The Global Initiative (GI), first established in 1996, is a joint programme between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and IPIECA, the global oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social performance across the energy transition.

This cooperation stems from the International Convention for Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC 1990), and represents the sustainable commitment by both governments and Industry to address oil spill issues. Local ownership, and stewardship, through the regional model is emphasised, with programme delivery focused on joint workshops, seminars, and training and exercises.

GI Projects exist for the following regions: 1) Caspian Sea, Black Sea and Central Eurasia (OSPRI); 2) West, Central and Southern Africa (GIWACAF); and 3) Southeast Asia (GISEA). Ad-hoc activities are also arranged in other regions such as China and the Mediterranean.

Contact Us

If you operate in Southeast Asia, a membership with GISEA provides the prime opportunity to contribute positively towards enhancing oil spill preparedness and response across the region.

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Background

Southeast Asia (SEA) has long been identified as a priority region which could benefit from GI activities.

A risk assessment was undertaken by Industry in 1998; this was subsequently updated in 2009 and 2019. In addition, a study on oil spill preparedness across the region was conducted in 2007 - it led to an action plan to implement GI for Southeast Asia in the following year; this coincided with increased requests from governments and industry alike for GI-type activities.

GISEA was formally established in 2013, with a remit which covers the 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Membership

GISEA is currently supported by 5 industry members, with support in kind and additional funding from the IMO for specific activities through the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP); strategic guidance is provided by both the IMO and IPIECA.

Our Vision and Mission

GISEA aspires and envisions to be ‘A trusted and visible partner to ASEAN Member States in oil spill preparedness and response, jointly steered by governments and Industry’

The mission of GISEA is to ‘Improve the regional capability in Southeast Asia, by assisting in the development of national capacities in oil spill preparedness and response, through government and industry cooperation’.

Our Work

Specifically, the Project, in collaboration with competent national authorities in charge of oil pollution response, and in partnership with the IMO, technical partners, and local oil and gas industry, seeks to strengthen the six elements of oil spill preparedness and response capability across the region, namely:

1. Legislation;
2. Contingency Planning;
3. Resources;
4. Training;
5. Exercises; and
6. Cooperation

Who We Work With

In broad terms, GISEA works with entities and organisations at national, sub-regional and regional levels within the ASEAN region.

At the regional level, GISEA supports the work of the ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG), through the IMO-ASEAN Partnership on Technical Cooperation. The Project provides a common platform for the ASEAN Member States to address oil pollution preparedness and response, along with Industry.

GISEA played a significant role to support the adoption of a regional framework on oil pollution preparedness and response by the ASEAN Member States, which encompasses:

1. Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation Mechanism on Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response (ASEAN MoU); and
2. Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan (ROSCP).