

GI WACAF Annual Report 2008



In 2008 the level of regional preparedness increased by 6% rising from 32% to 38% (of 43 assessed indicators). Tangible results were recorded in the region evidenced by the development of oil spill sensitivity mapping and the finalisation of National Oil Spill Contingency Plans (NOSCP) in a number of countries. In 2008, five workshops were delivered involving more than 200 delegates. Countries demonstrated growing commitment in terms of funding and efforts delivered to strengthen their oil spill response capability. The overall management of the GI WACAF project was enhanced in 2008 through the appointment of 15 officially designated government focal points and the identification of a further 31 industry focal points.

The communication of the project was also improved with more than 3000 visitors to our website www.giwacaf.org and the biannual news-letters read by more than 500 individuals. In addition, the profile of the GI WACAF project was further raised through papers presented at several regional and international conferences, aimed at promoting the achievements of the project so far.

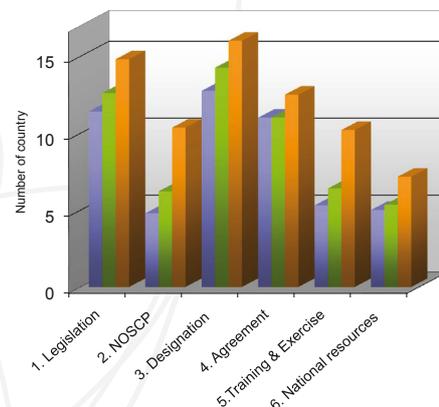
Progress achieved in 2008

Good progress was achieved in 2008 toward the objective of the biennium. These objectives were established by our government focal points during the regional biennial launch held in Congo in December 2007.

Six countries were particularly active and contributed towards increasing the level of oil spill preparedness in the region. Actions were driven by the GI WACAF government focal points (pictured below) with the support of various national working groups and the technical input of the local business units.

Status of preparedness in December 2008 and objectives 2010

- Status December 07
- Status December 2008
- Objectives December 2009



Nigeria: the ESI Mapping is under development and already covers the Delta region. The dispersant use policy is being updated.

National focal point for Nigeria, Mr. Idriss Musa



Democratic Republic of Congo: The NOSCP is finalised. The OPRC 90, CLC92 and Fund 92 Conventions were submitted to the assembly.

National focal point for DR Congo, Mr. Jean Paul Nyembo



Gabon: The oil spill sensitivity maps are under development, the first draft is due in April 2009. The NOSCP was tested with the involvement of the industry.

National focal point for Gabon, Mr. Maganga



Cape Verde: The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan was finalised in October 2008. The NOSCP was submitted for approval in October.

National focal point for Cape Verde, Mr. Rosario Lopes



Togo: the NOSCP is finalised and will be launched in 2009.

National focal point for Togo, Mr. Yawo Tenou



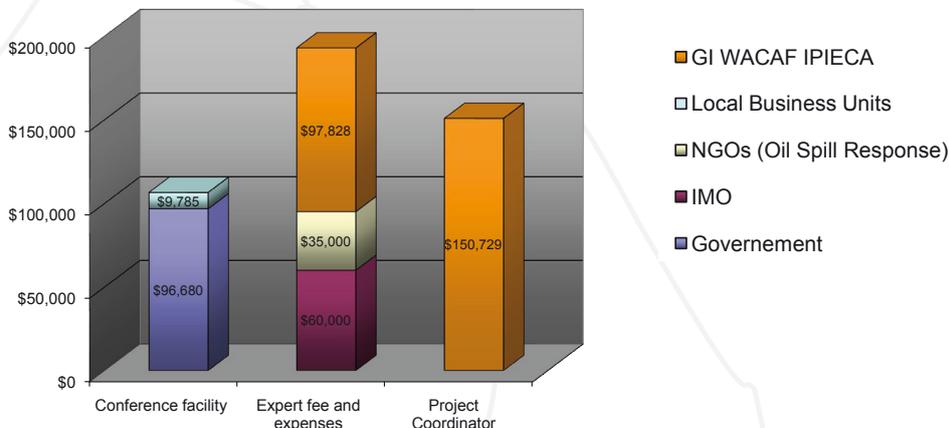
Senegal: "HASSMAR" was identified as the national authority in charge of oil spill preparedness and response issues and the NOSCP was officially approved.

