

GI WACAF

mid-year review 2014



About the GI WACAF

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 industry association for environmental and social issues, to enhance the capacity of countries to prepare for and respond to marine oil spills.

A key innovative feature is to emphasize the promotion of public/private partnership for effective oil spill response making use of existing industry expertise and resources.

The GI WACAF is jointly funded by the International Maritime Organization and 9 oil companies.

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

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2014 marked the beginning of a new work biennium, and thus much of the activity in the opening months focused upon strategic planning, culminating in the production of the GI WACAF Action Plan for 2014 – 2015. The first months of 2014 were also an opportunity to reflect on past activities, and to this end, the project produced the GI WACAF [Annual Review for 2013](#).

From April 2014 the project began its implementation phase, with a number of activities delivered across West, Central, and Southern Africa. To ensure greater outreach to local industry, the project also established new sub-regional industry groups. In addition, GI WACAF was engaged at a number of external events including the International Oil Pollution Conference (IOSC), and the Abidjan Convention Conference of Parties. The programme also launched a video documentary outlining the role of GI WACAF and its achievements to date. The first 6 months of 2014 have certainly been active!



Delivered activities

National deployment exercise, Cameroon, January 2014

The event was organised in collaboration with the Cameroonian Government and included over a 100 participants from both the public and private sector. The scenario of the exercise was based on a major oil spill at the National Oil Refinery (SONARA) installations in Limbe (South West Cameroon). The principle objectives of the exercise were to:

- Develop an action plan for Cameroon following recommendations made during the National exercise
- Update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan of Cameroon.



National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) and Sensitivity Mapping workshop, Sao Tome and Principe, May 2014

The primary objective of this workshop was to develop sensitivity maps for the country, and to review and update the National Oil Spill Action Plan for submission to the Government.



National Oil Spill Contingency Plan workshop, Ghana, May 2014

The workshop focused upon reviewing the current draft of the NOSCP. The results of the workshop can be summarised as:

- An agreed process by which the NOSCP will be updated
- Agreement on priority objectives
- Agreed timeline for completion of objectives



Incident Management System (IMS) sub-regional workshop, Côte d'Ivoire, June 2014

In June, the project delivered a sub-regional workshop focusing upon Incident Management System (IMS). The event gathered GI WACAF Focal Points as well as representatives from the oil industry from the 10 Francophone countries of West Africa. Participants acknowledged the importance of having an effective Incident Management System as part of their national response plans, and agreed to help support its implementation across the region.



External engagements

Abidjan Convention Conference of Parties (COP 11), South Africa, February 2014

The event served as a useful opportunity for GI WACAF to outreach to relevant government organisation in the region on the topic of oil spill preparedness (COP 11). Outcomes from the event included an agreement to establish a Regional Coordination Centre for Marine Pollution in Nigeria, and the development of environmental standards for offshore exploration and exploitation activities.



IPIECA / OGP, London, March 2014

In March, GI WACAF participated at both the IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) meeting, and the Joint Industry Project (OGP / IPIECA JIP) Communication session. The objective of the latter was to develop a strategy by which the various GI programmes could support JIP outreach within their respective regions.



International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC), USA, May 2014

As part of the GI focused session, GI WACAF presented on the evolution of the project since its launch in 2006, and outlined plans for its future development. Throughout the week of the conference GI WACAF was present at the IPIECA exhibition booth, which provided an excellent opportunity to engage with stakeholders on issues related to the project.



GI WACAF video documentary launch

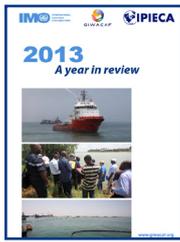
It was also during IOSC that GI WACAF launched a video documentary outlining the role of GI WACAF and its achievements to date. The documentary was produced in collaboration with the IMO and is now available from the GI WACAF website.



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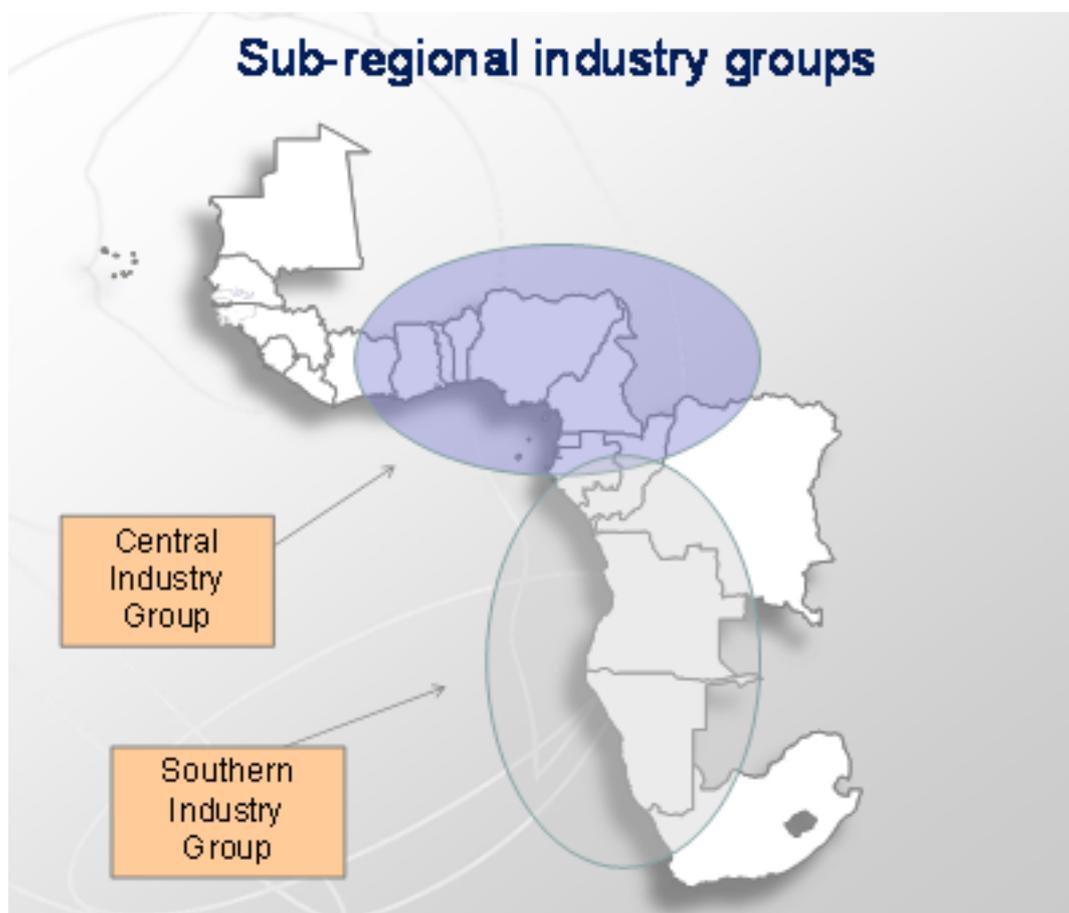
Mid-year timeline



