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NOTIFICATION

Second Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14

*Enabling sustainable and integrated seafood and living marine resources value chains
and related services*

Geneva, 16–17 July 2018

The second Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14 will be held from 16 to 17 July 2018 in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will start at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 July. Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish, the six official languages of the United Nations, will be available during the two days of the Oceans Forum.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14 has become a unique global platform to take stock, exchange experiences and discuss options for the implementation of the trade-related targets of Goal 14. The second Oceans Forum is organized in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the International Ocean Institute. It will be chaired by Mr. Peter Thomson, Special Envoy for the Ocean of the United Nations.

Under the lens of Sustainable Development Goal 14, the second Oceans Forum will explore options for strengthening the position of developing countries in seizing trade opportunities from the seafood value chain and related services, such as transport, port and logistical services. Through state-of-the-art analysis, country experiences and identification of public and private best practices, the Oceans Forum will aim at providing policy recommendations and propose specific actions on meeting trade-related targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14, particularly targets 4, 6, 7 and b.

The Oceans Forum will further seek to establish a set of policy recommendations and actions to be considered in advancing implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 by member States, both within the multilateral trading system and through the Sustainable Development Goal monitoring exercise under the auspices of the United Nations.

Participation

The Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14 is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as representatives from academia and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration at [Second Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required in order to be included in the list of participants. Early registration by Friday, 6 July 2018, is advised in order that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a badge to enter the Palais des Nations. In order to complete the registration process, participants must upload an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at the session. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the relevant permanent mission in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the Intergovernmental Support Service, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

All other inquiries should be addressed to Mr. David Vivas Eugui, tel.: 41 22 917 5642; email: david.vivaseugui@un.org.

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