Multi-institutional coordination aimed at supporting regional cooperation on oil spill contingency planning in the Wider Caribbean

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ARPEL membership represents over 90% of the upstream and downstream activities in the region

Cooperation, Integration and Innovation are our most important values
Tool to evaluate oil spill management capabilities – RETOS™

- Used by governments and industries: + 50 countries and companies between 2011 and 2016

- Available in 4 languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

COCATRAM: Central American Commission of Maritime Transportation
REMPEITC-Caribe: Regional Marine Pollution Emergency, Information and Training Centre
GI-WACAF: Global Initiative for West and Central Africa
GI-SEA: Global Initiative for Southeastern Asia
OSPRI: Regional Initiative of Preparedness for Oil Spills in Caspian and Black Seas
USCG: United States Coast Guard
ARPEL approach to regionalization – Government/industry working together

P: Partner

- **Bilateral Cooperation** (two countries)
- **Multilateral Cooperation** (more than two countries)
- **Regionalization** (one Region)
Levels of regionalization

- Identification of new partners
- Sharing the purchase and operation of new equipment
- Sharing (loan) of existing spill response equipment
- Joint spill exercises
- Standardization of training programs
- Joint contingency planning
- Joint risk assessment
- Intergovernmental agreements for transboundary movement of oil spill equipment and personnel
- Sharing of inventories of equipment and trained personnel
- Sharing of information
What have we learnt so far?

Both governments and industry are interested in the development of regional cooperation schemes

- They have different and complementary roles to play in the process
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements have – at the most- been accomplished “in paper”
- Regional coordination needs to be systematized to make the most out of available – scarce- funds and exchange of experiences
- National capacity building and bi/multilateral cooperation initiatives should be simultaneously developed to keep momentum
- There is a need to establish success/advance indicators to ensure sustainability of the process
Multi-institutional cooperation - An ARPEL proposal

Formalize the coordination of regional organizations involved in oil spill contingency planning cooperation in the Wider Caribbean

- Objectives: to strengthen the development of cooperative activities to enhance local and regional capabilities aimed at –actually- implementing cooperation agreements

- Participants: RAC/REMPEITC-Carib, COCATRAM, ARPEL, IMO, UNEP and others. Each with specific roles

- Activities: based on agreed priorities

- Span of time: annual renewal

- Resources: own + those obtained through IFO’s