



The Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF)

GI WACAF Webinar Series

Webinar #2

**Preparedness and response to oil spills:
focus on the international legal framework**

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- **Launch of the Project in 2006** in the framework of the Global Initiative (GI) launched in 1996


















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- Cooperation with the oil and gas sector in line with the OPRC 90 convention
- **Objective:** enhance the capacity of 22 partner countries to prepare for and respond to oil spills, so that they can better protect their marine and coastal environment

- **Technical assistance:**
 - National or sub-regional workshops,
 - Trainings (adapted to the needs of the countries)
 - Exercises (table-top and deployment)
 - Biennial conferences

- **Annual budget:** From IMO and IPIECA

Countries covered by the GI WACAF Project

-  Angola
-  Benin
-  Cabo Verde
-  Cameroon
-  Congo
-  Côte d'Ivoire
-  Democratic Republic of Congo
-  Equatorial Guinea
-  Gabon
-  Ghana
-  Guinea
-  Guinea-Bissau
-  Liberia
-  Mauritania
-  Namibia

-  Nigeria
-  Sao Tome and Principe
-  Senegal
-  Sierra Leone
-  South Africa
-  The Gambia
-  Togo



In a nutshell

Encourages partner countries **to ratify and implement international conventions** from IMO and other UN bodies.

A joint endeavour of the public and private sectors to manage oil spill risks and mitigate associated impacts.

Supports **22 African partner countries** in the development and implementation of sub-regional and national **oil spill preparedness and response systems**.



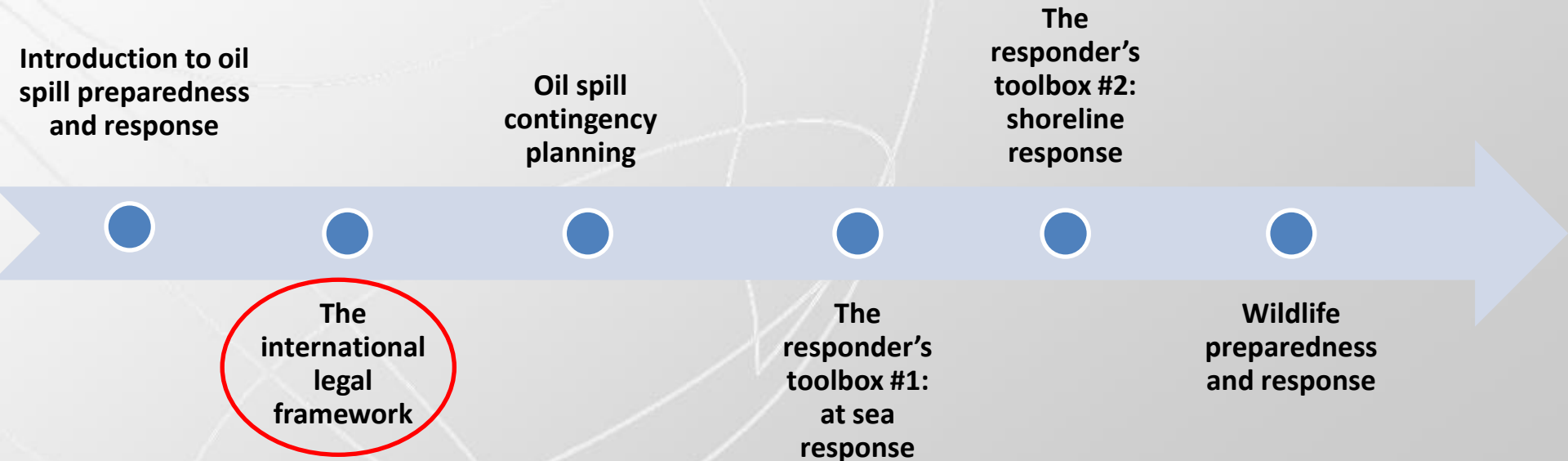
Encourages **better communication and collaboration** between governments and industry.

Maintains a constant liaison with partner countries and the industry to **provide tailored capacity-building solutions**.

Organizes **workshops, training courses and exercises**.

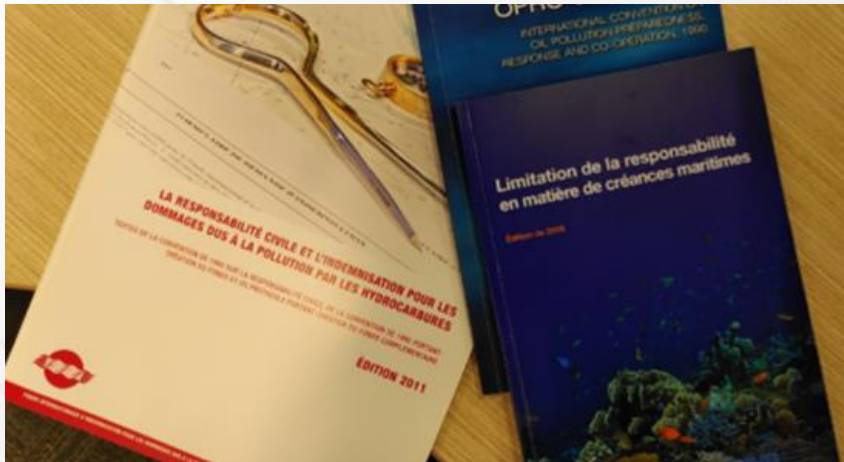
GI WACAF webinar series

A series of webinars which covers the different dimensions of oil spill preparedness and response (technical, legal, institutional).



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Objectives



- Understand the **functioning of IMO** and its role as **regulatory body**;
- Gain knowledge on the key conventions relating to marine environment;
- Understand the **OPRC Convention** (NOSCP and national systems, international cooperation);
- Gain knowledge on the **functioning of IOPC Funds**;
- Understand the **liability and compensation regime**, the **difference between tanker spills and non-tanker spills**; and
- Understand the importance and basic principles of **the transposition of convention into national law**.

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Presenting experts

1. **Colleen O’Hagan**, Marine environment division, IMO – *Functioning of IMO and OPRC 90 Convention*
2. **Mark Homan**, Claim manager, IOPC – *Functioning of IOPC and compensation regime for tankers spills*
3. **Aicha Cherif**, Legal division, IMO – *Transposition of conventions into national law and compensation regime for non-tankers spills*



Thank you for your attention!

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