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About the project

Launched in 2006, the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) Project is a partnership between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Ipieca, the global oil and gas association for advancing environmental and social performance across the energy transition, to enhance the capacity of partner countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.

The mission is to strengthen the national system for preparedness and response in case of an oil spill impacting any of 22 West, Central and Southern African countries in accordance with the provisions set out in the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC 90).

To achieve its mission, the GI WACAF Project organizes and delivers workshops, seminars and exercises, that aim to communicate good practice in all aspect of spill preparedness and response, drawing on expertise and experience from within governments, industry and other organizations working in this specialized field.

To prepare and implement these activities, the Project relies on a network of dedicated government and industry focal points. Promoting cooperation amongst all relevant government agencies, oil industry business units and stakeholders both nationally, regionally, and internationally is a major objective of the Project during these activities.

GI WACAF operates and delivers activities with contributions from both the IMO and six oil company members of Ipieca, namely Azule Energy, bp, Chevron, Eni, ExxonMobil, Shell, TotalEnergies.



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2023 activities overview

Legend:

Online trainings and webinars

GI WACAF National activities implemented
(remote and in-country)

GI WACAF Sub-regional activities implemented

External engagements

Date	Countries/ stakeholders involved	Location of activity	Type of activity	Topic
February	Guinea Bissau	In-country	National Workshop	Pursuit of initiated work for the set-up of a national spill re- sponse system
March	Ipieca members	London	External engagement	Ipieca week and Marine Spill Group
April - May	Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea	Remote	Remote assistance	Review of each country's national legislative integration of IMO Conventions
May	Angola	In-country	External Engagement	Participation as an external observer in ExxonMobil large scale oil spill response exercise
June	The Gambia, bp	In-country	National workshop	Shoreline risk assessment and stakeholder meetings
June	Nigeria	In-country	National workshop	Oiled Wildlife Contingency Plan
June	Public	In-country	Remote, Webinar	Modelling of an oil drift

Legend:

Online trainings and webinars

GI WACAF National activities implemented
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September	The Gambia	In-country	National Workshop	Oil Spill Contingency Planning
October	Namibia, Shell, TotalEnergies	In-country	National Workshop/ External engagement	Roles and responsibilities between Government and Industry in the case of an oil spill, Incident Management Systems
October	Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea	Togo	Sub-regional Workshop	Legal assistance on the ratification, transposition, and effective implementation of IMO Conventions
November	South Africa, Namibia, Angola	South Africa	Sub-regional Workshop	Dispersant use policies
November	Mauritania	In-country	National workshop	Update of the POLMAR plan and development of Dispersant Use Policy
December	Ipieca members	Remote	External Engagement	Marine Spill Group
December	Local Industry stakeholders	Remote	External engagement (remote)	Local industry Engagement teleconference

