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Annual report

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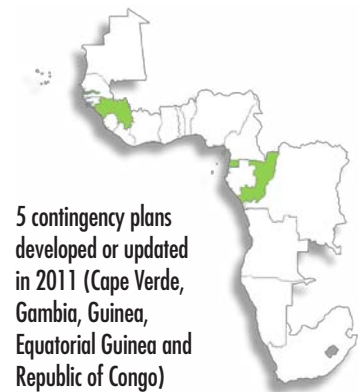


In 2011 the GI WACAF Project performed very well with more activities, more people and better results. 5 contingency plans were updated or developed, 3 oil spill sensitivity maps were produced and 783 participants were trained. The present report summarizes the outcome of our various and fruitful activities.

5 new National Oil Spill Contingency Plans developed or updated in 2011

In December 2011, a total of 18 (+2 since December 2010) contingency plans were developed in the region. From the benchmark assessed in April 2006, this shows an increase of 157% (then 7 plans had been developed and only 3 approved).

5 of these plans were updated in 2010 which represents a significant improvement compared to previous years. The government focal points are more and more active in developing their national oil spill response capabilities. Contingency plans are available on the GI WACAF website under: <http://giwacaf.org/docu.asp>.



12 oil spill sensitivity maps produced in the region

During the launch of the project in 2006, the development of oil spill sensitivity maps was identified as a gap in preparedness. In 2007, a regional approach was launched for the harmonised development of oil spill sensitivity maps.

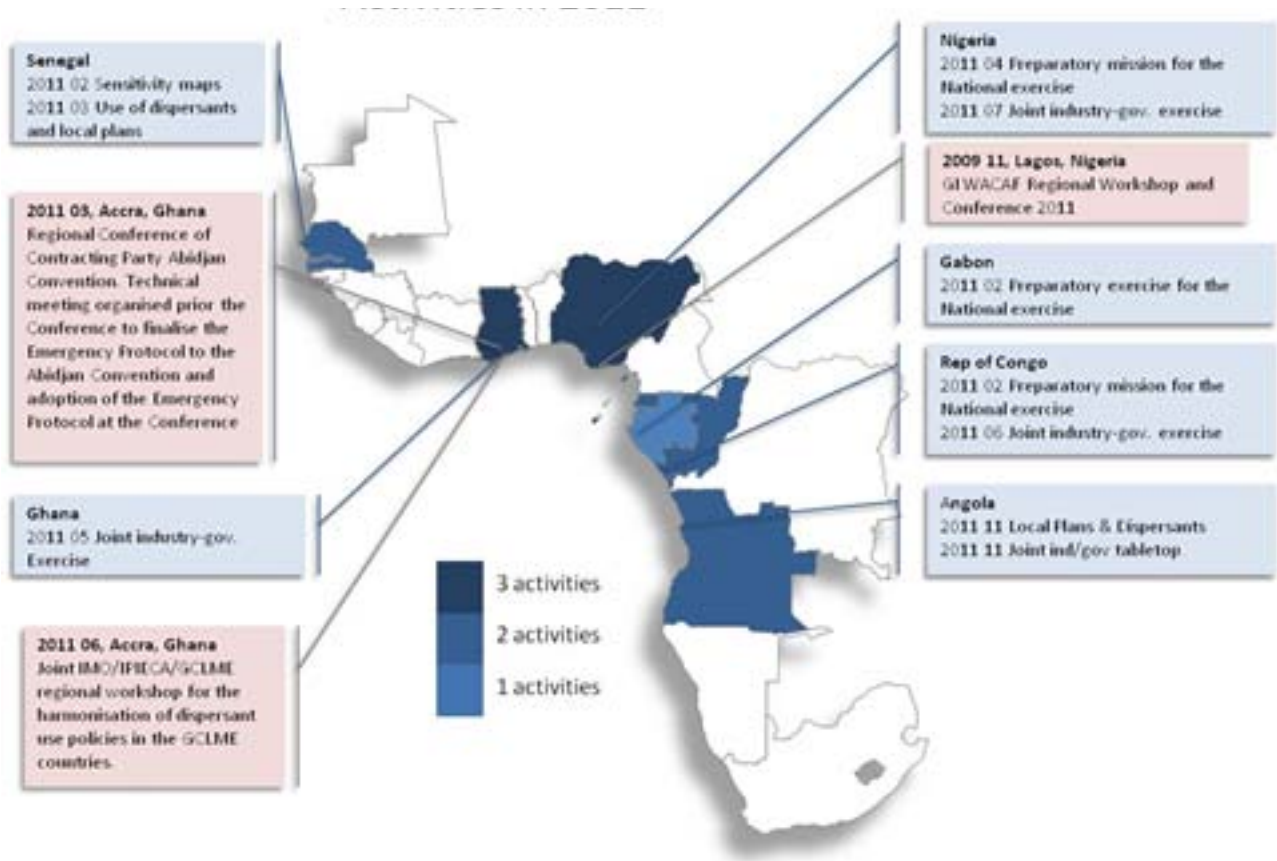
Since then, the GI WACAF Project had conducted a series of workshops on this topic that resulted in the production of a total of 12 oil spill sensitivity maps. One of those was developed in Senegal in 2011. The maps are regularly uploaded on the GI WACAF website in a uniformed and standardised format, and are available for consultation under: <http://giwacaf.org/sensitivity.asp>



Another productive year in terms of activity delivery...

In 2011, the GI WACAF Project delivered 4 National workshops involving 173 delegates (Senegal twice, Angola and Guinea), 3 National Exercises which gathered 212 delegates, each of them preceded by a preparatory mission (Ghana, Republic of Congo and Nigeria) and 3 Regional Conferences and Workshops (Dispersant Use Policy, Revision of the Emergency Protocol to the Abidjan Convention prior to the COP9 and GI WACAF Regional Conference 2011) which assembled a total 398 participants (2 in Ghana and 1 in Nigeria). See Figure 1 overleaf for further information.

Figure 1: Overview of the National and Regional activities organised by GI WACAF in 2011



More delegate training in 2011

A total of 1,170 delegates have attended GI WACAF activities during the 2010/2011 biennium. This constitutes an increase of 18% compare to 2008/2009. These good results were possible thanks to an increased commitment of government and industry focal points. The workshops organised in 2011 were mainly focused on National Oil Spill Contingency Plans (NOSCPs) with a specific emphasis on the development of local contingency plans, dispersants use policies/regulations and regional cooperation.

Figure 2: Number of activities per biennium

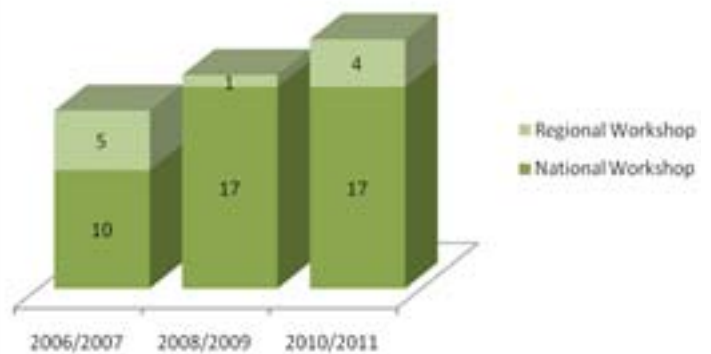
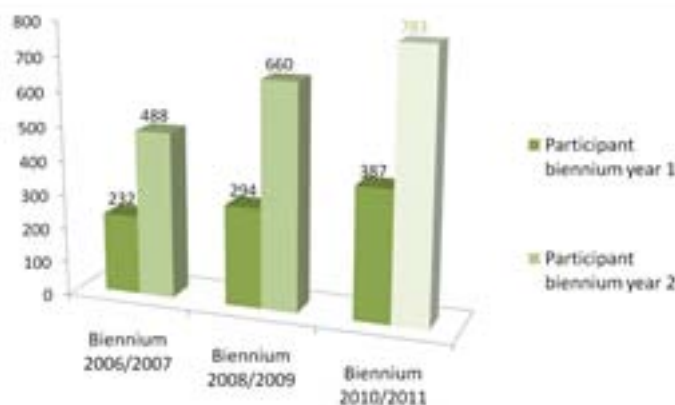


