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# Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa

Strengthening capacities for preparedness and response to oil spills

A contribution to a better protection of the marine environment in the region









The Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa

GI WACAF webinar series – season 2

Webinar #3: the use of dispersants in case of an oil spill in the marine environment

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



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



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- Cooperation between the industry and governments 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 and communities
- Activities:
  - National or sub-regional workshops
  - Trainings (tailored to the needs)
  - Exercises (table-top and deployment)
  - Biennial conferences
  - Technical assistance



### In a nutshell

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



OPRC 90 convention

Encourages partner countries to ratify and implement international

conventions from IMO and other UN bodies

Encourages better communication and collaboration between governments and industry



Supports 22 African partner countries in the development and implementation of subregional and national oil spill preparedness and response systems

Organizes workshops, training courses and exercises

Maintains a constant liaison with partner countries and the industry to provide tailored capacitybuilding solutions

### GI WACAF second webinar series



Building on season #1 delivered in June-December 2020, this new series of webinars covers specific topics of oil spill preparedness and response



# Webinar #3: the use of dispersants in case of an oil spill



#### **Objectives:**

- Understand the mechanism of dispersion, the necessary conditions (sea, weather and oil characteristics, environmental considerations and reactions with other response techniques) and the application methods
- Get an overview of the use and limitations of dispersants, as one of a range of available options in case of marine oil spill; and
- Understand the importance of a clear policy regarding the use of dispersants.

# Webinaire #3: the use of dispersants in case of an oil spill



#### Speakers:

1. What are dispersants and how to use them?

2. Example of the good use of dispersants as part of oil spill response

3. Case study of the South African dispersant policy



**Ken Church**, Senior Spill Response Specialist, OSRL



Justina Lee, Environmental specialist, OSEC Shell



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## Thank you for your attention!







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