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Atlantic Centre debates maritime safety in Pretoria

On the 2nd and 3rd November, the seminar "The Rise of Ocean Regions: Governance Challenges for the Indo-Pacific and the Atlantic" took place in Pretoria, South Africa, in a partnership between the Atlantic Centre, the University of Pretoria and the United Nations University's Centre for Regional Integration Studies.

Over two days, about 35 academics, government officials and students discussed the importance of the oceans for international security and the challenges relating to the governance of maritime spaces in the Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific.

From the South African perspective, the debate addressed issues as diverse as climate change, organised crime and illegal activities at sea, national capacities to exercise sovereignty at sea, and the role of regional organisations. The debate took place under Chatham House rules, allowing for a frank exchange of views on the increasingly dense connections between security in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans.