



International Oil Pollution  
Compensation Funds

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## Invitation to the May 2026 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies

*Thursday, 7 May to Friday, 8 May 2026  
to be held in person at 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR  
complemented by remote participation (hybrid format)*

The Director has the honour to invite representatives of 1992 Fund Member States, Supplementary Fund Member States and States and organisations holding observer status with the IOPC Funds to the May 2026 extraordinary sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies.

The following sessions will be convened on **Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 9.30 am (UK time)** and are expected to conclude on **Friday, 8 May 2026**:

- 30th extraordinary session of the 1992 Fund Assembly
- 86th session of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee
- 14th extraordinary session of the Supplementary Fund Assembly

The meeting will be held in person in the main conference hall of the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) complemented by remote participation through the IMO hybrid meeting facility. While in-person attendance is encouraged, additional members of delegations may follow and contribute remotely using this facility.

Further details, including the provisional timetable and agenda, are set out in document [IOPC/MAY26/1/1](#). **Annex I** provides information on the submission of credentials and registration for the meeting. **Annex II** lists all Member States, as well as States and organisations holding observer status with the IOPC Funds, invited to attend the sessions.

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<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	IOPC/MAY26/1/1	
<b>Date</b>	23 January 2026	
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<b>1992 Fund Assembly</b>	92AES30	●
<b>1992 Fund Executive Committee</b>	92EC86	●
<b>Supplementary Fund Assembly</b>	SAES14	●

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MAY 2026 SESSIONS OF THE IOPC FUNDS' GOVERNING BODIES

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complemented by remote participation*

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This document contains a provisional timetable and agenda for the May 2026 sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies.

<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
<b>1992 Fund Assembly</b>	<b>30th extraordinary session</b>	<b>92AES30</b>
<b>1992 Fund Executive Committee</b>	<b>86th session</b>	<b>92EC86</b>
<b>Supplementary Fund Assembly</b>	<b>14th extraordinary session</b>	<b>SAES14</b>

- 1.2 In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies, the sessions will be held in person at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, complemented by remote participation.
- 1.3 Delegations are kindly invited to attend a welcome reception hosted by the Director from 8.30 am on Thursday, 7 May, on the opening day of the meeting.
- 1.4 Sessions will commence on Thursday, 7 May at 9.30 am and are expected to conclude on Friday, 8 May 2026. The normal working hours are:
- Morning: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, with a break from 11.00 am to 11.30 am
  - Afternoon: 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm with a break from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm.
- Quorum for each of the governing bodies is established at the opening of the sessions at 9.30 am and, therefore, delegates should be seated in the room or logged in online by that time to be included in the quorum.
- 1.5 Further information on the general practices followed during IOPC Funds' meetings, including instructions for remote access, is contained in circular [IOPC/2025/Circ.8](#).
- 1.6 Important information about the presentation of credentials and notifications, and registration for the meeting is provided at Annex I. A list of Member States, observer States, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations which hold observer status with the IOPC Funds is provided at Annex II.
- 1.7 The Director, in consultation with the Chairs of the governing bodies, has prepared a provisional timetable and agenda set out below.

## 2 Outline of provisional agenda and timetable

Thursday 7 May	
AM	Procedural matters Incidents involving the IOPC Funds
PM	Compensation Matters, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The potential impact of sanctions on the international liability and compensation regime</li> </ul> Financial policies and procedures, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procedures for the election of members of the joint Audit Body</li> <li>- Report on the applicability of 1992 Fund Resolution N°12 and Supplementary Fund Resolution N°3</li> </ul> Secretariat Matters, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outcome of the trial of the Member States' questionnaire on implementation</li> </ul> Treaty matters, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation for the entry into force of the 2010 HNS Convention</li> </ul> Other matters
Friday 8 May	
PM	Adoption of the Record of Decisions

**Note: This timetable is provisional and subject to change at short notice. Delegations are strongly encouraged to be present throughout the entire meeting.**

## 3 Availability of meeting documents

Delegates are able to access and download meeting documents in the official languages of the IOPC Funds (English, French and Spanish) via the Document Services section of the website ([documentservices.iopcfunds.org](http://documentservices.iopcfunds.org)). Delegates who register through the website will receive notification of the publication of new documents and will be able to create, save and manage folders of selected documents.

## 4 Submission of documents

- 4.1 Documents prepared by delegations should be submitted to the Secretariat in English, French or Spanish by **Thursday, 9 April**. Documents should be submitted via email to [conference@iopcfunds.org](mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org).
- 4.2 Once received, documents will be formatted according to the IOPC Funds' house style, translated and made available with all other documents issued for the meeting. The Secretariat will endeavour to process all submissions promptly.

