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About the GI WACAF

Launched in 2006, the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF Project) is a cooperation between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IPIECA, the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, to enhance the capacity of countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.

A key feature is the promotion of public-private partnerships for effective oil spill response. The GI WACAF Project is jointly funded by the International Maritime Organization and 7 oil companies (BP, Chevron, ENI, ExxonMobil, Shell, Total and Woodside).



The Project area covers 22 West, Central and Southern African countries. The scope is to organise workshops, training, seminars and exercises in collaboration with national authorities in charge of oil spill response and in partnership with local business units.

GI WACAF Biennium 2016-2017

The GI WACAF Project is based on a biennial management system. At the end of the 2014-2015 biennium, around 75 participants from 20 countries attended the Regional Conference hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Republic of Ghana. During the Conference, the delegates outlined their priority goals for the next biennium 2016-2017 and agreed the following recommendations for the project:

- 1. Maintain focus on the key categories identified during the 2013 GIWACAF Regional Conference:
 - Strengthen specific elements within National Oil Spill Contingency Plans;
 - Develop trans-boundary response capabilities; and
 - Maintain support for core elements of the OPRC 90 Convention.
- 2. Incorporate additional topics to the key categories listed above:
 - Support application of the international conventions relating to claims liability and compensation for spills;
 - Promote ratification of the Bunker Convention;

- Promote the usage of Net Environmental Benefits Analysis (NEBA), where applicable;
- Focus on Dispersants, Incident Management System (IMS) and NEBA in trans-boundary workshops; and
- Support closer integration with Abidjan Convention.
- 3. Have flexibility to provide additional support on request on topics such as:
 - Surveillance;
 - Wildlife Response; and
 - In-situ Burning.

For more information, please consult the final report of the 6th GI WACAF Conference.

2016 Overview

New participating country

The Project was delighted to welcome South Africa as a full member of the GI WACAF in February. With a view to strengthening this new cooperation, a national workshop was organised in June to review the South African Oil Spill Contingency Plan and develop national legislation related to OPRC 90. The report is available online.

10th Year Anniversary

2016 marked the 10th year anniversary of the GI WACAF Project. In this connection, the Project Secretariat produced an <u>Anniversary brochure</u> highlighting the Project's genesis and milestones, and its instrumental role in strengthening the oil spill response preparedness response and cooperation in the WACAF region over the past decade.

Activities

The GI WACAF Project entered a new biennial cycle in 2016. The first months of the year were dedicated to strategic planning and the development of the 2016-2017 Work Programme which was formulated on the basis of the recommendations made by the delegates of the GI WACAF Regional Conference in November 2015. Lessons learned from recently delivered GI WACAF activities and notably the 2015 Annual Review, as well as the latest developments in the field of oil spill preparedness, response and cooperation which are relevant to both the region's Governments and oil and gas industry, were also taken into account.

The implementation phase of the GI WACAF Project started in March. An early highlight was the national workshop in Sao Tome-and-Principe which aimed at developing awareness and national legislation related to oil spill preparedness and response. Five further activities focused on the development and improvement of contingency plans at the national scale, addressing one of the six principle goals of the GI WACAF Project.

Many other topics were addressed during workshops such as Incident Management System's (IMS) in Sierra Leone in June and Sensitivity Mapping in Liberia in August.

In addition, brand new topics were added to the Work Programme: oil spill modelling is one such example. This was discussed at the 2015 Regional Conference and was the principle focus of an activity in Nigeria in November. Approximately 100 delegates were introduced to this complex but equally important aspect of preparedness and response.

In a nutshell, 2016 saw the implementation of 8 activities as follows:

- 1 sub-regional workshop in Namibia

- 7 national workshops and exercises in Sao-Tome and Principe, Cabo Verde, Guinea, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Liberia and Nigeria.



2016 Activities Timeline (Click on 🕑 to read the report)

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March	* *	Sao Tome and Principe	National workshop to develop a system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills
		United States	IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group meeting
Мау	*** * * * * * *	Cabo Verde	National workshop on Contingency Planning and Liability and Compensation in case of an oil spill 🕑
		Guinea	National workshop to finalise the system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills
June		Sierra Leone	National workshop and Exercise on Contingency Planning and Incident Management System (IMS)
		South Africa	National workshop to review the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan
August	*	Liberia	National workshop on Contingency Planning and Sensitivity Mapping
September	*	Namibia	Sub-regional workshop on the use of Incident Management System and Net Environmental Benefit Analysis in oil spill response and preparedness
		United Kingdom	IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group meeting
		United Kingdom	GI WACAF 10th year anniversary
November		Nigeria	National workshop on Oil Spill Modelling
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2016 In-region activities snapshots



March - Sao Tome and Principe - National workshop to develop a system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills

Around 41 participants attended the workshop. The specific objectives were to set up the legal and organisational framework and to draft a National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP). In order to achieve these objectives, three dedicated working groups were established. Participants were able to draft an inter-ministerial proposal establishing roles and responsibilities, a draft national law on the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills and draft ratification tools to be sent to IMO. More details on this activity are outlined on page 9.



May - Cabo Verde - National workshop on Contingency Planning and Liability and Compensation in case of an oil spill

The national workshop was organised in Mindelo by the Maritime and Port Agency. It gathered 46 delegates from different ministries, agencies and universities as well as representatives of shipping and oil and gas companies. The objective was to review the NOSCP and to provide guidance on IMO Conventions related to liability and compensation. The main recommendations that came out of the workshop were to ratify the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, to finalise the risk assessment process, to identify potential response options for Cabo Verde and to develop provisions on waste management.



May - Guinea - National workshop to finalise the system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills

The workshop aimed to assist in the consolidation of a national system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills. Around 24 participants attended the workshop. The main recommendations outlined were to finalise and approve the documents drafted during the workshop comprising a draft inter-ministerial proposal establishing roles and responsibilities, and a draft NOSCP; to organise the first meeting of the Commission in charge of finalising the National Plan, to ratify relevant international Conventions and to develop sensitivity maps.



June - Sierra Leone - National workshop and Exercise on Contingency Planning and Incident Management System (IMS)

The general objective of the workshop was to test the NOSCP and to train participants on the efficient implementation of an IMS. Around 37 participants attended the workshop. Based on the discussions and the outcomes of the exercise, participants identified important recommendations such as the necessity to clarify roles and responsibilities, the development of a programme of training and exercises to strengthen technical knowledge and the finalisation of the NOSCP by including technical annexes covering aspects such as a dispersant policy.



June - South Africa - National workshop to review the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Held in Cape Town and hosted by the Department of Transport, the workshop gathered 55 delegates from different ministries and agencies as well as representatives from the private sector. During the workshop, delegates drafted a bill for new laws and regulations as well as amendments to existing laws and regulations aimed at incorporating into the legal system the main provisions of the relevant international conventions, as well as clarifying and specifying responsibilities in the field of prevention, preparedness and response. In addition, the workshop initiated an update of the NOSCP and developed a framework for a guidance document for the completion of industry oil spill contingency plans.



August – Liberia - National workshop on Contingency Planning and Sensitivity Mapping

This event took place in Monrovia from 1 to 4 August. The objectives were to provide training of relevant national authorities on contingency planning, to review the current version of the NOSCP and identify areas that may require amendment. Around 30 participants attended the workshop. The main recommendations were to continually improve the Plan through the identification of local expertise, the involvement of the industry and the development of the sensitivity maps for the coastline of Liberia.



September – Namibia - Sub-regional workshop on the use of Incident Management System (IMS) and Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) in oil spill response and preparedness

This sub-regional activity was organised in Walvis Bay, Namibia, from 26 to 29 September 2016. This workshop was an opportunity to bring together 32 delegates from 10 English-speaking or Portuguese-speaking countries of the region to discuss challenges related to oil spill preparedness and response in the WACAF region. The main objectives were to provide training on the development and implementation of an efficient national IMS and on the use of NEBA in oil spill response and preparedness. In addition working group discussions assisted participants in identifying important recommendations such as, the need to undertake regular training courses within budget constraints, as well as the need to maximise the positive impact of sharing ideas and testing them with foreign colleagues and networks established through GI WACAF activities.





October – Nigeria - National workshop on Oil Spill Modelling

The two-day national workshop on oil spill modelling was hosted by the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency of Nigeria (NOSDRA). It aimed at providing a detailed introduction to oil spill modelling and an outline of the basic requirements for establishing such capability in Nigeria and the wider region. Over 100 participants attended the workshop. The workshop demonstrated that oil spill modelling is an important tool for monitoring and predicting the impact of an oil spill. A modelling capability in the region would give useful data to support a response, especially considering the increasing number of drilling campaigns in the offshore environment – where modelling is most effective. Recommended next steps have been identified and are developed in the workshop report available on the GI WACAF website.

2016 External activities snapshots

March - United States - IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) meeting

IPIECA

The OSWG meeting organised in Houston was an opportunity to exchange information on activities of the different GI programmes. The GI WACAF Project Manager presented the outcomes of the 2015 Regional Conference and outlined the work programme for the next biennium 2016-2017. Participants also discussed international conferences and workshops on oil spill response organised in 2016.

September - United Kingdom - IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group meeting



The OSWG meeting organised in London was the first meeting attended by the newly appointed GI WACAF Project Manager, Mr Clément Chazot. It was therefore a good opportunity for him to meet face-to-face with the members and steering commitee of the GI WACAF Project, and discuss past successes and future plans of the project.

2016 Highlights

Focus on the national workshop to develop a national system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills in Sao Tome and Principe - March 2016

The national workshop to develop a national system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills was organised in Sao Tome from 21 to 24 March 2016. It gathered 41 delegates from different ministries and agencies as well as representatives from NGOs. It aimed to initiate the development of a legal and organisational framework and to draft a national oil spill contingency plan, establishing the basis for the development of policies, processes and tools related to oil spill preparedness and response.



The workshop took place at an important time in the economic development of Sao Tome and Principe: in 2015, Sao Tome and Principe was granted a loan by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in support of the energy sector, the state budget and promoting economic growth. The Prime Minister, Patrice Trovoada, outlined his vision for the country in the "2030 Transformation Agenda". Plans are underway to construct a deep sea port and to expand the international airport. There are also exploration activities in the Joint Development Zone between Sao Tome and Principe and Nigeria. Finally, the archipelago also faces risks related to the growing level of shipping activity in the region. In this context, national authorities acknowledged the importance of a national system for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills.



In order to address the workshop's objectives, three dedicated working groups were established to focus on:

- · the national legal and organisational framework;
- · the draft National Oil Spill Contingency Plan; and
- the annexes to the Plan

This methodology enabled participants to produce the following draft documents :

- draft interministerial proposal establishing roles and responsibilities of the different entities involved
- in the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills;
- draft national law on the prevention of, preparedness for and response to oil spills;
- draft ratification tools to be sent to IMO for OPRC 90, CLC 92, FUND 92, BUNKER 2001 and INTERVENTION 69;
- draft NOSCP; and
- draft annexes to the NOSCP.

Side meetings were also organised between the GI WACAF Consultant, Ms Chloe Blais, and key stakeholders such as the Minister of Infrastructures, Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Defense and Sea and the UNDP Permanent Representative.

The main recommendations that came out of the workshop were to:

- finalise and approve an action plan that was developed by the participants to finalise the documents drafted during the workshop; and
- organise the first meeting of the Commission to be established by the interministerial proposal, which will be in charge of finalising the NOSCP.