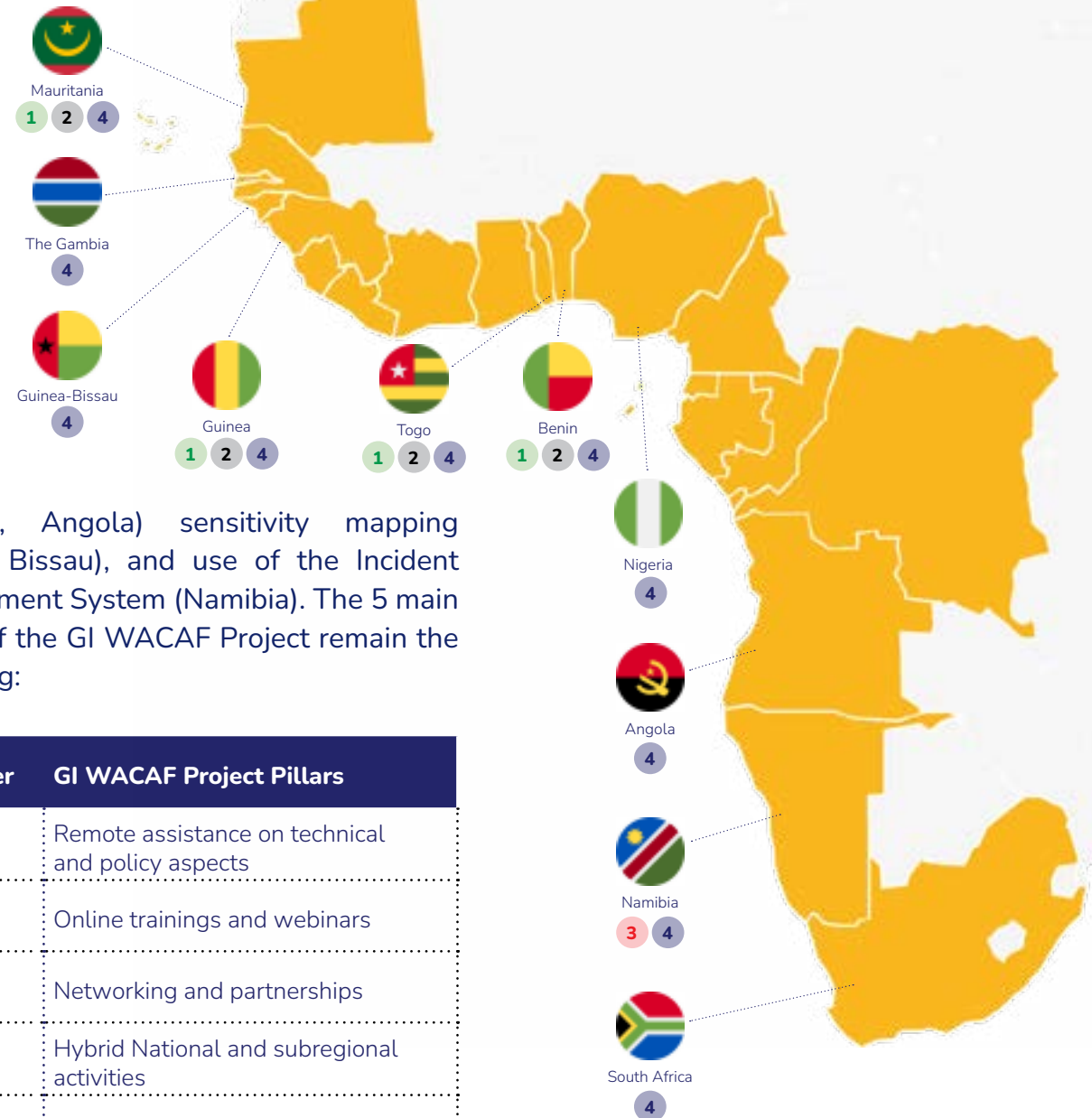
2023 review

The year 2023 marked the launch of the 2023-2024 biennium's action plan, act on the recommendations and priorities defined by the partner Countries and Industries during the 2022 Regional Conference in Accra, Ghana. With a new team, the project defined new activity formats to adapt better to each country's needs in terms of preparedness and response to accidental oil spills at sea. This approach led to a successful and promising year, working with 10 of our 22 partner countries, while fostering collaboration between national stakeholders (Mauritania, Namibia, the Gambia) and industries bp, Shell and TotalEnergies.

In-country activities addressed the subjects of National Contingency Planning (national activities in the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria), integration of IMO Conventions into national law (Sub-regional activity gathering Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea) as well as Dispersant Use policies (Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, South Africa,

Namibia, Angola) sensitivity mapping (Guinea Bissau), and use of the Incident Management System (Namibia). The 5 main pillars of the GI WACAF Project remain the following:

Number	GI WACAF Project Pillars
1	Remote assistance on technical and policy aspects
2	Online trainings and webinars
3	Networking and partnerships
4	Hybrid National and subregional activities
5	Regional Conference



Building on approaches begun in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the delivery of remote assistance became, in 2023, a recurring initial step for the implementation of workshops – in the form of reviews of national plans, of legislation and/or teleconferences introducing each activity.

