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

In the context of the “Enhancement of Institutional Capacity in Oil Spill Response for the Republic of Mauritius” project being implemented by 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, an International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Level 1 training exercise for oil spill response and preparedness is scheduled to be held from **22 to 26 April 2024** at the Mauritius Maritime Training Academy, Pointe aux Sables.

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

- **Tuesday 23 April 2024:** at the jetty behind the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre at Pointe aux Sables;
- **Wednesday 24 April 2024:** in the Port Area using the tug of the Mauritius Ports Authority and vessels of the National Coast Guard; and
- **Thursday 25 April 2024:** behind the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre at Pointe aux Sables, for the shoreline assessment exercise.

The deployment of the above equipment forms part of the training exercise and will be used solely for demonstration purposes. There will be, however, no restriction of access to the public beach except, on account of safety, for the sites where field exercises will be undertaken.

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