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# **Regional Workshop on Cooperation and Response to Marine Spills**

## **Regional Frameworks**

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# Outline of Presentation

- 1. Overview of the Organisation**
  - II. Strategic Framework and Areas of Intervention**
  - III. Regional Frameworks for prevention of coastal and marine pollution**
  - IV. Other Regional Initiatives for Maritime Safety and Security**
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# 1. Overview of the Indian Ocean Commission

- **Intergovernmental organisation for regional cooperation**
- **Founded in 1982 and formalised in 1984**
- **Comprising solely of island (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius , Seychelles and Reunion Island of France)**
- **Govern by the Council of Ministers**
- **Secretariat : Located in Mauritius  
Head by a Secretary General**



## Partnership Agreements

- Observer Status at the United Nations
- MOU with Nairobi Convention
- MoU with IMO
  - In the process of signing a specific MoU with IMO for the Glofouling Project.
- Discussing partnership agreement with UNDP for a programme on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste



## Role as a regional organisation

### FACILITATOR

- Promote dialogue amongst MS
- Advocate at regional and international level
- Resource mobilisation
- Strengthen capacity

### SUBSIDIARITY

- Respect the sovereignty of each member state
- Complement national efforts in specific areas identify by the country

### PROMOTE COLLABORATION

- Shared values
- Generate ideas
- Long term solutions



## Strategic Framework & Areas of Intervention

- **Peace and Stability**

Cooperation to promote peace ,good governance, maritime safety and security, combat transboundary crimes

- **Economic development**

Cooperation to promote economic growth , participation of the private sector, ensure food security, responsible fisheries development , sustainable blue economy

- **Environment and Climate Change**

Cooperation to protect, conserve management and utilisation of biodiversity ; `climate change and disaster risk reduction to reduce losses and build resilience

- **Human Development**

Cooperation in education, research and innovation, health, gender , culture and mass communication

## II. Regional Frameworks

Regional Agreements	Signatories	Year Signed
Regional agreement to combat Oil Spills in WIO	Comoros, Madagascar , Mauritius, Seychelles and Reunion Island	2004
Regional agreement for preparedness for and response to Marine pollution ( oil spill and hazardous and noxious substances )	Comoros, Kenya , Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique , Seychelles , South Africa and Tanzania	2010-2012
i. Regional Agreement for sharing of Maritime information ii. Regional Agreement to collaborate on maritime operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles,</li> <li>- Kenya and Reunion island of France</li> <li>- Somalia and Tanzania are yet to sign</li> </ul>	Signed in 2018 i. Maritime Security Ministerial Conference in Mauritius ii. Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi



## 2004- WIO Oil spill

Agreement for Cooperation in Combatting Oil Spills (IOC member States) – **Regional Centre in Madagascar**

## 2018- Maritime Security

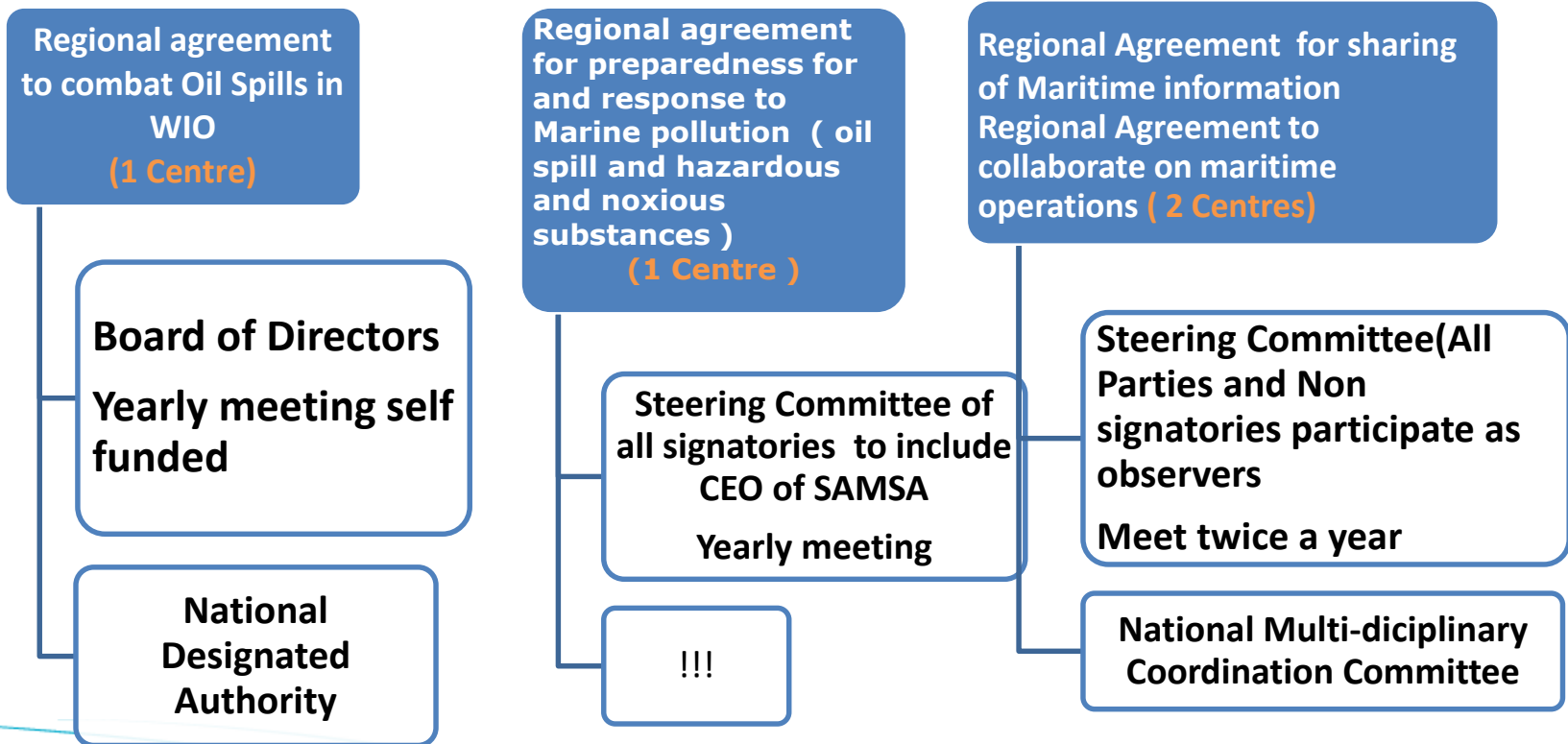
- i. Regional Agreement to collaborate and share maritime information. **(Maritime Information Fusion Centre in Madagascar )**
- ii. Regional Agreement to collaborate on maritime operations **(Operation Centre established in Seychelles)**

**2010-2012 ESA-IO** Regional Agreement for preparedness for and response to Marine pollution. **RCC recommended for South Africa**





## Mechanisms to operationalise the Agreements





Challenges	WIO Oil Spill Coordination and Response Centre in Madagascar (OLEP)	RCC <b>Recommended</b> South Africa (SAMSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maritime Fusion Centre (Madagascar)</li> <li>- Maritime Operations Centre (Seychelles )</li> </ul>
Human Resource	National Staff of the Centre	From Signatory States	- One representative from each Country .
Financial Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government budget</li> <li>- <b>Contingency Fund??</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution from States</li> <li>- Ability for the Centre to mobilise funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each country represented at the Centre pays the Salary of its' expert</li> <li>- Allowances supplemented by projects</li> </ul>
Approval process	Endorsed by Council of Ministers of IOC	Agreed at High Level meeting(PSC) December 2011	Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security ESA-IO



## Other Initiatives and Frameworks

- ❖ African Union Integrated Maritime Strategy
  - ❖ Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding ( Port State Control )
  - ❖ Pan African Programme for the Global Monitoring of the Environment and Security (GMES & Africa)- AUC
  - ❖ Glofouling - GEF/UNDP/IMO
  - ❖ Waste prevention and management for SIDS (GEF /UNDP)..being discussed ( Chemicals and hazardous waste)
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## To Bear in mind

- Importance of the Environment in national economies
- Responsibilities of Parties under the IMO and NC Conventions
- Mandate of the Nairobi Convention and decisions of COPs
- Recommendations of the Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security , Country led initiative emerged from the Maritime Security Programme initially intended to combat Piracy
- African Union Integrated Maritime Strategy
- Integration of marine environment into Maritime Security
- Maritime Security and Safety to navigation mindful of marine environment sensitivity



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**Thank you for your attention**