National focal point for Senegal, Mr. Babacar Ba

Funding and in-kind support

The total funding for 2008 is 450,000 USD. This includes 96,000 USD provided by governments to host workshops. This financial commitment reflects a growing willingness to promote oil spill response capability in the region. IMO and IPIECA funded instructors and received the in kind support of experts from Oil Spill Response in Ghana and Nigeria.

GI WACAF funding in 2008



Activities delivered

In 2008, five national workshops were delivered and hosted by the GI WACAF government and industry focal points. The workshops enabled the review, testing and update of the NOSCP and specific training on oil spill response management. Training programmes and targeted workshops were highly customised to the requirements of the government focal points and the local business units. In 2008, our workshops were more practical and included table top exercises and deployment of equipment with the support of local business units. This trend will continue in 2009.

Gabon, 25 delegates, 25-27 Nov 08

The workshop enabled a test of the NOSCP with all the concerned authorities. The oil industry provided their input in the test of the NOSCP through a table top exercise.

Equatorial Guinea, 4-7 Nov 08

Presentation of the GI WACAF project at the 12th African Oil, Gas and Minerals, Trade and Finance Conference and Exhibition.

Nigeria, 80 delegates, 28-30 Oct 08

The oil industry members provided their input to the review of the National Environmental Sensitivity Index Mapping developed by National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) and also the review the national dispersant use policy.

Ghana, 79 delegates, 24-26 Sept 08

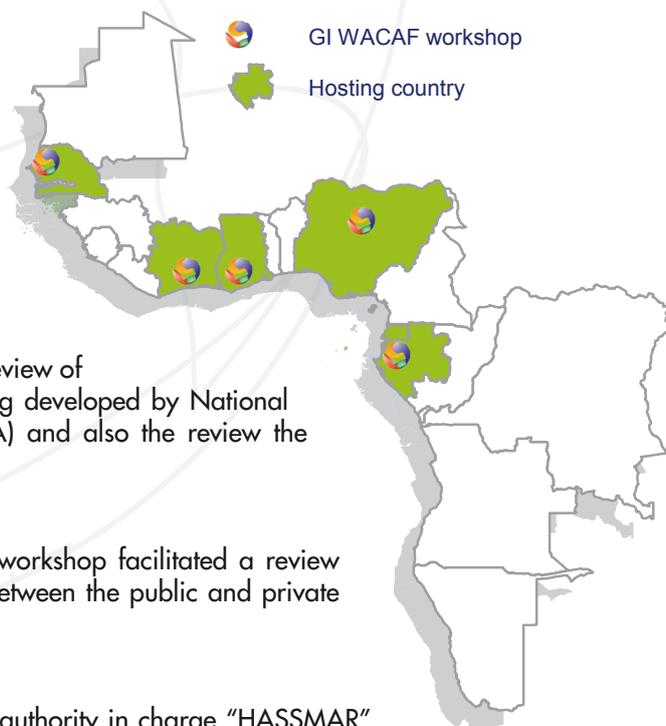
Focussing on Ghana's offshore Oil Production, this workshop facilitated a review of the NOSCP and facilitated partnership building between the public and private sector.

Senegal, 35 delegates, 5-9 May 08

The NOSCP was launched at this workshop and the authority in charge "HASSMAR" was established with the support of the Société Africaine de Raffinage (SAR).

Cote d'Ivoire, 28 delegates, 28-31 Jan 08

Delegates were trained in environmental sensitivity mapping and the NOSCP was tested in partnership with Shell Cote d'Ivoire.



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