

Concept Paper
ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Emergency
Management of Offshore Oil Spill

Background

1. Pursuant to *ARF marine oil spill prevention, preparedness, response and recovery cooperation declaration* approved by ARF Foreign Ministers' Meeting in 2014, the workshop, as the follow-up activity and achievement of 2013 ARF Intersessional Meeting on Maritime Security, aims to promote information and knowledge sharing and regional cooperation in the field of marine oil spill response, so as to promote the establishment of expert network of marine oil spill emergency response contributing to the sustainable development of regional maritime economy.

Topics

2. Technical exchanges and discussions are carried out in three topics to identify hot spots and urgent problems.

Topic 1: The drift forecasting and environmental behavior of marine oil spill

Topic 2: Monitoring, identification and assessment of marine oil spill and oil spill restoration

Topic 3: Emergency response of the marine oil spill

Topic 4: Establishment of regional expert network of marine oil spill emergency response

Participants

3. Each ARF participant is expected to send up to 2-3 representatives from government authorities, agencies or business to the workshop. Experts from certain relevant

international organizations will also be invited to the workshop. Attendants will speak in their own capacity at the workshop and are not on behalf of their respective government or institution.

Date, Venue and Working Language

4. The 2-day workshop is to be held in 29-30th October, 2015 in Qingdao, China, by the North China Sea Branch, State Oceanic Administration. English will be the working language.

Administrative Arrangements

5. China is currently seeking an ASEAN member state to co-chair the workshop. Other ARF participants are also welcome to co-chair or co-sponsor the workshop. Any questions about the workshop, please contact Mr. Bao Haibin (bao_haibin@mfa.gov.cn) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. or Ms. Li Jing (bhjczx_lijing@bhj.gov.cn) from North China Sea Branch of State Oceanic Administration.

6. The co-chairs will bear administrative costs of the workshop, including welcome dinner and working lunches. International travel, accommodation and any other personal costs should be borne by the attendants.