Figure 3: Number of participants per biennium



2011 activities snapshot

For more details, mission reports are available on the website: <http://www.giwacaf.org/activities.asp>

February 2011, Senegal

The 38 national experts were trained on the methodology of coastal sensitivity mapping and initiated the development of national sensitivity maps on a Geographic Information System (GIS) based on IPIECA/IMO guidelines adapted to Senegal's specificities. This meeting set the ground for the dispersant workshop on the following week.



March 2011, Senegal

Following the workshop on sensitivity maps, 49 participants drafted the national dispersants policy by taking into consideration all sorts of concerns such as geographical delimitation, environmental and operational consideration.



March 2011, Ghana

33 delegates took part in this Regional Meeting organized in connexion with the 9th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention (COP9) to finalize the revision of the Emergency Protocol to the Abidjan Convention which was adopted at the COP9.



April 2011, Nigeria

77 participants from the oil industry and government agencies met in Abuja in order to identify key strategic objectives for the national exercise planned in July 2011. This representation from both the public and private sectors enabled to better understand the mechanisms of cooperation in the country.



May 2011, Ghana

59 participants from both the public and private sectors tested the Ghana National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) through the execution of a tabletop exercise.



June 2011, Republic of Congo

This national exercise permitted to test various aspects of the response capabilities of the Republic of Congo with the mobilisation of the joint Command Centre and the deployment of offshore and on-shore equipment as well as aerial surveillance devices.



June 2011, Ghana

48 participants including local partners and delegates from 20 countries of the region took part to this Regional Dispersant Workshop. At the end of the workshop, recognizing the potential benefits of using this response option, the delegates agreed on the necessity to develop national dispersant policies at the national level and to harmonize these policies at the (sub-) regional level.



July 2011, Nigeria

123 participants from the Nigerian oil industry and national authorities took part to this tabletop exercise. It was recognized the actual plan should be updated to be fully operational and concrete recommendations were produced in order to improve the current version of the NOSCP.



October 2011, Nigeria

317 participants took part to the GI WACAF Regional Conference and Workshop 2011 which theme was "Towards Operational Oil Spill Response in West, Central and Southern America". During the Conference, delegates of 20 countries drafted their National Action Plans for the coming biennium 2012-2013.



November 2011, Angola

51 national and international experts explored the way forward to integrate local and sectorial plans into the NOSCP and discussed the results from specific dispersant-related research projects addressing the use of dispersant within the context of national policies.



December 2011, Guinea

35 participants improved their knowledge and techniques of strategy against oil spills at sea, to strengthen the cooperation between the national Government and oil industries, to review and update the National Response Plan for fighting against oil spills and to review the action plan for submission to the Government.



21 Focal Points trained and committed to the project

In 2011, Government Focal Points have been extremely proactive in achieving the objectives established during the Regional workshop of Yaounde, Cameroon, 2009. By hosting GI WACAF workshops, leading working groups for the development of contingency plans and promoting oil spill preparedness in their countries, the GI WACAF Focal Points were the cornerstone of the Project. Focal Points contact details are available on www.giwacaf.org.

In addition, we observed a growing commitment of Industry Focal Points in the Project with more joint industry / government workshops and exercises organised and higher industry attendance to workshops.

We would like to particularly underline the tremendous work done by the following Focal Points:

Mr. Jean-Paul Mwamba Nyembo, Government Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Democratic Republic of Congo

Mr. Mwamba Nyembo was one of the most active government Focal Point with the development of mechanisms of cooperation with the local industry and neighbouring countries. In addition, Mr Mwamba was solicited by the GI WACAF Project to deliver presentations and assist the Republic of Guinea to develop National Response capabilities.