Following the workshop, on 13 April 2016, the Government approved the draft ratification tools for CLC 92, FUND 92 and OPRC 90. The competent authorities contacted the Legal Division of the International Maritime Organization on 28 April to start the accession process to the Conventions.

For more information, please consult the activity report.

A network of trained and committed focal points across the region

The GI WACAF Project relies on a network of Focal Points from Governments and industry that ensure the effective implementation of the Work Plan. Last year, the involvement of our Focal Points was again critical to the successful delivery of our programme.

We seize this opportunity to thank all the Focal Points and particularly those acknowledged below, for their commitment and proactive contribution to the achievements of the GI WACAF objectives in 2016.



Mr Pinehas Auene - Namibia

Mr Pinehas Auene, Deputy Director Marine Pollution Prevention and SAR of the Namibian Directorate of Maritime Affairs was the main driver in the preparation and the delivery of the sub-regional workshop dedicated to the use of Incident Management System (IMS) and Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) in oil spill preparedness and response. According to the 32 participants from 9 countries, this workshop was a great success.



Mr Manuel Rosario - Sao Tome and Principe

Mr Manuel Rosario, technical assistant of the Directorate General of Environment of Sao Tome and Principe, took the lead to set up a national workshop on Contingency Planning. This workshop fully achieved its ambitious objective which was to assist the development of a national system to prevent, prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.



Mr Meste Ralephenya - South Africa

South Africa became a full member of the GI WACAF in 2016. Thanks to its dedicated and highly motivated Director of Maritime Safety, Security & Environment from the Department of Transport, Mr Metse Ralephenya, South Africa hosted a very successful national workshop aimed at reviewing the South African National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and developing national legislation related to OPRC 90.



The future development of the GI WACAF Project

GI WACAF will continue to focus the bulk of its resources on national level workshops however significant resources will also be made available for sub-regional events as well as the 2017 Regional Conference to be held in Cote d'Ivoire. The main focus topics for the planned national and sub-regional activities are Contingency Planning, Dispersants and Legislation. There is also continued focus on additional topics including IMS, Waste Management and Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA).

2017 Activities Provisional Timeline

February		Ukraine	OSPRI Annual Members Meeting
	*	Mauritania	National workshop and exercise to test the newly developed NOSCP
March		Cote d'Ivoire	COP 12 of the Abidjan Convention
April		United States	IPIECA Oil Spill Working Groupe meeting
Мау		United States	International Oil Spill Conference
June		Republic of the Congo	National workshop on waste management
June	*	Ghana	Table top exercise with elements of IMS and NEBA
July	*	Senegal	Sub-regional workshop on Dispersant and the use of NEBA in oil spill response and preparedness
September		Gabon	National workshop on waste management
		Equatorial Guinea	National workshop to develop and finalize the NOSCP
		Nigeria	National workshop on liability and compensation
November		Cote d'Ivoire	7th Regional Conference of the GI WACAF
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2016 Mid-year review

The GI WACAF Secretariat published the 2016 mid-year review. It includes details about in-region activities as well as external engagements organised during the first six months of 2016.

The document is available on the website in English and in French.



10th Anniversary brochure

The production of this brochure provided a good opportunity to reflect on the decade of achievements of the GI WACAF Project, thanks to the continuous support of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the member companies and IPIECA - the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, Government and industry focal points and partners alike.

The document is available on the website in English and in French.





The Project Management Team

Strategic level

At the end of summer 2016, Laurent Routisseau (Total) was assigned new responsibilities within Total and has consequently had to step down from the position of Vice-Chair.

Patricia Charlebois was appointed as the new Deputy Director of the Sub-Division for Implementation, Marine Environment Division at the IMO.

Rob Cox is now the Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) Project Manager at IPIECA.

Implementation level

During the last autumn, the GI WACAF Project has welcomed in a new team. Clement Chazot joined as Project Manager in September, replacing Anton Rhodes, whilst Julien Favier joined in October, taking over from Chloé Blais as the new Project Coordinator. Together they form a complementary team ready to pursue the important objectives of the project.



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