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## Side event to the Thirty-second meeting of the CITES Animals Committee

### *Strengthening institutional cooperation for improving sustainability and legality findings in the fisheries sector*

**Date:** 19 June 2023

**Time:** from 17.15 to 18.45 (Geneva time)

**Venue:** Room E/F, International Conferences Centre, Geneva

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### Provisional Agenda

Moderator: **Hyeon Jeong Kim**, Associate Scientific Support Officer, CITES Secretariat

<b>17.15</b>	Greetings and registration
17.20 – 17.25	Opening remarks Ms Ivonne Higuero, Secretary-General of CITES Mr Blaise Kuemlangan, Chief of Development Law Service, FAO (video)
17.25 – 17.35	<b>Partnerships for improving CITES implementation for commercially exploited aquatic species</b> Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez, Chief of Legal Unit, CITES Secretariat
17.35 – 17.45	<b>Sharing key findings from the legal training workshops on CITES and fisheries</b> Introduction from the sea, Legal acquisition findings, Non-detriment findings Ms Julia N. Nakamura, Legal Officer, Development Law Service, FAO
17.45 – 17.55	<b>Sharing key findings from the UNCTAD-OECS Blue BioTrade Initiative</b> Mr. Joel Richards, Senior Technical Specialist, Permanent Delegation of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Geneva Mission
17.55 – 18.05	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
18.05 – 18.35	<b>Panel: Regional perspectives on institutional cooperation from the Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America</b> Mr Mauro Gongora, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries, Belize Mr Hugh Robertson, Conservation Scientist, Department of Conservation, New Zealand Ms Frida Pacheco, Biologist Fisheries Expert, Directory of Conservation of Ecosystems and Species, General Direction of Biological Diversity, Peru
18.35 – 18.45	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
<b>18.45</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b> Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez