

Thursday, 12 June 2014 - World Day against Child Labour

12:40 – 14:15

Sheik Zayed Centre (Atrium)

Organizer: FAO



Working for blue growth: Why decent employment in fisheries and aquaculture matters

Around [58.3 million people](#) are directly employed in fisheries and aquaculture and additional employment opportunities occur along the value chain – contributing to the livelihoods of about 12% of the global population.

Despite its contribution to employment, the fisheries and aquaculture sector still has *decent work deficits*, such as the presence of [child labour](#) and [forced labour](#); poor and hazardous health, safety and environmental conditions; gender inequality; low and insecure levels of income; inadequate social protection strategies and a lack of social dialogue. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that 24 000 fatalities occur worldwide per year in marine capture fisheries, mainly on board small fishing vessels.

FAO, in close cooperation with organizations like the ILO, is addressing decent employment in fisheries and aquaculture at global, regional and national levels. FAO's efforts in this field also include partnerships with governments, industry, civil society, research and academia, as well as interested donor communities.

The objective of the event is to identify *priority areas for action* to further promote decent employment in fisheries and aquaculture.

12:40 – 12:50	Introductory remarks Lahsen Ababouch, <i>Director, Policy and Economics Division, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department</i> Rob Vos, <i>Director, Social Protection Division, FAO Economic and Social Department</i>
12:50 – 13:10	Decent work in fisheries: forced labour and human trafficking Brandt Wagner, <i>Head, Transport and Maritime Unit, Sectoral Activities Department, ILO</i> Jean-Marie Kagabo, <i>Programme Officer, Special Action Programme to combat Forced Labour, ILO</i> Jesper Lund, <i>Criminal Intelligence Officer, Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation, INTERPOL General Secretariat,</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Child labour in fisheries and aquaculture Bernd Seiffert, <i>FAO Focal Point for Child Labour</i>
13:20 – 13:30	Good labour practices in the processing industry - example from Thailand Waraporn Prompoj, <i>Senior Expert on International Affairs, Department of Fisheries, Kingdom of Thailand</i>
13:30 – 13:40	A CSO perspective on decent rural employment in fisheries and aquaculture Sebastian Mathew, <i>Programme Adviser, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)</i>
13:40 – 14:15	Questions and answers Moderated by Lena Westlund, <i>FAO</i>

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served for the participants before the start of the event from 12:15 – 12:40 p.m. outside the Sheik Zayed Centre (Atrium).

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