

AD HOC EXPERT MEETING ON
TRADE IN SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
29 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2015
 PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XXV

The Commonwealth UNITED NATIONS UNCTAD

Programme (version as at 25 September 2015)

29 September

10.00-10.30: Opening session

- **Mr. Guillermo Valles**, Director, Division of International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD
- **H.E. Dhalladoo Israhyananda**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva (Chairman of the AHEM)

10.30-13.00: Session 1: Main global challenges for sustainable fisheries

- **Mr. Deodat Maharaj**, Deputy Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat (Can multilateral and regional trade negotiations contribute to more sustainable fisheries?) (address to be delivered by Mr. Mohammad A. Razzaque, Acting Director of Trade, Commonwealth Secretariat)
- **Mr. Lahsen Ababouch**, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Economics Division (FIP), FAO (Blue Growth Initiative and post-2015 Oceans agenda)

Presentation UNCTAD-Commonwealth Background note

- **Mr. Bonapas Onguglo**, Head a.i., Trade, Environment, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

14:30-18:00: **Session 2: Trade in fish: How sustainable is it?**

Address by:

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD (Sustainable Development Goals, Oceans Economy and trade in fisheries in developing countries)

Panellists:

- **Ms. Stefania Vannuccini**, Fisheries Statistician, FIPS, FAO (“Fish to 2030” and FAO/OECD model projections of production, supply, demand and trade in fish and fishery products)
- **Mr. Christophe Bellman**, Senior Research Fellow, ICTSD (Tariffs, tariff escalation, NAMA negotiations and rules of origin)
- **Mr. Ralf Peters**, OIC, Trade Analysis Branch, DITC, UNCTAD (preliminary mapping on NTMs and fish trade)
- **Mr. Juan Manuel Vieites Baptista de Sousa**, Secretary General ANFACO-CECOPESCA (How can sustainable trade and certification contribute to the conservation of fish stocks while enabling value addition and consumer awareness?). (By video).

Interactive discussion

30 September

10:00-13:00: **Session 3: Addressing harmful incentives and unsustainable practices**

Panellists:

- **Mr. Remi Parmentier**, Deputy Executive Secretary, Global Ocean Commission (global impact of harmful incentives and unsustainable practices)
- **Mr. U. Rashid Sumaila**, Professor & Director, Fisheries Economics Research Unit, UBC Fisheries Centre (Trends in fisheries subsidies)
- **Mr. Victoria Chomo**, Economist, FIPM, FAO (International market measures to promote sustainable fisheries trade and combat IUU fishing)
- **Ms. Aimee Gonzales**, Manager, Fisheries and Trade, WWF International (Environmental and socio-economic implications of fisheries subsidies programmes and IUU fishing)
- **Mr. Mark Ivekolia**, Project Analyst, National Fisheries Authority of Papua-New Guinea (Institutional challenges on IUU and technical cooperation needs of national fisheries authorities)

Interactive discussion

14:30-18:00: Session 4: Complementary approaches to fish stocks and marine ecosystems conservation and resilience

Panellists:

- **Mr. David Vivas Eugui**, Legal Officer, UNCTAD (UNCTAD's support to develop Ecuador's National Green Export Plan on Sustainable fisheries and new Oceans and Trade Economy Series)
- **Ms. Ann Wilkings**, State of Sustainability Initiatives (SSI) and International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD), (Standards and the Blue Economy)
- **Mr. René Gómez-García Palao**, Head of the Environmental Business Unit at the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) (Driving sustainable use through marine ecosystems services evaluation)
- **Mr. Peter A. Murray**, Programme Manager, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (Promoting regional cooperation and common regulatory systems - the Caribbean Experience)
- **Mr. Salman Hussain**, Head, Coordinator, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), UNEP (Video address) (Assessing the benefits of Marine Protected Areas for the sustainable management of fisheries)

Interactive discussion

1 October

10:00-13:00: Final Session: The way forward

Panellists:

- **H.E. Wayne McCook**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Jamaica (Fish subsidies and Nairobi WTO Ministerial: what's next?)
- **Mr. Mike Batty**, Director of Fisheries Development, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (PIFFA) (Building effective and equitable management systems and IUU challenges for SIDS and LDCs).
- **Mr. Michele Ameri**, Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, UN/OLA (The importance of the effective implementation of the 1982 UN Convention of the Law of the Sea, the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement and the role of the UN General Assembly in promoting sustainable fisheries)"

Closing by the Chair (Main points and issues raised at the AHM).

- **Mr. Mohammad A. Razzaque**, Acting Director of Trade, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat (Recent trends in Regional Trade Agreements, FTA and EPAs)
- **Chairman of the AHM**

(*) Event in English, no translation services will be available.