The initial phase of the sub-regional workshop on implementation of IMO Conventions, involving Togo, Mauritania, Benin and Guinea began with a review of each country's national legislation on oil pollution, liability and compensation. This review enabled the production of recommendations on which a sub-regional workshop, delivered 6 months later, was based. Remote assistance also played a big part in the success of this activity with The Gambia, allowing for more productive in-country workshops, notably regarding stakeholder mapping. This was also helpful with Guinea Bissau, with remote working sessions on sensitivity mapping, reminding the fundamentals and methodological basics and defining a pre-workshop action plan.

Mid-2023, the GI WACAF secretariat organized a webinar discussing oil slick drift modelling. Open for public registration, the webinar's main objective was to introduce participants to the techniques, advantages and limits of modeling in the context of oil spill response.

Despite the success of the webinar, the relevance of the format was discussed with the Steering Committee, and it was decided that webinar series, in their informative state, were not as relevant today for GI WACAF as during the Covid-19 pandemic, especially considering that other external partners also have their own series that could be referred to in case of need from partner countries. In that sense, a new form of telecommunication with partners was embarked upon to leverage the unique benefits of GI WACAF membership. This resulted in the establishment of the Industry Engagement Teleconference, gathering local industry stakeholders to present on their recent actions or workshops in the region regarding oil spill preparedness and response, referring to the third pillar of the project.

The goal of such an event is to :

- 1) raise awareness around GI WACAF actions and progress, and
- (2) ensure alignment between industry activities and GI WACAF activities in the field of Oil Spill Preparedness and Response (OSPR). A similar initiative is being organized for national stakeholders, and will take place before the end of the biennium.

The next GI WACAF Regional Conference will be held in 2024, at the end of the current biennium.

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2023 GI WACAF remote activities

Oil Drift Modelling Webinar

Dates: 28 June 2023

Remote

External expertise: MeteoFrance, Cedre

This webinar focused on predictive Oil spill drift modeling as a tool to prepare for and respond to oil spills at sea. The event was open for public registration and delivered in French and in English.

Consultants from MeteoFrance and Cedre displayed different types of modeling software, defined the advantages and limits of modeling, and demonstrated oil spill drift modelling using both WebGnome and MOTHY models. The main outcomes of this webinar were a technical introduction to modeling as a tool, as well as the sharing of knowledge of what to consider when using a modeling tool.

Review of National legislative status regarding IMO Conventions and their transposition into national legislation – Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea

Dates: April-May 2023

Remote

External expertise: Allegans

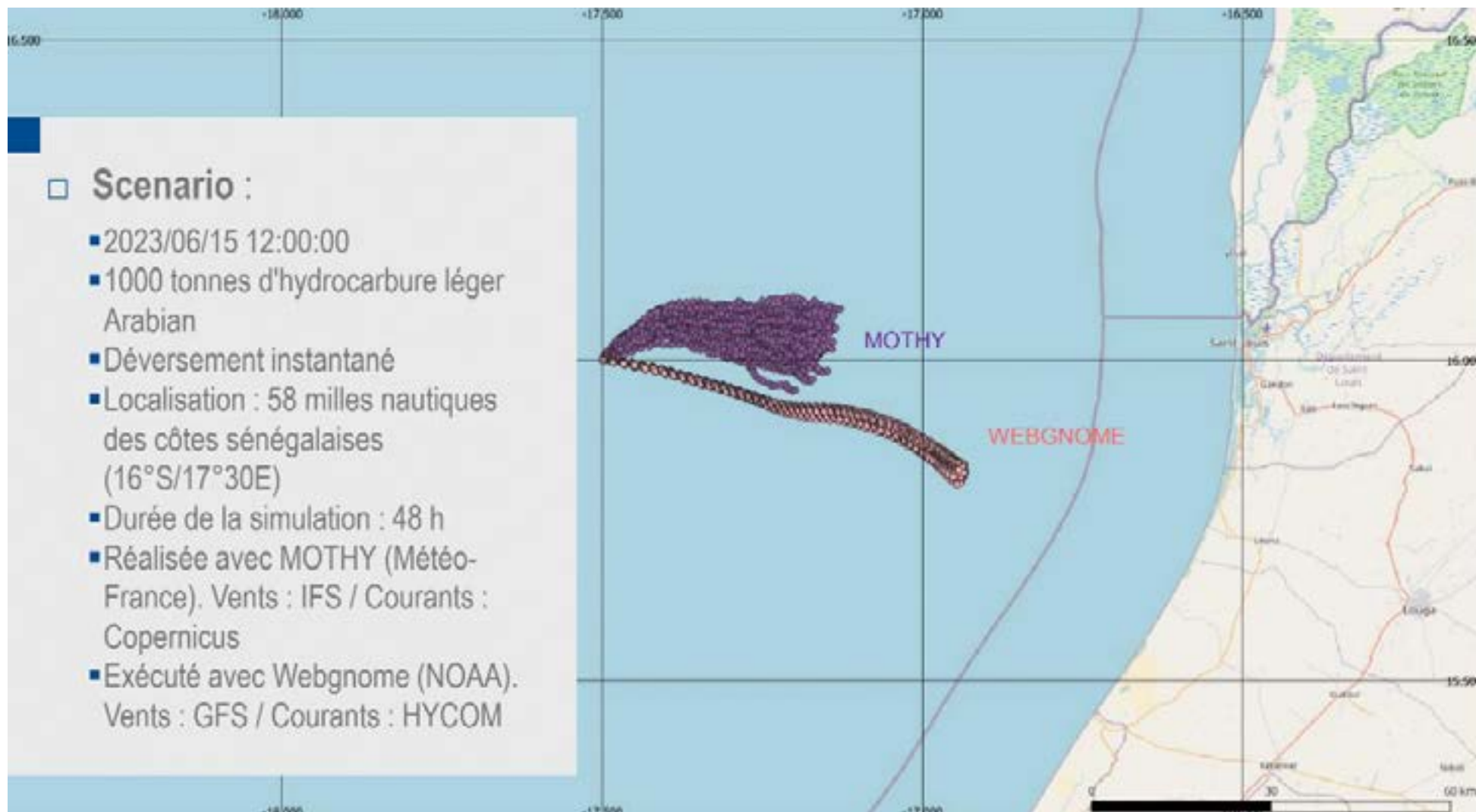
This year, the GI WACAF continued its support to Togo, Mauritania, Benin and Guinea, by providing legal assistance in two phases. The first phase was remote, launched by an introduction webinar in April 2023, followed by an in-country Sub-regional workshop in Lome, Togo, in October 2023 (second phase, see GI WACAF Activities overview).

The outcome of the introduction webinar was to share knowledge on effective transposition of IMO conventions to national legislation. The remote element which

followed was a review of the respective national legislation on oil pollution, liability and compensation. This enabled the identification of possible gaps in existing legislation and resulted in recommendations for the transposition of the relevant IMO conventions into national legislation and their effective implementation. This review resulted in a report submitted to each country.

This set the foundations for a productive in-country Sub-regional workshop, detailed below.





IMO Conventions involved and discussed during this activity were (1) the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC 90), the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (LLMC), the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC), the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (FUNDS), and the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BUNKER).

2023 GI WACAF activities overview

Guinea Bissau - National workshop on the National Spill Response

Dates: 20-24 February 2023

Location: Institute of Biodiversity and Protected Areas (IBAP)

External expertise: OTRA

In partnership with: PRCM

In 2022, as part of the development and implementation of its national spill management system, Guinea Bissau had requested support from the GI WACAF and the PRCM (Regional Partnership for Coastal and Marine Conservation in West Africa) to help it ratify the relevant international conventions, develop its national oil spill contingency plan (NOSCP), its national policy on the use of dispersants, develop sensitivity maps, and implementation of its national spill management system.

To continue these efforts, a workshop was organized in February 2023 in Bissau, with the aim of bringing together the national technical committee and providing technical assistance to the national consultants in drafting the NOSCP.

Hosted by the Secretary of State for Environment and Biodiversity of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the Institute of Biodiversity and Protected Areas, this workshop had the following objectives:

- 1) Clarify and consolidate the operational plan and the national organization for preparedness and response in case of spills
- 2) Support the development of sensitivity maps as well as
- 3) Support the development of the national dispersant use policy.



