Notification

Towards an inter-agency plan of action for achieving the trade-related targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14

Room VIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, 13 June 2019

The Food and Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Environment Programme will host the presentation of the inter-agency draft plan of action for achieving the trade-related targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14. It is widely accepted that the fisheries sector requires increased focus and attention at the global level, not only to meet Goal 14 but also to safeguard the livelihoods of millions of households, mainly in developing countries. Tackling current challenges will require innovative approaches, partnerships and initiatives by all stakeholders.

The three agencies work closely to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the trade-related aspects of Goal 14. At the Second Oceans Forum on the Trade-related Aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14 held in Geneva in July 2018, Member States and other stakeholders requested that the three agencies prepare a draft plan of action to accelerate the implementation of Goal 14 through trade.

Together with the support and guidance from Member States, the three agencies are now presenting a draft plan of action for achieving the trade-related targets to accelerate the achievement of trade-related targets of Goal 14, namely targets 4, 6, 7 and 8, through improved trade and trade-related policies that safeguard food security and contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, living marine resources and livelihoods.

The provisional programme can be found at the following link: Programme. The presentation will be followed by commentaries from Member States, potential donors and civil society organizations.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: Registration. Communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: 41 22 917 02 14; email: meetings@unctad.org.

The event is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Those wishing to attend the presentation are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat with the credentials of their representatives and the names of their alternative representatives and advisers by Monday, 3 June. Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting, and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category who wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.
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.

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