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**Workshop organized by the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea & Gulf of Aden (PERSGA)**

PERSGA is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the coastal and marine environments of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, and is governed by a council of ministers handling environmental affairs in each of the seven PERSGA member states. PERSGA's member states include: Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

The organization's daily affairs are executed by a secretariat run by a team of professionals headed by the Secretary General. The kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosts PERSGA Secretariat and its headquarters in Jeddah, since it was established in 1995.

This regional workshop comes in the framework of the implementation of the regional long-term capacity building prepared by PERSGA to prevent and to mitigate oil spills incidents in the region, in particular in the efforts to prevent any catastrophic damages to the human health and the marine environment from FSO SAFER.





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**DATES OF THE WORKSHOP (VIDEOCONFERENCE).**

**All times: Jeddah time**

This event will take place from 24 to 26 November 2020, by teleconferencing, organized and hosted by PERSGA.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP**

The objectives of the Regional Workshop on “Preparedness and response to oil spills: Focus on the international legal framework” are to expose participants to:

- The risk of major oil spill - including transboundary spills - and their potential impact in member states of PERSGA.
- The need for international cooperation in case of a major oil spill.
- The provisions of the OPRC convention - advantages and obligations of parties to the convention.
- Existing cooperation agreements in the PERSGA region and outside
- The need for robust National Contingency Plans for enabling cooperation.
- The need for clear roles and responsibilities in case of activation of assistance through cooperation
- The legal framework for compensation of marine oil spills
- Elements of an action plan for establishing and strengthening regional cooperation
- Refresh and familiarize participants on the legal instruments governing Oil spills incidents
- Strengthening national capacities to respond to marine pollution incidents and foster regional cooperation;
- Explore the needs for improving preparedness, response, and protection related to oil spills

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
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<b>10: 00 (Jeddah time)</b>	<b>Opening and Workshop Introduction</b>
10 minutes	<b>Opening remark</b> <i>Secretary General of PERSGA</i>
	<b>Welcome Speech from PERSGA</b> <b>Introduction to PERSGA activities on sea-based pollution prevention</b> <i>Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Mohamed</i>
20 minutes	<b>Introduction of Facilitators</b> Brief introduction / background, experience of experts <i>Maritime expert. Jean-Yves HUET – Oil spill preparedness and response technical advisors - OTRA</i>
	<b>Introduction of Participants</b> Brief introduction: Name, country, organisation, expectations from Workshop
	<b>Workshop overview</b> Outline of programme, work process, practical aspects / Breaks, etc. <i>Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Mohamed, - PERSGA - Coordinator of Sea-based pollution Programme</i>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Risk and impacts of oil spills, response techniques</b>
15 minutes	<b>Sources, causes of oil spills and effects of oil spills</b> / focus on member states of PERSGA Risks from shipping (including passing ships), Risks from offshore Exploration and Production, Brief overview of possible damages from oil spills in PERSGA region / Sensitive habitats, fishing, tourism, etc. <i>Capt Babacar Diop, maritime expert- BEXCOM</i>
15 minutes	<b>Oil Spill response</b> / overview of oil spill response tactics and resources Reminder of oil spill response tactics. Discuss use of dispersant in the region <i>Maritime expert. Jean-Yves HUET – Oil spill preparedness and response technical advisors - OTRA</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>International oil spill preparedness and response, and cooperation framework</b>
30 minutes	<b>IPIECA Video “Working together” on OPRC Convention</b> Outlines the OPRC convention and need for contingency planning <i>Maritime expert. Jean-Yves HUET – Oil spill preparedness and response technical advisors - OTRA</i>
60 minutes	<b>International oil spill preparedness and response: OPRC 90 Convention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OPRC 90 convention and the international framework</li> <li>• National obligations according to OPRC 90</li> <li>• Institutional arrangements and sharing of responsibilities</li> <li>• Need for National oil spill contingency plans / Key components</li> </ul> <i>Capt Babacar Diop, maritime expert- BEXCOM</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Examples of transboundary spills and international cooperation</b>
60 Minutes	Examples of mobilisation of assistance through international cooperation and issues related to transboundary spills
	<b>ARAGON oil spill – 1990.</b> Illustrates mobilisation of international resources and practical issues
	<b>PRESTIGE oil spill – 2002.</b> Illustrates transboundary spill, where agreement exists
15 minutes	<b>DEEPWATER HORIZON oil spill – 2010.</b> Illustrates the need to call upon international resources even in prepared countries + special case of a blowout
15 minutes	<b>Discussion &amp; questions</b>
<b>14:15</b>	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
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<b>10:00</b>	<b>Regional cooperation for oil spill preparedness and response in the region</b>
15 minutes	<p><b>Jeddah Convention</b> (Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) and emergency protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol Concerning Regional Cooperation in Combating Pollution by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency (February 1982)</li> <li>• Protocol Concerning Technical Cooperation to Borrow and Transfer Experts, Technicians, Equipment and Materials in Cases of Emergency (2009)</li> </ul>
15 minutes	<p><b>THE SAFER REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk assessment for oil spill from FSO SAFER</li> <li>• Possible response strategies</li> <li>• Training and capacity building</li> </ul>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Regional cooperation principles and examples</b>
30 minutes	<p><b>Key points for International and Regional cooperation for spill response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During preparedness; and during spills: movement of personnel and resources, technical support &amp; advice, transboundary operational coordination Others?</li> <li>• Type of cooperation: Public ↔ Public, and Public ↔ Private.</li> </ul> <p><i>Maritime expert. Jean-Yves HUET – Oil spill preparedness and response technical advisors - OTRA</i></p>
30 minutes	<p><b>Examples (outside the region) of Government ↔ Government cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Indian Ocean region</li> <li>• Bonn Agreement (NORTHERN PART OF EUROPE)</li> <li>• PLAN BISCAYE (FRANCE AND SPAIN )</li> </ul> <p><i>Capt Babacar Diop, maritime expert- BEXCOM</i></p>
30 minutes	<p><b>Examples (outside the region) of Government ↔ Industry / shipping cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In country mutual assistance. Regional assistance. Industry stockpiles.</li> </ul>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Status of national spill response preparedness of PERSGA member states</b>
60 minutes	<p><b>Status of Preparedness and National Oil Spill Contingency Plans - Overview</b> <i>Prepared in advance (Facilitator and PERSGA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National competent authorities and key roles of ministries/ agencies</li> <li>• Key points on oil spill response strategy, and equipment stockpiles</li> <li>• Cooperation in place?</li> <li>• Role of oil industry in spill response?</li> </ul>
30 min	<b>Discussion &amp; questions</b>
<b>14:15</b>	<b>END OF DAY 2</b>

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
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<b>10:00</b>	<b>National and trans-boundary Command &amp; Control of Spill Response (IMS)</b>
<i>60minutes</i>	<p><b>Principle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major challenges posed by major oil spills, and transboundary spills</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities in spill response (national and transboundary)</li> <li>• Organising, scaling and staging the response</li> <li>• Incident management at national and regional level &amp; organisational structures</li> <li>• Provision of assistance</li> </ul>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Compensation of damage from oil spills</b>
<i>60 minutes</i>	<p><b>International framework and instruments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spills of persistent oil from tankers (CLC and Fund conventions)</li> <li>• Spills from commercial vessels (Bunker convention)</li> <li>• Spills of non-persistent oil (HNS Convention and Protocol)</li> </ul>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Status of cooperation in the region</b>
<i>30 minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identification of gaps</b></li> </ul>
<i>45 minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussions (Q&amp;A session)</b></li> <li>• <b>Identification of key areas for improvement</b></li> </ul>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Proposals of elements for improvements</b>
<i>45 minutes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collection of proposal</b> (from each participant) of recommendations from participants to improve the cooperation in the region for preparedness and response to Oil spills</li> </ul>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>
	PERSGA
<b>14:15</b>	<b>END OF DAY 3</b>