



Food and Agriculture Organization
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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP
IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

AGENDA & SPEAKERS' BIO

8 March 1:30-3:00 PM (Rome Time)

13:30	Welcome remarks	FAO Deputy-Director General <i>Maria Helena Semedo</i>
13:35	Introduction	FAO Gender Team Leader, Fisheries Division <i>Jennifer Gee</i>
13:40	Presentation	Director of InfoFish <i>Shirlene Maria Anthonysamy</i>
13:55	Presentation	International Organisation for Women in the Seafood industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-founder and Executive Director <i>Marie-Christine Monfort</i>• Chairwoman <i>Christelle Vigot</i>
14:10	Video	"Changing Tradition: Nadeshico Sushi" Award winning video WSI competition
14:15	Presentation	Owner of Nadeshico Sushi and Founder of Nadeshico Sushi Academy <i>Yuki Chidui</i>
14:25	Discussion	Addressing barriers to women's leadership in the fisheries and aquaculture sector
14:55	Closing remarks	Deputy-Director of FAO Fisheries <i>Audun Lem</i>

Speakers' Bio



Maria Helena Semedo

FAO Deputy-Director General and Chairperson of FAO the Women's Committee

Maria Helena is an economist and politician from Cape Verde. A leading expert in global development issues, she has worked in public service for over thirty years. Prior to her international career, Maria Helena was Secretary of State for Fisheries, then in 1993 Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs – the first-ever woman Minister in her country.



Shirlene Maria Anthony Samy

InfoFish Director

InfoFish leader and manager, Shirlene brings with her over 19 years of experience in monitoring and reviewing global fishery trade and markets particularly in the Asia Pacific region, carrying out consultancies on international fishery trade for private companies and national bodies; publishing articles related to international fishery trade and markets and much more.



Marie-Christine Monfort

Co-founder and executive director, International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry

Immersed for over 25 years in the world of seafood as an international market analyst, Marie-Christine is an active backer of the social modernisation of the industry, where sustainability means gender inclusion and equal opportunities for women and men.



Christelle Vigot

Chairwoman of the International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry

Christelle has worked as a seafood professional for nearly two decades, helping individuals and organizations to improve and be future ready. She considers (gender) diversity as a crucial competitive advantage to thrive our shifting world.



Yuki Chidui

Sushi chef, owner of Nadeshico Sushi and founder of Nadeshico Sushi Academy

After founding Nadeshico Sushi in 2010, she has helped many women enter the world of the male-dominated sushi *cuisine*, fighting prejudices that impact on women's paths and choices in the Japanese seafood industry. CEO of Nadeshico Sushi Academy, Yuki, trains women on the skills they need to run successful sushi businesses.



Audun Lem

Deputy-Director of the FAO Fisheries Division

Audun joined FAO in 1996. He currently leads the Fisheries Division as Deputy Director and supervises the Gender Team. He holds a longstanding experience in post-harvest and aquaculture issues and has served for many years as Secretary of the FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade. He has also championed the development of human, social and gender issues for FAO Fisheries.
