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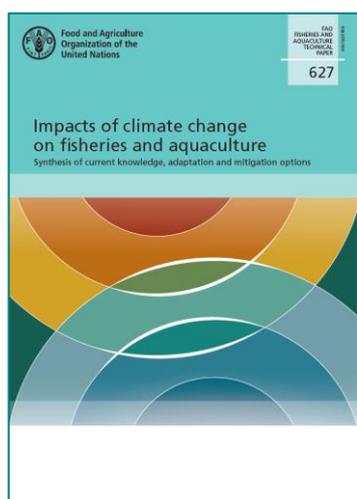
Rome, 9–13 July 2018

Side event

Impacts of Climate Change in Fisheries and Aquaculture: Launch of FAO Technical Paper 627

Tuesday, 10 July 2018 – 12:45-14:15

Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium)



The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement recognizes the need for effective and progressive responses to the urgent threat of climate change. One of the novelties of the Agreement is the inclusion of a long-term adaptation goal – to increase the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience .../... in a manner that does not threaten food production – alongside the goal for mitigation. To implement the Agreement member states are required to prepare, communicate and maintain successive Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), submitted every five years to the UNFCCC secretariat. The next round of NDCs (new or updated) is to be submitted by 2020. By September 2017 a total of 155 NDCs had been submitted to the UNFCCC. Out of these, 87 address fisheries and aquaculture, of which 78 include climate change adaptation measures in the sector.

With the purpose of supporting countries in their development of NDCs the FAO decided to prepare a Technical Paper on the Effects of Climate Change on Fisheries and Aquaculture aimed primarily at policymakers, fisheries managers and practitioners.

The report, which is released today, provides the most up-to-date information on the disaggregated impacts of climate change for marine and inland fisheries, and aquaculture, in the context of food security, poverty alleviation and the differential dependency of countries on fish and fishery resources. The work is based on model projections, data analyses, as well as national, regional and basin-scale expert assessments.

The side event will highlight the main conclusions of the report, and will provide specific examples of the challenges that climate change poses on the sector, in the context of FAO's climate change strategies and actions.

AGENDA

Tuesday 10 July		
12:10 - 12:40	Light lunch will be served for the participants outside the Sheikh Zayed Centre	
12:45 - 12:48	Welcome and Introductions	Vera Agostini Deputy-Director Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO (Moderator)
12:48 - 12:53	Opening remarks	José Graziano da Silva Director-General, FAO
12:55 - 13:15	Synthesis of FAO Technical Paper 627	Manuel Barange Director Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO
Case Studies (10' interventions)		
13:15	Vulnerability and Adaptation of Pacific Island Fisheries to Climate Change	Netani Tavaga Project Coordinator Ministry of Fisheries Fiji
13:25	Management of the Yangtze River fishery resources in the context of climate change	Dong Jinhe Deputy Director General Office of Fisheries Supervision and Management for the Yangtze River Basin Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs PR China
13:35	Climate change impacts on the seaweed mariculture industry of Zanzibar	Islam S.S. Mchenga Deputy Principal Secretary Department of Livestock and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries Tanzania
13:45	Impacts of extreme climate-related events on fisheries and fishing communities in the Caribbean States	Milton Haughton Executive Director Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) Belize
13:55	Climate change and fisheries: a European perspective	Ernesto Peñas Lado Principal Adviser, DG Mare European Commission Belgium
14:05 - 14:12	Questions	
14:12 - 14:15	Closing remarks	René Castro Salazar Assistant Director-General Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO

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