January	February	March	April	May	June
<p>Cameroon</p> <p>National deployment exercise</p> 	<p>Abidjan Convention COP 11 Cape Town, South Africa</p>  <p>Production of GI WACAF Action Plan 2014-2015</p> <p>Production of GI WACAF Annual Review 2013</p>	<p>Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) London, UK</p>  <p>Joint Industry Project Communication session London, UK</p> 	<p>Sao Tome and Principe</p> <p>National Oil Spill Contyngency Plan workshop</p> 	<p>Ghana</p> <p>National Oil Spill Contingency Plan workshop</p>  <p>International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) Savannah, USA</p> 	<p>Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Sub regional workshop on Incident Management System (IMS)</p> 

Establishment of sub-regional industry groups

The second quarter of 2014 saw the establishment of industry sub-regional groups for the Central region, and also the Southern region of West Africa. The groups consist of Focal Points from GI WACAF member company operators based in the region, and it is the intention that through these groups local members are kept informed and engaged on the programme activities taking place in their vicinity. The first conference calls for these newly formed groups took place in April.



Upcoming activities

As we look ahead, the second half of 2014 is shaping up to be an extremely busy period as GI WACAF will seek to implement an ambitious programme of activities which includes the first ever bilateral exercise, and national and sub-regional workshops. Focus topics for the workshop activities include: Shoreline Clean-up and Assessment Techniques (SCAT), Waste Management, Liability and Compensation, Dispersants and Contingency Planning.



11 August - Angola

National dispersant workshop



22 September - Guinea Bissau

National workshop on contingency planning



6 October - Nigeria / Benin

Bilateral exercise



20 October - Gabon

Sub-regional workshop on liability and compensation



18 November- USA (Houston)

GI WACAF Annual steering committee meeting



1 December - Ghana

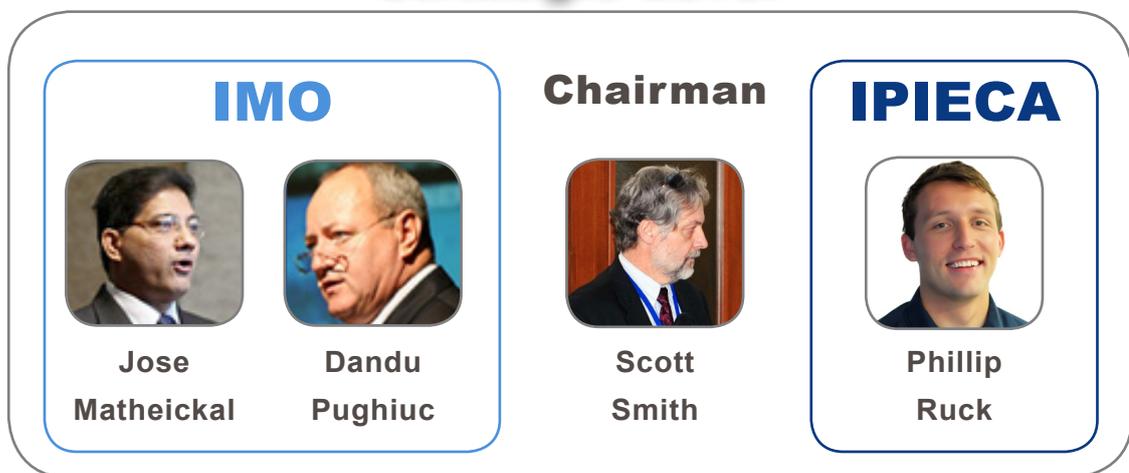
Sub-regional workshop on Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Techniques (SCAT) and waste management

Changes to the GI WACAF management team

From August 2014 the following changes will effect the GI WACAF management team:

- Phillip Ruck will replace Elisabeth Bonneville as the Oil Spill Working Group (OSWG) Project Manager at IPIECA.
- Benjamin Jeanne will be replaced by Chloe Blais as GI WACAF Project Coordinator
- Richard Santner (BP) will be succeeded by Scott Smith (ConocoPhillips) as Chairman of the GI WACAF Project.

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