Commandant Babacar Ba Government Focal Point, HASSMAR, Senegal

Mr. Ba hosted two national events under the auspices of the GI WACAF Project and was very active at the regional level by providing expertise to countries in the development response capabilities to oil spills. Mr. Ba was also solicited by the GI WACAF in Guinea to provide training on sensitivity mapping on the basis of the experience gained in Senegal and the recent development accomplished in his country.



Mr. Martin Cosker Industry Focal Point, BP Angola

Mr. Cosker was one of the strongest support from the local industry and took an active part in the organization of activities in Angola, including the development of sensitivity maps, the organization of a national workshop on local plans and dispersants and finally, the organization of a joint industry/government exercise requested by the Ministry of Petroleum of Angola.



In addition, special thanks go to Mrs. Juliana Gunwa (NIMASA) and Mr. Idris O. Musa (NOSDRA) for their support in the organization and delivery of the GI WACAF Regional Conference and Workshop 2011 (Lagos, Nigeria, October 2011).

Mrs. Juliana Gunwa (NIMASA)



Mr. Idris O. Musa (NOSDRA)



Staff members in 2011

Anton Rhodes has replaced Yvette Osikilo as the Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) Project Manager in IPIECA. The team is also composed of Romain Chancerel (Project Manager), Jose Matheickal (Head, Technical Cooperation Coordination and Major Projects, Marine Environment Division, IMO) and Antoine Blonce (Project Consultant).

We can also note the appointment of Stefan Micallef as Director of the Marine Environment Division of IMO and Brian Sullivan as Executive Secretary of IPIECA.

Richard Santner (BP) has replaced Thomas Coolbaugh (ExxonMobil) as Chairman of the GI WACAF Project.



Dr. Micallef & Dr. Matheickal (IMO)



Mr. Santner (Chairman)



Mr. Nicoll (OSRL)



Mr. Rhodes (IPIECA)



Mr. Chancerel (Project Manager) & Mr. Blonce (Project Consultant)

Balanced government and industry funding of workshops

Workshops expenditures include a series of funding ranging from IPIECA, IMO, local governments, local business units and in-kind support from partner organisations.

If divided by source, the combined government/IMO and industry/IPIECA funding for workshops is equally balanced. This balanced funding illustrates the good health of this partnership.

On the top of the funding allocated to activities, funding of staff members involved in the Project involves different sources. IMO officers' time is provided in-kind and IPIECA staff members are funded by member contributions under the Project budget.

The total Project expenditure for 2011 is higher than previous years. This is mainly due to the fact that 3 regional events were organised this year which involved more participants, experts and resources. The pie chart illustrating IPIECA expenditures (Figure 5) shows that the costs of running the project are mainly shared between missions (National 32% and Regional 26%) and project management costs (34%).

Figure 4: Combined funding of workshops in 2011

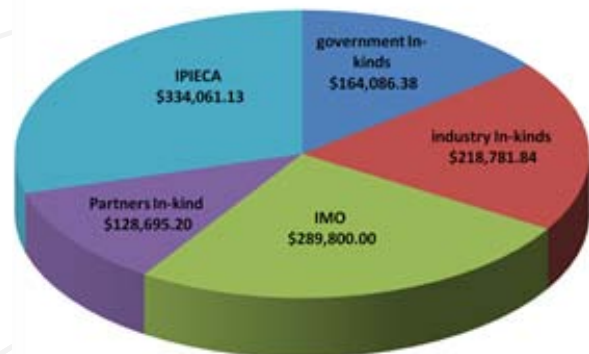
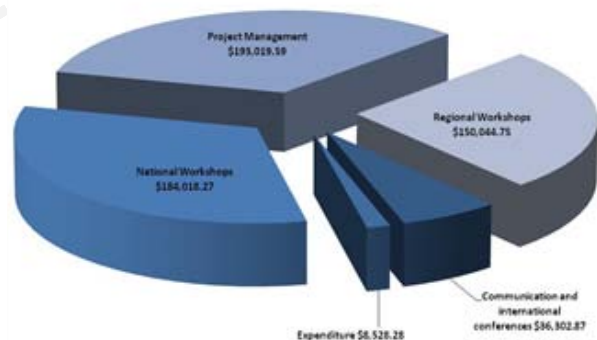


Figure 5: IPIECA expenditures



Strategic objectives for 2012

The GI WACAF Regional Conference and Workshops 2011 organised in October 2011 in Lagos, Nigeria permitted to establish a benchmark of the level of preparedness of the countries in the WACAF Region and to set strategic objectives for the 2012/2013 biennium.