KEY DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY	
<b>Thursday, 9 April 2026</b>	Deadline for submission of external documents
<b>Wednesday, 29 April 2026</b>	Deadline to submit credentials (see Annex I)
<b>Wednesday, 29 April 2026</b>	Deadline to register for the meeting (see Annex I)

## ANNEX I

### Information on credentials and registration for the May 2026 meeting of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies

#### 1 Credentials and notifications

- 1.1 In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies, credentials or notifications are required in respect of sessions of each of the following governing bodies for representatives, alternates and other persons designated by governments and organisations to attend the meeting either in person or remotely:

	<b>Credentials</b>	<b>Notifications</b>
<b>1992 Fund Assembly</b>	1992 Fund Member States	States and organisations with observer status
<b>1992 Fund Executive Committee</b>	Members of the 1992 Fund Executive Committee <sup>&lt;1&gt;</sup>	Other 1992 Fund Member States, and States and organisations with observer status
<b>Supplementary Fund Assembly</b>	Supplementary Fund Member States	States and organisations with observer status

- 1.2 Credentials and notifications should be addressed to the **Director of the IOPC Funds** (i.e. not to the Secretary-General of IMO). Credentials must be submitted in **one** of the following ways:
- Online via the online registration system
  - By post to the IOPC Funds mailing address
  - By e-mail to: [conference@iopcfunds.org](mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org).
- 1.3 In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies, the deadline to submit credentials is five working days prior to the opening of the sessions, i.e. **Wednesday, 29 April 2026**.
- 1.4 Delegates are reminded that, in the event of any vote taking place during the sessions, any delegations whose credentials are not in order at the time of the vote will not be entitled to participate in the vote.
- 1.5 Delegations are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the guidance on the required format and content of credentials and notifications, as contained in circular [IOPC/2025/Circ.6](#) which is available on the [Document Services](#) website. In this context, delegates are reminded that if credentials are not issued by the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs or the Ambassador/High Commissioner, a letter from the appropriate authority appointing the person authorised to issue the credentials for sessions of the IOPC Funds' governing bodies should be provided to the Director of the IOPC Funds.
- 1.6 In order to ensure that the IOPC Funds have the correct contact details for the Heads of Delegations, delegates are urged to inform the Secretariat of any updates or changes to their delegations by emailing [conference@iopcfunds.org](mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org).
- 1.7 In order to minimise delays to your registration for the meeting, please use the following checklist to ensure your delegation's credentials are in order or refer to the short explanatory video available on the governing bodies page of the website.

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<1> The current members of the Executive Committee are listed at Annex II.

IOPC Funds credentials checklist	
Before submitting credentials, please check that:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They are provided in either English, French or Spanish</b>  <i>An official translation of the original may be provided by one of the delegates whose name is listed in the credentials</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They list the full and correct dates of the meeting</b>  <i>7 May to 8 May 2026</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They are signed by an appropriate person of authority</b>  <i>Head of State, Head of Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador or High Commissioner, or a person authorised by the Government to issue credentials. They can also be signed by an appropriate authority as determined by the Government, in which case please check circular <a href="#">IOPC/2025/Circ.6</a>.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They are addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds</b></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They contain the correct address of the IOPC Funds</b>  <i>4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>They are submitted electronically via email or at the time of online registration</b>  <a href="mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org">conference@iopcfunds.org</a>  <a href="https://documentservices.iopcfunds.org/meeting-registration">documentservices.iopcfunds.org/meeting-registration</a></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>They are submitted by the deadline of <b>Wednesday, 29 April 2026</b></p>

## 2 Registration

- 2.1 Those wishing to follow the meeting either in person or remotely should register via the [Document Services section](#) of the website. Members of delegations who register to participate remotely will receive further information on the procedures for using this service, including joining instructions, by email in due course.
- 2.2 In order to obtain access to the conference hall and to ensure a name plate, sufficient seats and microphones are allocated to each delegation in the hall, delegates, including permanent/deputy/alternate representatives to IMO, should register directly with the IOPC Funds' Secretariat (and not IMO) at least one week before the meeting, i.e. by **Wednesday, 29 April 2026**, via the online registration system. Delegates registering after this date may be allocated a seat on arrival which is separate to the rest of their delegation or outside of the usual seating plan.
- 2.3 Those who wish to follow the meeting remotely via the IMO hybrid meeting facility should also register using the online meeting registration form. Remote participants will receive an email with a Zoom link and joining instructions before the start of the meeting.
- 2.4 Registered delegates are requested to ensure that the following email address is added to their address book or allowed by their mailbox spam filters so notifications, including confirmation of registration and meeting documents, if requested, are not missed: [no-reply@iopcfunds.org](mailto:no-reply@iopcfunds.org).

