

Press release

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African Fisheries Reform

Workshop to identify priorities for Africa artisanal fisheries

The African Confederation of Artisanal Professional Fishing Organisations (CAOPA) will arrange for its members and other invited organizations (from South Africa, Kenya), on 6 and 7 March , in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), a two day workshop on the priorities of the African small-scale fishing sector for the Pan-African fisheries sector reform strategy, taking into account the process of elaboration of the FAO voluntary guidelines for sustainable artisanal fisheries.

This meeting will be also the occasion for professionals of Ivory Coast, Benin, Togo, Liberia, Ghana and Burkina Faso to present their proposal for the establishment of a professionals joint committee, based on the Senegal/Mauritania model, which has proved since its inception in 2008, a valuable tool to resolve and prevent conflicts between fishers of neighboring countries.

Finally, on the occasion of the World Women's Day on the 8 March, CAOPA women coordination will solemnly call onto the African Ministers of Fisheries, asking them to take into account the priorities of African small-scale fishing sector when they will meet in Uganda mid-March.

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