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Enhancement of Institutional Capacity on Oil Spill Response for the Republic of Mauritius

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) in collaboration with the Mauritius Police Force and other stakeholders, is presently implementing the “*Enhancement of Institutional Capacity in Oil Spill Response for the Republic of Mauritius*” project, with technical assistance from the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

As part of the project, a first International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Level 1 training exercise for oil spill response and preparedness is scheduled to be held from 10 to 14 July 2023 at the Mauritius Maritime Training Academy in Pointe Aux Sables.

In this context, oil spill combat equipment such as booms, skimmers, sorbent mats and sorbent rolls will be deployed at sea from 12 00 hours to 15 00 hours at the following sites: -

- **Tuesday 11 July 2023:** at the jetty behind the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre at Pointe Aux Sables;
- **Wednesday 12 July 2023:** in the Port Area using the tug of the Mauritius Ports Authority and vessels of the National Coast Guard; and
- **Thursday 13 July 2023:** behind the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre at Pointe aux Sables.

The deployment of the above equipment forms part of the training exercise and will be used solely for demonstration purposes.

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and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division)
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