

Regional Workshop on Cooperation in Preparedness and Response to Marine Spills

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# Regional Coordination Centre (RCCs)

- Financially sustainable institution
- Designated by the Contracting Parties to a Regional Seas Convention, or Member Governments Parties to a non-UN Environment regional Convention or a regional agreement, to carry out specific functions and activities
- Typically supports a Protocol to a Convention or the regional agreement addressing emergencies resulting in marine pollution

## RCCs

- Develop preparedness and response emergency co-operation in a region
- Assist the countries in the development of their own national capabilities and facilitate information exchange, technical co-operation and training.
- Assist in establishing regional systems and to promote dialogue aimed at conducting co-ordinated actions at national, regional and global levels for the implementation of sub-regional/regional contingency plans

# Typical RCC functions

- Collect and disseminate relevant information
- Initiate, design and assist in the running of national and regional training courses and exercises
- Assist the countries in ensuring the sustainability and revision of their national plans and of the sub-regional/regional contingency plan
- Facilitate and co-ordinate international assistance in case of emergency
- Secretariat for a regional agreement and the regional contingency plan, including the organizing meetings
- Do not directly own or provide equipment for pollution combatting activities













# Types of RCC

- A. Intergovernmental UN Regional Centres
- B. Intergovernmental non-UN Regional Centres
- C. Light Secretariat Arrangements
- D. National centres with a regional mandate, Regional Activity Centres (RAC)

# W10 - Previous Considerations

## Host Country Agreement developed with principles covering:

- Establishment including Terms of Reference (ToR below)
- Location
- Financing
- Management

#### ToR

- Establishment and management details
- Objectives and functions
- Administration and finance
- Personnel
- Reporting

### Operational Plan and associated budget

#### HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATION CENTRE FOR PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO OIL AND HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES POLLUTION IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN REGION

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a) "The Centre" means the Regional Coordination Centre for Preparedness and for response to Oil and For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply: