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## ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE ON RIGHTS-BASED APPROACHES IN CAPTURE FISHERIES: A Global Work Programme for Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition, Poverty Eradication and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

### Chair

**William Gibbons-Fly**, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, U.S. Department of State

### Opening & Welcome

**Maria Helena Semedo**, Deputy Director General, Natural Resources, FAO

**H.E. Professor Nao Thuok**, Secretary of State of MAFF, Cambodia

### Remarks

**Johan Williams**, Specialist Director, Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture Management, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries & Coastal Affairs

**Mitchel Lay**, Coordinator, Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations

**Jessica Landman**, Senior Director, Fish Forever, EDF Oceans, Environmental Defense Fund

**Godfrey Monor**, Executive Secretary, Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization

**Rebecca Metzner**, Head, FIAP, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

**Obinna Anozie**, Fisheries & Aquaculture Policy Analyst, AU-IBAR

This side event will explore the origins and outcomes of *Tenure & Fishing Rights: A global forum on rights-based approaches for fisheries* (UserRights 2015), the two follow-up events *Friends of UserRights* and *Entebbe 2016*, and the proposed Global Work Plan (GWP) for advancing knowledge on rights-based approaches in marine and inland fisheries as part of promoting food security and nutrition, alleviating poverty, and achieving the SDGs. Guided by stakeholders' desire to advance knowledge on how various types of rights-based approaches can contribute to achieving these essential goals, this side-event will be of interest for all COFI members with a direct and indirect interest in sustainable capture fisheries.

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Following brief comments by the presenters about the series of meetings and the GWP, participants will have an opportunity to discuss important issues pertaining to work conducted to date, additional inputs for the GWP, and ideas for priority setting for activities and thematic areas.

**About the participants:**



**William Gibbons-Fly** is a U.S. Government Senior Executive with 30 years of experience developing and implementing US policy for the conservation and management of living marine resources at the international level, including as lead negotiator for the United States on a wide range of treaties, agreements and arrangements governing the use of the oceans and conservation of living marine resources.



**Maria Helena Semedo** is the Deputy Director General, Natural Resources of FAO, previously Assistant Director General/ Regional Representative for Africa. A national of Cape Verde, Ms Semedo formerly served as Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Minister for Marine Affairs, Minister for Tourism, Transportation & Marine Affairs.



**H.E. Nao Thuok** is Secretary of State of MAFF, in charge of Fisheries Administration, Chairman of CITES Scientific Authority for Aquatic Animals in Cambodia, Honorary ASEAN Professional Engineer of ASEAN Federation of Engineers, Liaison Officer of National Council for the ASEAN Economic Community, and Professor at Fisheries College, Royal University of Agriculture.



**Johan Williams** is Specialist Director of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry & Fisheries. Mr. Williams has over 40 years of experience in fisheries development and management, starting with his family's fish-processing and fish vessel company. Since 1995 he has led the Norwegian delegations to FAOs Fisheries and Aquaculture Committee, and COFI chair 2012- 2014.



**Mitchell Lay** is the Coordinator of the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations, a CSO that works to improve the quality of life for fisherfolk and develop a sustainable and profitable industry through networking, representation and capacity building.



**Jessica Landman** is a Senior Director and the Interim Director of EDF Oceans' European program, overseeing EDF's work in Europe and in the Philippines, Myanmar and Belize. Jessica coordinates EDF's engagement with small-scale fisheries policy, implementing the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Small-Scale Fisheries and the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries & Forests.



**Godfrey Monor** is the Executive Secretary of Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization, an institution of the East African Community with the mandate to promote Sustainable Management and Development of Fisheries & Aquaculture in the East African Community for Food Security and Wealth creation.



**Rebecca Metzner** is the Head of the Policy, Economics and Institutions Branch in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Her areas of expertise are in fisheries governance, policy and management and, particularly, the development of rights-based management systems.



**Obinna Anozie** is a Fisheries & Aquaculture Policy Analyst at the African Union, Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), facilitating the harmonization of fisheries and aquaculture management, development issues, and alignment of fisheries and aquaculture policy issues at regional and continental levels with regional & international fisheries management, development frameworks and global instruments.

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