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Concept note

Addressing key challenges in fisheries, aquaculture, and seafood trade policy for sustainable development

A 2022 UN Ocean Conference side event, organized by UNCTAD, DOALOS, IISD, GSSI and the Monterey Bay Aquarium

1 July 2022
4–5.15 p.m.

Room 1, Altice Arena
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Background: Trade policy can have a significant impact in making fisheries and aquaculture more sustainable. However, trade policy can also provide both positive and negative incentives to stocks conservation if not designed responsibly. Developing [Oceans Economy and Trade Strategies \(OETS\)](#) at the national level can frame sound ocean economic governance and provide an enabling environment for ocean-based value chains seeking sustainability. At the same time, addressing negative public incentives such as harmful fisheries subsidies need a clear and immediate multilateral response in the form of a Fisheries Subsidies Agreement under the World Trade Organization (WTO) with urgency. Seafood Interactive Maps (SIMs) can show a new path and ways for producers globally to learn, connect to markets, find technology solutions, and understand investment opportunities in sustainable seafood harvesting and farming. New risk assessment methodologies for aquaculture under the [One Health Approach \(OHA\)](#) can assist in understanding and mitigating impacts from the

intensive use of antibiotics, including challenges with antimicrobial resistance that has broad implications for people and sustainability.

This event will introduce how new and diverse partnerships, approaches and recommendations can maximize outcomes for fast-tracking the implementation of targets 1, 4, 6 and b of [SDG 14](#).

Objective of the meeting: Introduce the most pressing challenges in fisheries, aquaculture, and seafood and present most recent multilateral, regional and national sound solutions, and best practices in trade policy for sustainable development.

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Moderator:

- **Mr. Vladimir Jares**, Director DOALOS

Speakers:

- **Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Legal Officer, UNCTAD (including presentation of the OETS project video, The Blue Connection)
- **Mr. Adriel Castaneda**, Senior Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department
- **Ms. Ieva Baršauskaitė**, Senior Policy Advisor, IISD
- **Ms. Nicola Reid**, New Zealand's Permanent Representative to UNESCO
- **Ms. Dana Bethsabe Zambrano**, Undersecretary for Fisheries Resources, Ecuador
- **Ms. Eva Mudde**, SDG Impact Manager, GSSI
- **Mr. Ridwan Mulyana**, Director of Fish Resources Management, Directorate General of Capture Fisheries, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
- **Mr. Rolando Ibarra**, Senior Fellow, Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch
- **Ms. Ana Cristina Canales Gomez**, Veterinarian, Agriculture and Food GP East and Southern Africa, The World Bank

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