### **3 Access to meeting**

- 3.1 Delegates are requested to arrive early on the first day of the meeting to allow time to confirm registration, with registration services provided from 8.00 am. Delegates who do not register online in advance will need to do so on arrival. During peak time on Thursday morning, delegates who have not registered in advance may be required to wait for an online device to become available at the registration desk.
- 3.2 With reference to security procedures at IMO, all delegates are required to carry a specially issued pass to gain access to IMO. Delegates who have previously been issued with a security pass to attend meetings at IMO are requested to bring this pass with them. No representative will be admitted without evidence of their authorisation to attend the meeting.
- 3.3 If you have any accessibility needs, please contact [conference@iopcfunds.org](mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org) to discuss your requirements.
- 3.4 In accordance with Article 15 of the Headquarters Agreement<sup><2></sup> between the Government of the United Kingdom and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund, 1992, delegates representing Member States of the IOPC Funds are exempt from all measures restricting entry and from charges for visas, and are therefore entitled to apply for an 'EXEMPT' visa.
- 3.5 Delegates requiring visas to enter the United Kingdom are advised to submit their visa application well in advance of the meeting as the time taken by the Home Office to process visas can vary from one country to another. In many countries, visa applications can be submitted online. The Secretariat wishes to draw the attention of delegates to a number of changes to UK travel requirements, including the introduction of Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) and related permission-to-travel checks. Delegates are invited to consult the UK Government website for further information: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).
- 3.6 Please note that for the purposes of this application and any supporting note verbale, the IOPC Funds should be referred to as the 'International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPCF)'. Delegates who experience any difficulty in obtaining a visa are advised to contact the IOPC Funds' Secretariat by emailing [conference@iopcfunds.org](mailto:conference@iopcfunds.org) as soon as possible so that assistance or advice can be provided.

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<2> Corresponding to Article 14 of the revised Headquarters Agreements for the 1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund. A revised 1992 Fund Headquarters Agreement and a separate Supplementary Fund Headquarters Agreement were adopted by the IOPC Funds' governing bodies in November 2020. The 1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund Agreements were signed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the IOPC Funds at the IOPC Funds' Headquarters in London on 23 March 2022. These Agreements are currently awaiting Parliamentary approval.

ANNEX II

**LIST OF MEMBER STATES, OBSERVER STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH HOLD OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE IOPC FUNDS**

1992 Fund Executive Committee Members		
Antigua and Barbuda	Madagascar	Portugal
Canada	Marshall Islands	Spain
France	Namibia	Sweden
Japan	Netherlands	Thailand
Kenya	Norway	United Kingdom

Other 1992 Fund Member States		
Albania	Ghana	Panama
Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Grenada	Poland
Argentina	Guinea	Philippines
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Bahamas	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Hungary	Russian Federation
Barbados	Iceland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	India	Saint Lucia
Belize	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Samoa
Brunei Darussalam	Iraq	San Marino
Bulgaria	Ireland	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Israel	Serbia
Cambodia	Jamaica	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
China <sup>&lt;3&gt;</sup>	Latvia	Singapore
Colombia	Liberia	Slovakia
Comoros	Lithuania	Slovenia
Congo (the)	Luxembourg	South Africa
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Costa Rica	Maldives	Switzerland
Côte d'Ivoire	Malta	Syrian Arab Republic
Croatia	Mauritania	Tonga
Cyprus	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Mexico	Tunisia
Djibouti	Monaco	Türkiye
Dominica	Montenegro	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Estonia	Nauru	Uruguay
Fiji	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Finland	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Gabon	Nigeria	
Gambia (the)	Niue	
Georgia	Oman	
Germany	Palau	

<3> The 1992 Fund Convention applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region only.

## ANNEX II

Supplementary Fund Member States		
Australia	Greece	New Zealand
Barbados	Hungary	Norway
Belgium	Ireland	Poland
Canada	Italy	Portugal
Congo (the)	Japan	Republic of Korea
Croatia	Latvia	Slovakia
Denmark	Lithuania	Slovenia
Estonia	Mauritius	Spain
Finland	Montenegro	Sweden
France	Morocco	Türkiye
Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom

1992 Fund and Supplementary Fund observer States		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guatemala	Peru
Brazil	Honduras	Saudi Arabia
Chile	Indonesia	Solomon Islands
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kuwait	Ukraine
Egypt	Lebanon	United States
	Pakistan	

Intergovernmental organisations having observer status with the IOPC Funds
Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)
Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR)
European Commission
International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)
International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)
United Nations (UN)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

## ANNEX II

### Non-governmental organisations having observer status with the IOPC Funds

BIMCO  
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Comité Maritime International (CMI)  
Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)  
European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)  
Iberoamerican Maritime Law Institute (IIDM)  
International Association of Classification Societies Ltd (IACS)  
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)  
International Group of P&I Associations  
International Salvage Union (ISU)  
International Spill Control Organization (ISCO)  
International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI)  
INTERTANKO  
ITOPF  
Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)  
Sea Alarm Foundation (Sea Alarm)  
World Liquid Gas Association (WLGA)

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