



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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2023 Induction Course

The Director has the pleasure to announce that the IOPC Funds will hold an Induction Course for delegates of 1992 Fund Member States on **Monday, 6 November 2023**, from 13.30 to 17.30, at the Funds' headquarters in London.

The 2023 Induction Course is open to all interested delegates; however, it is designed in particular to benefit those who are either new to the IOPC Funds or have little prior knowledge of the organisations. The aim of the course is to provide a better understanding of the interaction between a Member State and the IOPC Funds in the event of an oil spill.

The half-day course will commence at 13.30 with registration and a welcome coffee, giving participants the opportunity to meet the Secretariat in an informal setting before the start of the event.

The course will briefly introduce participants to the international liability and compensation regime and will cover the role of the IOPC Funds, the role of the affected Member State and the entire process from an incident first occurring to the first claim being paid. It will also cover the role of the State's delegation in London and the assistance that can be provided to the State by the IOPC Funds both during and after the incident, for example, the dispatch of experts on the scene of the spill, the establishment of a local claims office and what to expect from court proceedings. As the course will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants are fully conversant in English. The full programme can be found overleaf.

Delegates interested in participating in the Induction Course are kindly requested to [register](#) online by **Friday, 27 October 2023**.

Please note that due to the high level of demand, places are limited and may be restricted to one place per Member State. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so delegates are advised to register early.

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IOPC FUNDS' INDUCTION COURSE 2023

Course programme

Monday, 6 November 2023	
Committee Rooms 6–8, first floor	
Time	Activity
13:30	Coffee and Registration
14:00	Welcome from the Director Presentation of an oil spill scenario and the practical application of the compensation regime Introduction to the liability and compensation regime Applicability of the regime Stakeholders involved Role of Member State's representatives and IOPC Funds' Secretariat during an incident
15:30	Coffee Break
15:45	Practical application of the compensation regime (<i>continued</i>) Types of claims and methods of assessment Role of State during the claims handling process Financial mechanisms for compensation Information and resources available
17:00	Open session with the participants – Q&A
17:30	End

Please note that this programme may be subject to modification.
