

Opening Remarks
Deputy Chief of Mission Sandra Clark
Developing a Risk Assessment for Maritime Ports Training Event
Radisson Blu
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Dear Course Coordinators, Facilitators and Participants,

I would like to welcome all of you to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security International Counterproliferation Program training event. The International Counterproliferation Program is intended to build partnerships. It also and assists international law enforcement, customs, border, and port security officials in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and related materials. Today's theme is "Developing a Risk Assessment for Maritime Ports." The objective is to assist the Government of Senegal with access control, cargo screening and physical security of the port of Dakar. This training is designed to give you the tools to confront trafficking issues in the future.

You will learn how to identify and mitigate risks connected with weapons of mass destruction at port and maritime facilities. You will also learn how to identify, assess, and apply risk assessment methodologies -- as well as to quantify risk reduction.

The proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction is directly connected with trafficking of people, narcotics, of small arms, and other items. So, while we hope that you will not encounter proliferation threats, you will have skills that will be immediately applicable in a multitude of practical on-the-job situations.

I hope that you will enjoy this course and find much of benefit in it. In closing, I would like to thank you for your participation. I would like to thank the instructors and those from our Embassy who organized this program.

I would also like to thank the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency's International Counterproliferation Program, Homeland Security Investigations, and the United States Coast Guard for providing this opportunity.

I wish you a successful course. Thank you!