



Responsible Fisheries through Transparency and Participation

“From transparency to accountability – How credible information support responsible fisheries”

Side event of the 32nd Committee on Fisheries (COFI)

Thursday, 14 July 2016; 12:30 – 14:00

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Room “Austria” (C250Bis)

This event is co-organized by the Government of the Seychelles and the International FiTI Secretariat

Global fisheries are a critical source of jobs, food, and trade for millions of people around the world. Yet, as overfishing is threatening many fish stocks, our fisheries have an uncertain future. We are now facing the tremendous task to reform global fisheries governance in ways that support the sustainable development and food security.

The Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) is a global multi-stakeholder initiative, which aims at enhancing responsible and sustainable fisheries through transparency and participation.

This session will

- 1) highlight the importance of transparency on access to marine fisheries to ensure sustainable management of fish resources, and
- 2) discuss the need for greater participation of stakeholders to facilitate a collective understanding of the state of the access to marine fisheries.

Reflecting the multi-stakeholder approach of the FiTI, the esteemed group of panelists includes:

- **H.E. Mr. André Loua**, Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Maritime Economy, Rep. of Guinea
- **Mr. Philippe Michaud**, Special Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Trade and the Blue Economy, Rep. of Seychelles
- **Mr. Mas Achmad Santosa**, Coordinator of Special Advisors of the Presidential Task Force on Combatting Illegal Fishing of the Republic of Indonesia
- **Mr. Alexander Biryukov**, President, Association of Russian Ship-owners in West-Africa
- **Ms. María José Cornax**, Fisheries Campaign Director, Oceana

The session will be chaired by **Mr. Sven Biermann**, Director of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI).

After opening remarks by the sessions panelists and the chair, panelists will discuss the role of transparency for enhanced fisheries management. The session will be closed with Q&A with the audience. Please note that the session will be in English. A light lunch will be served.

