

# Regional Coordination Centres



**Examples and  
Options**

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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

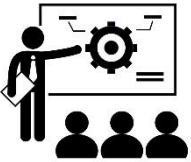
# RCCs

- 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)

# WIO – 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

