

Experts meeting on environmental management of the oil and gas sector development in the Western Indian Ocean

28-29 November 2016

Double Tree Hotel,
Stone Town, Zanzibar

The oil and gas industry is showing considerable growth in the Western Indian Ocean region, representing both economic opportunity as well as significant risks in terms of the negative impacts on the coastal and marine environment. Aware of the economic potential as well as the need for regional and national environmental safeguards, the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean (Nairobi Convention), under Decision CP8/7, called for concerted efforts in environment management in the oil and gas development. There is therefore an urgent need for strong governance frameworks that are aligned with international best practice to support effective impact mitigation strategies.

This short session follows after the third negotiations meeting on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Protocol of the Nairobi Convention and will bring together Focal Points of the Convention and oil and gas specialists in the Western Indian Ocean. Participants will:

- Identify capacity needs in the oil and gas sector development with special reference to offshore oil and gas and associated infrastructure,
- Share on the environmental standards and regional guidelines for oil and gas exploration and exploitation in the Western Indian Ocean, and
- Identify common issues and key actions needed to strengthen governance in the oil and gas sector for effective mitigation of environmental impacts.

The discussion session is a preparatory session for the groundwork on environmental management for oil and gas development in the Western Indian Ocean region that aims to generate policy, business and civil society actions that will contribute towards the sustainable management of the oil and gas resources for the Nairobi Convention Area.

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9:00	Welcome
Situational Analysis, Regional assessments and initiatives	
9:10	Introductions and objectives of the session on oil and gas sector in the Western Indian Ocean (<i>Dixon Waruinge, Nairobi Convention Secretariat</i>)
9:30	Review of the oil and gas development in the Western Indian Ocean and capacity needs (<i>Prof Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University School of Law</i>)
9:50	Open Discussion: Capacity needs in the Oil and gas sector – Western Indian Ocean
10:30	Coffee
Exploration of the challenges, opportunities and lessons learned drawn from practical examples	
11:00	Managing the impacts of oil and gas development: Strategic Environmental Assessment needs and capacity building gaps (<i>Clever Mafuta, GRID-Arendal</i>)
11:20	Q&A
11:35	Managing the impacts of oil and gas development: regional guidelines for strengthening environmental safeguards, based on best practices and capacity building needs (<i>Dr. Mark Wright, UNEP-WCMC</i>)
11:55	Q&A
12:10	Managing the impacts of oil development on protected areas: challenges to effective regulation and monitoring (<i>Mozambique</i>)
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13:15	Lunch
14:15	Discussions on capacity needs (government, companies, NGO, civil society, communities)
5:00	Coffee and end of Day 1

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9:00	Report from discussions on capacity needs
Development of legal and policy frameworks for effective governance	
9:30	Developing a legal framework for the oil and gas sector: lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities (<i>Prof Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University School of Law</i>)
9:50	Q&A
10:30	Coffee
11:00	Structure of capacity building needs in the oil and gas sector for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governments • Oil and gas companies • NGOs • Civil Society Organizations • Local communities
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Summary, outcomes, and next steps
15:00	Coffee. End of Day 2