The Gambia - National workshops on Shoreline Risk assessment, stakeholder meetings (1) and Oil Spill Contingency Planning (2)

Dates: 12-16 June 2023 and 11-15 September 2023

Location: Field / The Metzy Residence Hotel, Kololi, the Gambia
External expertise: Marittima Ltd, ITOPF
In partnership with: PRCM

The Republic of The Gambia has, in recent years, made considerable progress in establishing the conditions necessary to respond to oil spills. Progress was demonstrated through the declaration of a competent authority to deal with marine incidents, the ratification of relevant International Agreements, and their subsequent implementation.

The Gambia has been working to strengthen its national capacities through the process of preparing a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP). The Gambia's general objective is to establish a mechanism to respond to situations of spills of oil and other hazardous substances, or situations of imminent threat

of such spills - to define the responsibilities of the intervening entities and to establish the competencies of the authorities responsible for carrying out the tasks. To accelerate this work, in 2022, The Gambia formally requested assistance from the GI WACAF regarding the development of its NOSCP. Two in-country workshops were organized in The Gambia in 2023: a first workshop dedicated to a shoreline risk assessment and stakeholder mapping (funded by PRCM), and a second workshop (funded by the GI WACAF) focusing on the National Plan itself. Both workshops were hosted by the Gambia Maritime Administration.

June 2023 Workshop

This first workshop consisted of an initial fact-finding mission to meet relevant stakeholders, request necessary data and documents from key stakeholders and become familiar with existing emergency response processes and oil spill response-related capacity. The field-based component of the mission was intended to capture an overview of key environmental and socioeconomic sensitivities, capture an operational snapshot and other context-specific information. GI WACAF met with 16 key stakeholders during this visit.



September 2023 Workshop

The aim of this workshop was to train key entities on the fundamentals of oil spill response, following the standard format and content of the IMO OPRC training courses, but tailored to be relevant to the specific risks and conditions identified in The Gambia.

The workshop had the secondary aim of conducting round table sessions with key stakeholders to foster discussion and finalize roles and responsibilities, the organization of a response from both an inter and intra-agency perspective, and to define specific response strategies that will be included in the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP).

A total of 40 participants (from 19 departments/organizations) attended this second workshop.



Nigeria - National workshop on Oiled Wildlife contingency plan

Dates: 20-23 June 2023

Location: The Rockview Royale Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria

External expertise: SANCOOB, ITOFF

In recent years, Nigeria has been impacted by several oil spill incidents. In 2023, Nigeria wished to initiate the development of its national Oiled Wildlife Contingency Plan. The national Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) took the lead in the development of such a Plan, in collaboration and coordination with government agencies, environmental organizations, oil industry and local communities. The Oiled Wildlife Contingency Plan that will be developed is expected to expand the toolbox of response measures for oil spills and will complement the NOSCP.

Hosted by NOSDRA, the workshop gathered 120 participants, with the objective of presenting and providing training to relevant national stakeholders on the scope oiled wildlife preparedness through technical presentations, case studies and table-top exercises.

The objectives of this workshop were as follows:

- Introduction to oiled wildlife
- Understanding key principles of oiled wildlife preparedness and
- Discussion on how to setup a national oiled wildlife Contingency Plan

Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea - Sub-regional Legal Assistance workshop on the ratification, transposition and effective implementation of IMO Conventions

Dates: 11-13 October 2023

Location: Sancta Maria Hotel, Lome, Togo
External expertise: Allegans

After the review of each country's national legislative status regarding IMO Conventions and their integration in national legislation (see above), the Togolese Ministry of Maritime Economy, Fisheries and Coastal Protection hosted a sub-regional event, gathering delegates from Guinea, Mauritania and Benin, in addition to in-country stakeholders from Togo. Overall, 16 participants attended the workshop.

The overall objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of the countries invited regarding legal and institutional aspects of preparedness and response to oil spills. The workshop provided delegates with:

- Essential knowledge on the provisions and obligations associated with the ratification of the various IMO conventions related to pollution preparedness and response, and liability and compensation
- Thorough understanding of the technical context through which these conventions operate, in addition to knowledge on good practice on the effective implementation of the respective conventions
- An understanding of the process of transposition into domestic law of the respective Conventions and the relevant issues to be addressed and
- Networking opportunities between delegates from the region to enhance regional cooperation. The active participation and the expertise of all delegates were greatly appreciated and were key to the success of this workshop.



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South Africa, Namibia, Angola - Sub-regional workshop on Dispersant use policies

Dates: 31 October – 2 November 2023

Location: Emperor's Palace,
Johannesburg, South Africa
External expertise: OSRL

Angola, Namibia and South Africa show ongoing progress around the use of dispersants on national levels and would highly benefit from sharing and discussing their national dispersant use policy. In this context, the GI WACAF Project, propose the three neighboring countries to organize such a workshop to foster discussions, and cooperation between Angola, Namibia and South Africa on the subject of dispersant use.

Hosted but the Department of Transport and the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), this workshop gathered 26 stakeholders from South Africa, Namibia and Angola, with the aim of discussing respective national dispersant use policies in the light of transboundary cooperation.

The workshop aimed to:

- Encourage alignment of the countries' understanding of dispersant use and regulations
- Sharing and exchanging on respective national dispersant use policies
- Assessing national needs and priorities when utilizing dispersant as a response strategy.

To these ends, the dispersant workshop covered:

- The science and experience relating to dispersant use (and relevant to dispersant policy development)
- The role of dispersant in preparedness and response in the context of Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA)
- Key elements to be included in national dispersant use regulation
- Cross boundary issues and opportunities for cooperation, as well as potential support from international governments and industry
- Recognized sources of international good practice.



Mauritania - National workshop on the update of the POLMAR plan and development of Dispersant use policy

Dates: 20-24 November 2023

Location: El Khater Hotel, Nouakchott, Mauritania

External expertise: OTRA

During the 9th Regional Conference, the Mauritanian national authorities expressed their wish to update their National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (POLMAR Plan 2016) and to develop national regulations on the use of dispersants.

An initial review of the POLMAR plan identified three areas of work to improve the national pollution response system, which have been approved by the Mauritanian Maritime Affairs Agency (AMAM). Those areas of work take into consideration discussions and requests from national authorities (2023 and earlier), feedback from exercises with the GI WACAF and feedback from authorities.

Hosted by Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, this workshop brought together Mauritanian stakeholders in the fields of pollution response at sea and on land, and the use of dispersants. The overall aim of the workshop was to improve Mauritania's national response system. This was achieved through working sessions on three main themes:

- Improving the national response system at sea (POLMAR Plan)
- Development of the national response system on land
- Developing national regulation on the use of dispersants.



Namibia - Roles and responsibilities between Government and Industry in the case of an Oil Spill, IMS

Dates: 11-13 October 2023

Location: Indigo Hotel, Walvis Bay, Namibia

Mandated expertise: RS International Spill Solutions Ltd.

Industries involved: Shell, TotalEnergies

Hosted by the Ministry of Works and Transports, this workshop gathered 32 stakeholders, from the Namibian government as well as from Shell and TotalEnergies.

The aim of the workshop was to analyze how under a Unified Command structure the Namibian Government and Private Sector Actor could manage an incident in a collaborative manner, enabling a more effective and seamless management of an unforeseen event that has a potential for significant impact to the national waters of Namibia. In that sense the general objective was to foster cooperation between national authorities and industry by discussing roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in the event of an incident.

The specific objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- Reinforcing national stakeholder's knowledge of the Incident Management System
- For industry to provide an insight into their current campaigns and strategies to deal with an incident involving a company operated offshore asset
- For Government to provide clarification on policies and procedures
- To determine opportunities for a Unified Command approach based on a given exercise scenario.



External meetings, conferences and engagements

Exercise Palanca Negra Gigante, Angola

November 2023

ExxonMobil organized, from the 15th to the 18th of May 2023, a large-scale oil spill response exercise, called “Palanca Negra Gigante”. The oil spill strategy for the response major well release in Esso Angola’s Block 15 ahead of extended drilling was implemented. The aim of this full-scale exercise was to demonstrate ability to rapidly scale up Esso Angola’s IMT to respond effectively to a Tier 3 incident including source control. This has been accomplished through:

- Mix of in-person in Angola and hub participation; possibility to benefit from training/knowledge transfer
- First-ever wells scenario in EAME/AP
- Opportunity to partner with/test mutual aid, WASP, and Angolan ministries

- Significant testing of SCAT, enhanced COP, Wildlife, and transboundary issues

The GI WACAF has been invited to present a GIWACAF Overview and to be an exercise observer.

Ipieca week & Marine Spill Group, London

March and December 2023

The GI WACAF participated to the annual Ipieca Week, during which took place the Marine Spill Group, an Ipieca working group that aims to develop and disseminate good practices worldwide, to enable industry and stakeholders to improve oil spill preparedness and response. The GI WACAF, as a Project involved in the spreading of good practices, is invited to take part in this group's meetings to stay up to date on the developments in the field. This is the opportunity to have updates on other GIs: OSPRI, and GI SEA.

Industry Engagement Teleconference, Remote

December 2023

The aim of this teleconference is to gather local industry members of GI WACAF through the West, Central and Southern African region, in a remote teleconference format, to share and exchange about GI WACAF and Industry activities in the field of OSPR. This new initiative is planned to take place three times per biennium. Our objectives are to:

- Link with local industry actors
- Ensure coherence between activities organized by Industry and GI WACAF activities in the field of OSPR
- Raise awareness around GI WACAF actions and progress.

Our first Industry Engagement teleconference took place in December 2023, with presentations from GI WACAF, ExxonMobil, TotalEnergies and Shell.



Institutions we work with



PRCM

Guinea Bissau, in 2022 and again in 2023, has benefited from both GI WACAF and PRCM assistance in its process of writing a National Spill Contingency Plan. PRCM Members include organizations from most of the countries of the western African coast (Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Mauritania, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Benin, Siera Leone) , as well as several European countries (Spain, Belgium).



World Bank – WACA Program

Since 2020, the GI WACAF project has been cooperating with the World Bank through the WACA Program (West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program), to participate in the drafting of a report on marine and coastal pollution and pressures in West and Central Africa. This cooperation with the World Bank and WACA Program is promising and places the action of the GI WACAF within a broader perspective in the protection of the marine and coastal environment, giving its full meaning to the project.



BCC

The Benguela Current Convention (BCC) has acted in South Africa, Namibia and Angola since 2007. It sets out these countries' intentions to promote a coordinated regional approach to the long-term conservation, protection, rehabilitation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem in order to provide economic, environmental and social benefits.



Network of trained and dedicated GI WACAF Focal Points across the region

The GI WACAF relies on a network of Focal Points from governments and industry to ensure the effective implementation of the work plan. Every year, the involvement of our Focal Points is critical to the successful delivery of our program. We seize this opportunity to thank all the GI WACAF Focal Points, and especially those acknowledged below, for their commitment and proactive contribution to the achievements of the GI WACAF objectives.

Mr. Wandifa Saidyleigh, The Gambia

Director of The Gambia Maritime Administration (GMA), Wandifa Saidyleigh has been particularly proactive as a focal point, enabling noticeable progress in Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in The Gambia. His team hosted two in-country workshops in 2023, with constant remote communication with GI WACAF to ensure progress.

El Vadil Sidatty, Mauritania

Director General of the Mauritanian Agency of Maritime Affairs (Agence Mauritanienne des Affaires Maritimes), El Vadil Sidatty's engagement with the GI WACAF enabled Mauritanian delegates to attend 2 workshops this year, amongst which one subregional and one national.

Consultants we worked with in 2023

The GI WACAF would also like to thank the external consultants working with the countries for their engagement in the project and for the sharing of their valuable knowledge. This year, we have collaborated directly with the following consultants:

Activity of involvement	Organization	Consultant name(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guinea Bissau - Set-up of National Spill Response System Mauritania - Update of the POLMAR plan and development of Dispersant Use Policy 	OTRA	Lindsay Page-Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guinea Bissau - Set-up of National Spill Response System 	OTRA	Jean-Yves Huet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea - Review of each country's national legislative integration of IMO Conventions, Legal assistance on the ratification, transposition, and effective implementation of IMO Conventions 	Allegans	Yann Rabuteau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Togo, Mauritania, Benin, Guinea - Legal assistance on the ratification, transposition, and effective implementation of IMO Conventions 	KBR Avocats	Karine Bouquet