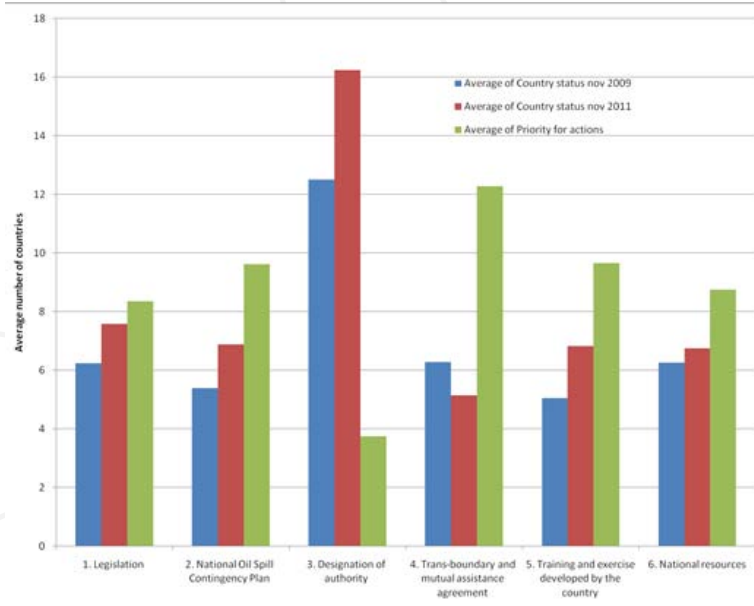
The following graph (Figure 6) shows the average status of preparedness assessed against the 6 key indicators detailed in the matrix of preparedness completed by our Government Focal Points.

All key indicators have increased since the last Regional Conference in 2009 except the trans-boundary and mutual assistance agreement indicator (number 4 on Figure 6) proving the priority given by the government to this particular sector in the coming years.

The Conference also pointed out a number of recommendations for the implementation of the GI WACAF action plan 2012/2013 with a clear focus on the development of mechanisms of cooperation between industry and government in the countries, the implementation of the Regional Contingency Plan and the Emergency Protocol of the Abidjan Convention and finally, the implementation of a regional strategy as regards to the use of dispersants in West, Central and Southern Africa.

One of the main focuses for 2012 will be the implementation of National Oil Spill Contingency Plans through large scale national exercises involving governments and industries. Two full scale exercises will be organised by the GI WACAF in collaboration with our governmental and industry partners in Gabon (March 2012) and Cameroon (November 2012). The comprehensive list of activities organised under the auspices of the GI WACAF Project is presented in the table overleaf.

Figure 6: Average status of preparedness for the GI WACAF countries



List of GI WACAF activities in 2012

Côte d'Ivoire	06-Feb-12	National workshop on the development of oil spill sensitivity maps and test of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Gabon	19-Mar-12	Joint government industry exercise to test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Liberia	02-Apr-12	National Workshop on the ratification of the OPRC90 Convention
Equatorial Guinea	23-Apr-12	National Workshop for the finalisation of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and the development of oil spill sensitivity maps
Cameroon	16-May-12	Preparatory Mission prior to November Exercise
Gambia	12-Jun-12	National Workshop to test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Senegal	16-Jul-12	Regional Conference on Claims and Compensation
Democratic Republic of Congo	13-Aug-12	National workshop on the development of oil spill sensitivity maps
Ghana	17-Sep-12	National Workshop to launch the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Guinea Bissau	04-Sep-12	National Workshop to develop the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
South Africa	22-Oct-12	Sub regional Conference on Incident Management System
Cameroon	26-Nov-12	Joint government industry exercise to test and update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Congo	12-Nov-12	COP10 of the Abidjan Convention

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