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Atlantic Centre Meets with UNODC

On January 21, a meeting took place in Lisbon between the Atlantic Centre (AC) and a delegation from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). This delegation was presided by the Director of the Division for Operations, Dr. Bo Mathiasen, and Dr. Kaitlin Meredith.

The AC Coordinator chaired the meeting, which provided an opportunity to present current initiatives, planned activities for the year, and discuss the “Visit, Board, Search and Seizure” (VBSS) project for Cabo Verde, in which UNODC is a partner.

As a United Nations office, UNODC has played a highly significant role worldwide through its normative expertise, research, regional and global programs, and extensive network of contacts, including its representations in Member States. UNODC has collaborated with AC since the Centre’s inauguration, actively participating in various initiatives and projects.

Maritime security in the Atlantic space is one of UNODC’s strategic areas, particularly in the Gulf of Guinea region, through the “*Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP)*” aimed at combating maritime crime.