Activity of involvement	Organization	Consultant name(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modeling of an oil slick online seminar 	Meteo France	Pierre Daniel
	Cedre	Vincent Gouriou
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gambia, Shoreline risk assessment and stakeholder meetings, Oil Spill Contingency Planning 	Marittima	Nicky Cariglia
	Itopf	Franck Laruelle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Namibia, Roles and responsibilities between Government and Industry in the case of an oil spill, Incident Management Systems 	RS International Spill Solutions	Richard Sims
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigeria, Oiled Wildlife Contingency Planning 	SANCOOB	Monica Stassen
	Itopf	Lauren Fearenga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Africa, Namibia, Angola, Sub-regional workshop on dispersant use policies 	OSRL	Sarah Hall

GI WACAF Communication

Newsletter

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LinkedIn Page

The Project's LinkedIn page has now reached the 1000 followers thanks to the GI WACAF team's efforts to implement a new content strategy and provide the followers with both regular and diversified updates.

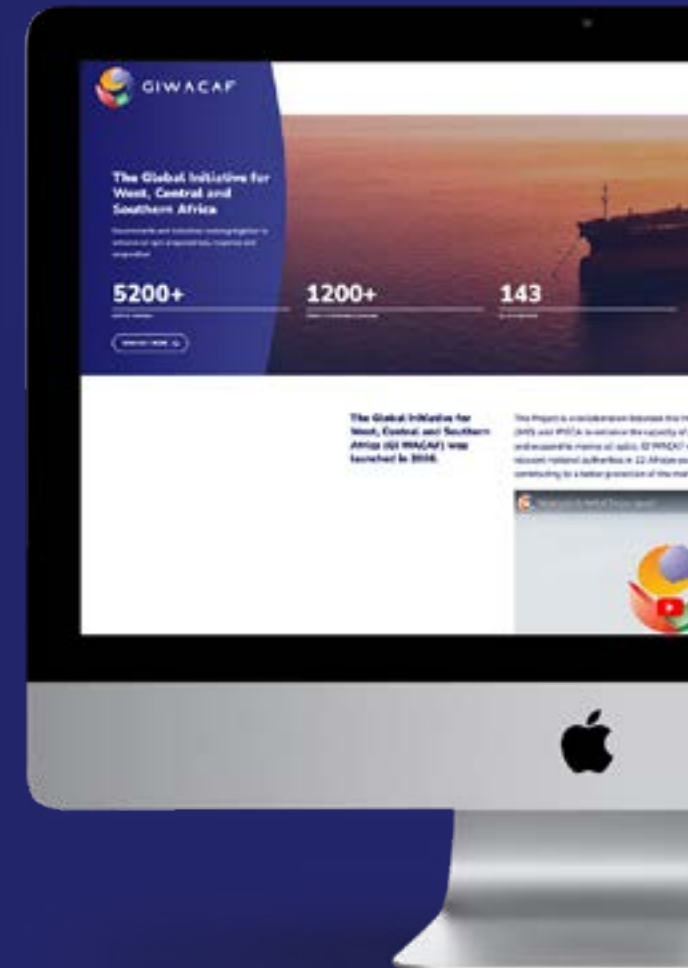
YouTube

The GI WACAF team has launched, in 2020, a YouTube channel to broadcast webinars' replay videos, as well as animated infographics to illustrate the activities carried out and the results obtained.



Website

Activities, conferences, workshops and exercises organized by the GI WACAF are regularly summarized and made publicly available on the project's dedicated website.



Planned activities for 2024

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2024 will host the 10th Regional Conference, marking the end of the Ninth biennium (and the beginning of the 10th). The Regional Conference will take place at the end of the year (Q4), and will gather representatives from every partner Country and industries involved in the Project.

Along with the Regional Conference organization, the GI WACAF will undertake remote reviews of National Oil Spill Contingency plans and in-country workshops on National Oil Spill Contingency planning this year. Countries involved with the GI WACAF in 2024 will most likely be Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Mauritania.





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