



Agenda Item 3

## Expanding the Resource Network for Environmental Emergency Response



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## A strengthened system for environmental emergency response

- Readily-available pool of diverse **expertise** (e.g. disaster waste management, dam integrity, slope stability)
- **Equipment** (e.g. sampling, monitoring, measuring)
- Equal **distribution of countries** around the world

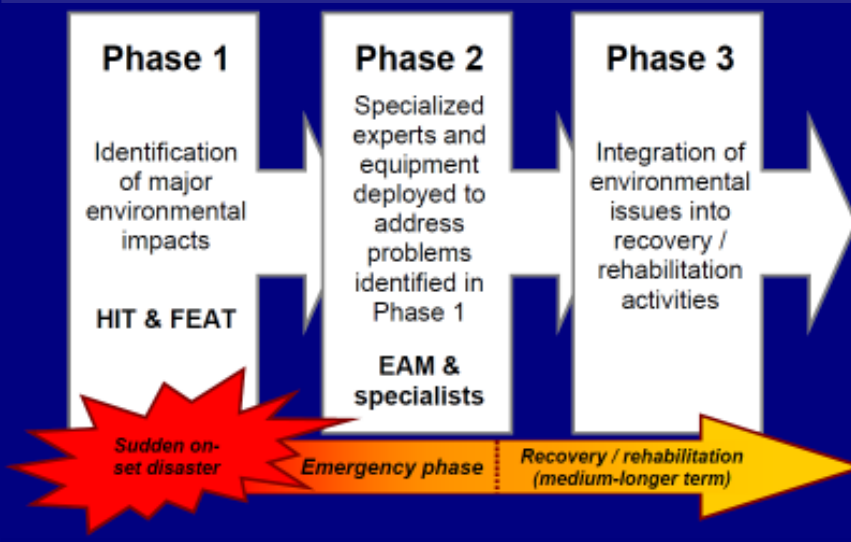
## The international system translated to the national level

- **A pool of environmental experts**  
Among government agencies dealing with environmental emergencies at the national level
- **Sources of funding**  
Should be available through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or through the government's international development agency
- **A mobilization procedure**
  - Manage roster of experts;
  - Liaise with other governmental bodies;
  - Receive and process requests for assistance from JEU;
  - Identify and deploy required experts/equipment;
  - Mobilize required funds.

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## Environmental emergency response cycle



## Strengthening activities

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- EC-MIC
- Netherlands & Sweden
- Crisis Centre of the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- Singapore Civil Defense Force
- ASEAN
- UNDAC
- GFMC

## Conclusions and challenges

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- Notable progress, but very unbalanced
- Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America
- Likelihood of increased number and intensity of environmental emergencies due to:
  - Increased industrialization
  - Transboundary effects
  - Climate change

## Questions for the AGEE

- How can the AGEE best address the challenges of establishing a better geographical distribution of its resource network (expertise and equipment) in regions such as Africa, Asia/Pacific and Latin America?
- Can AGEE participants offer specific solutions to help the JEU develop the network of responders in nations and regions across the globe?

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THANK YOU!

