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

**UNCTAD, FAO, UN Environment, UNECE, the Commonwealth,  
ACP Group and IOI**

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### **Tentative Programme**

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Forum Chair: **Mr. Peter Thomson**, United Nations Oceans Envoy

#### **Monday, 16 July 2018**

#### **10:00–11:30. a.m. Welcoming Remarks: Seafood and Marine Value Chains and SDG 14**

- **Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- **Ms. Patricia Scotland**, Secretary-General, The Commonwealth
- **Mr. Viwanou Gnassounou**, Assistant Secretary-General for Sustainable Economic Development and Trade, ACP
- **Mr. Audun Lem**, Deputy-Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO
- **Ms. Anja von Moltke**, Head Environment and Trade Unit, UN Environment
- **Ms. Nicola Koch**, Chef de Cabinet and Secretary of the Commission, UNECE
- **Mr. Awni Behnam**, Honorary President, IOI

#### **11:30. a.m.–1 p.m. Session 1: Meeting SDG 14: the role of trade and seafood value chains**

This session will look at the role of trade in enabling the expansion and value addition of seafood value chains (including both marine capture and marine species aquaculture). It will present the UNCTAD-FAO-UN Environment background note titled "Sustainable Fish Trade and SDG 14" that outlines recent multilateral developments, sets the scene for the policy discussion and makes preliminary recommendations for the consideration of Member States. The note also highlights global trends and key determining factors of seafood value chains, especially in developing countries.

**UNCTAD-FAO-UN Environment Background note on "Sustainable Fish Trade and SDG 14"**  
by Mr. Lahsen Ababouch, UNCTAD-FAO- UN Environment Leading Expert

**Commented by**

- **Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Legal Officer, Trade, Environment Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
- **Ms. Jodie Keane**, Economist, Commonwealth Secretariat

**3–6 p.m. Session 2: Addressing barriers to value chain integration: fish subsidies**

The existence of harmful incentives in the fishing industry continues to compromise the sustainability of stocks by creating and supporting excessive fishing capacities to extract an already-scarce resource. Target 14.6 of the SDGs recognizes the need to take action on certain forms of subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, and to refrain from introducing new subsidies. In 2017, the United Nations Oceans Conference called on Member States to take urgent action on this matter, and at its 11th WTO Ministerial Conference, the WTO has reinvigorated its own mandate through the Buenos Aires Ministerial Decision on Fisheries Subsidies. This latter Decision calls on Members "to continue to engage constructively in the fisheries subsidies negotiations, with a view to adopting, by the Ministerial Conference in 2019, an agreement on comprehensive and effective disciplines" based on TN/RL/W/274/REV4 and RD/TN/RL/29/Rev3 and other subsequent documents. While technical work has advanced, it seems that political impetus is needed to meet the new deadline.

Outcomes of WTO MC 11, recent developments in WTO fish subsidies negotiations and prospects for 2019

- **H.E Roberto Zapata Barradas**, Chairman of the WTO Rules Negotiating Group and Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the WTO
- **Mr. Lucas Assunção**, Head, Trade, Environment Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Fixing the politics: How we can deliver on the Buenos Aires WTO Ministerial Decision on Fisheries subsidies and thereby comply with SDG 14.6?

- **Mr. Anders Jessen**, Acting Director for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG Mare), European Commission
- **H.E. José Luis Cancela**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the WTO, UNCTAD, WIPO and ITC
- **H.E. Mere Falemaka**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Delegation of the Pacific Islands Forum to the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Ms Benedicte Fleischer**, Policy Director for Trade Negotiations, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Ms. Clarisse Morgan**, Senior Counsellor, Rules Division, WTO
- **Mr. Rémi Parmentier**, Director, the Varda Group

**6.30 p.m. Cocktail reception**  
**Co-hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat and UNCTAD (Delegates Restaurant, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, A Building)**

**Tuesday, 17 July 2018**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m. Session 3: Making marine based value chains sustainable in developing countries**

This session will explore opportunities to increase sustainability of seafood and other living marine resources based value chains, under a Blue/Oceans Economy approach. For this purpose, the session will present successful experiences from selected developing countries seeking to create and implement environmental and social sustainability criteria in seafood and algae value chains (including both marine capture and marine species aquaculture). Discussions will also address tools to improve the performance and integration of value chains, including private/public voluntary standards, sectoral marks, codes, strategic planning, and BioTrade principles and criteria adapted to the marine environment.

- **Ms. Lisa Emelia Svensson**, Director Ocean, UN Environment

Entrenching biodiversity conservation considerations within the marine-based value chain production lines in developing countries

- **H.E. Alan Deidun**, Malta's Oceans Ambassador and Director, IOI, Malta Centre

The use of sectoral marks and voluntary codes to improve the sustainability and traceability of the tuna value chain

- **Ms. Monica Maldonado**, CEO, CEIPA, Ecuador

The Indian Ocean experience in improving the conservation of marine resources and expansion of seafood value chains

- **Mr. Azmath Jaleel**, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

The value of the UN/CEFACT FLUX standard to improve sustainable management and traceability in value chains

- **Ms. Ivonne Higuero**, Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE

- **Mr. Frans Van Diepen**, Chair of UNECE Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fishery

The potential of Blue BioTrade to develop sustainable marine based value chains

- **Mr. Hernán Garrido Lecca**, CEO, Biopencil, Peru

Needs-driven capacity building for sustainable fisheries trade and value chains under CITES

- **Mr. Daniel Kachelriess**, Marine Species Officer, CITES Secretariat,

Comments and questions

**3-5 p.m. Session 4: The role of transport, port and logistical services in seafood value chains**

Services that support pre-harvesting, capture/harvesting, processing, certification and distribution of seafood products have a direct impact on the levels of competitiveness, value addition, and integration (whether horizontally or vertically) of the value chain (including both marine capture and marine species aquaculture). However, there is little understanding of what can be considered trade in fisheries and related services, due to the limited scope and disaggregation of current services classifications and available data. How can we better understand the role of supportive services to the seafood and other marine products value chains, both in wild harvesting and aquaculture? How can we develop seafood hubs and supportive services that are able to respond to increased sustainability and market demands?

Trade in Fisheries Services – Challenges and Opportunities

- **Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza**, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO

The role of maritime transport and logistical services in the connectivity of the seafood value chain

- **Mr. Jan Hoffmann**, Chief Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

The development of supportive services to the seafood value chain: The case of Spain

- **Mr. Javier Garat Perez**, Secretary General, Spanish Fisheries Confederation (CEPESCA), Spain

Best Practices on Blue Infrastructure for fisheries in the Pacific Region

- **Mr Mark Ivekolia**, Wegang Fish Port Coordinator, Papua New Guinea

Fisheries services in the Patagonian Ports: common opportunities and challenges for Latin American Ports

- **Ms. Reina Y. J. Sotillo de Galgano**, Minister Plenipotentiary - Representative to the Federal Fisheries Council, National Directorate of Multilateral Economic Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Republic of Argentina

#### **5–5.45 p.m. Session 5: Linking Joint United Nations Action and Experts' Recommendations**

Presentation of preliminary list of recommendations and action points emerging from the debate by the Chair, **Mr. Peter Thomson**, United Nations Oceans Envoy

Open debate

#### **6 p.m. Closing remarks by the Chair**

Note: Interpretation into the 6 languages of the United Nations will be available throughout the event. All sessions will be recorded.