and capacity building to address maritime security challenges, stated the Ghana Navy.

Ghana Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Issah Yakubu, reportedly emphasised the need for collective action to secure Africa’s oceans.

“We owe ourselves a duty of care to safeguard the oceans for posterity’s sake, and each country, no matter how small, can contribute its quota to this agenda,” said the Rear Admiral.



United States Naval Forces Europe and Africa Commander, Admiral Stuart B Munsch, and United States Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa Commander, Major General Robert Sofge, added: “This summit and symposium demonstrate our shared dedication to maritime security and stability in Africa.”

A United States Marine Forces Europe and Africa link to the event can be found [here](#).

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