



International Oil Pollution
Compensation Funds

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2021 IOPC Funds Online Short Course

The Director has the pleasure to announce that this year's IOPC Funds Short Course will be held online for the first time and will take place over two weeks between 14 and 25 June 2021, running three hours per day.

The Secretariat has prepared an online programme which will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and include interactive exercises involving a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. The course, which is supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the International Group of P&I Associations and ITOPF, will also offer participants the opportunity to understand the relationships and common objectives of those stakeholders which are particularly important in tanker incidents where the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions apply.

The course will be held on the Microsoft Teams platform and the core hours will be from 11 am – 2 pm (BST, London time), in order to suit the majority of time zones. Participants may also be expected to undertake short exercises and reading in their own time.

Once candidates are accepted onto the course, they will be issued with an official invitation and a detailed timetable of the course programme. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will be awarded a certificate of completion. The provisional programme is set out on page 2. Further information about the course can be found on the External Relations page of the website: www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/what-we-do/external-relations

Eligibility and criteria

Although candidates do not need to meet any specific requirements, the course will be most beneficial to those with an in-depth involvement and interest in the practical application of the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions. It is expected that Member States nominating a candidate will ensure that this is the case.

Those interested in applying should be nominated directly by governments of 1992 Fund Member States. This course is free of charge for the participants, however any costs incurred must be self-funded or supported by the nominating government. A list of Member States can be found on the Membership page of the website: www.iopcfunds.org/about-us/membership/

As the course will be delivered exclusively in English, it is expected that participants are fully conversant in English. In addition, as the course will be held entirely online using Microsoft Teams, participants are expected to have access to a stable internet connection and a computer with either the latest version of the Microsoft Teams application or the latest versions of Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers.

How to apply

Candidates must submit the following documents to externalrelations@iopcfunds.org, by **Friday, 28 May 2021**:

- a nomination letter by the nominating government addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds;
- a completed nomination form which can be found attached to this circular; and
- a brief curriculum vitae no longer than two pages.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit nominations as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of places available. Generally, places are given on a first come, first served basis and are restricted to one place per Member State. Should the number of nominations received exceed availability, the Secretariat may select candidates by considering their profile and a reasonable balance of geographic representation.

Provisional programme

Module	Topics
Introduction to the international oil pollution liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development and scope of the 1992 Civil Liability and Fund Conventions (<i>Torrey Canyon</i> and beyond) • Protocols and changes to the Conventions over time
Incidents which have shaped the international liability and compensation regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to handle a major spill: <i>Hebei Spirit</i> case study • Legal issues — practical considerations
International Group of P&I Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the International Group of P&I Associations • Reinsurance, Lloyds etc. • Introduction to P&I and underwriting (concept of mutuality, Club cover, blue cards, etc.)
ITOPF: The work of surveyors and experts in the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of experts such as ITOPF in the field • Country profiles, national resources and capabilities
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of IMO in shipping and other IMO Conventions related to pollution: MARPOL, OPRC, LLMC, Bunkers and HNS Conventions
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of role and work of ICS and national shipowner associations. ICS perspective on policy issues relating to the compensation regime/IOPC Funds' matters
Role of the IOPC Funds Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the Secretariat and the rules which govern operations • Tools and information services available to Member States for use in daily work with the IOPC Funds
Membership and contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil reporting and administration of contributions
Claims handling and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of claims, admissibility and reasonableness and preparing and presenting a claim
Compensation in practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Seas exercise

1992 Fund Member State — contact focal point		
1992 Fund Member State:		
<i>We will use this contact as the primary point of contact for all communications regarding this nomination.</i>		
Last name:	First name:	Title:
Job title:	Organisation:	
Address:	Post code:	
	City:	
	State:	
	Country:	
E-mail:	Telephone (including country code):	

Nominations should be addressed to the Director of the IOPC Funds and sent via e-mail to externalrelations@iopcfunds.org. Please ensure that all of the following documents are provided in the nomination:



1. This completed nomination form
2. Official government nomination
3. Candidate's curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages)

If you have any questions please contact the External Relations and Conference Department (externalrelations@iopcfunds.org).
