The 2014 International Year of Family Farming presents an excellent opportunity to highlight the important contribution of family-based livelihoods in fisheries and aquaculture. Small-scale fishing and fish farming are the backbone of the fishing and aquaculture industries in many developing countries, providing food security, nutrition, and livelihoods for millions of people. For many of the fishing and fish farming family-based livelihoods, access to productive resources, markets, information, technology and infrastructure is mediated through their membership in fisher and fish farmer organizations. Strengthening these organizations is a key to the sustainability of small-scale fisheries and aquaculture.

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12.45 Opening Remarks
Marcela Villareal, Director
FAO Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development

12.50 Institutions and collective action in small-scale fisheries: The Case of CoopeTárcoles R.L. Costa Rica
Vivienne Solis Rivera, CoopeSoliDar R.L., Costa Rica

13.05 Organizing small-scale fishers – the Norwegian way
Svein Jentoft, Norwegian College of Fisheries
University of Tromsø, Norway

13.20 Greater family benefits through support in post-harvest loss reduction
Matilda Quist
Deputy Director, Fisheries Commission, Ghana

13.35 Small-scale aquaculture and the International Year of Family Farming
Simon Funge-Smith, Senior Fishery Officer
FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

13.45 DISCUSSION

14.05 Closing

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Refreshments will be served at 12.30.