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“Subsidies and the Current Negotiations at the WTO”

UNCTAD/FAO/APFC Webinar

APFIC Webinar Series 2021

31 March 2021 at 14:00 h (Bangkok time zone – GMT/UTC + 7 hours)

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

13:00 h	Opening of the Session Mr. Simon Funge Smith, Moderator Senior Fishery Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
13:05 h	The History of the Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies at the WTO and its Current Status Ambassador Santiago Wills (Colombia) Chair of the Negotiating Group on Rules at the WTO
13:25 h	Session Break
13:30 h	The Fisheries International Framework, the Main Pillars of the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies and their Crosslinks with FAO Instruments Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza Senior Fishery Officer (International Trade), FAO Headquarters, Rome – Italy
13:50 h	Developing Countries and the Major Concepts involved at the WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies Mr. David Vivas, Legal Officer Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva – Switzerland
14:10 h	Questions and Answers
14:30 h	Closing of the presentations Mr. Simon Funge Smith
14:35 h	Individual 10-minute meetings with the FAO and UNCTAD presenters¹
16:00 h	End of the Session

¹ Before the day of the Session, at an online web address, there will be the possibility for attendees to schedule individual meetings with FAO and UNCTAD staff to clarify or discuss any issue associated with the current negotiations on fisheries subsidies at the WTO. Slots for these individual meetings are limited and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.