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## COMMISSION OF SMALL SCALE, ARTISANAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### XVII SESSION

Lima - Peru, 27-29 October 2021

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Peru time)

**Wednesday 27 October 2021**

**08:30 to 12:30**

1. Opening ceremony of the Seventeenth Session of COPPESAALC
  - a. Inauguration
  - b. Procedural Issues
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the Session
  - a. Procedural Issues
  - b. Election of the Chairperson and the Report Drafting Committee
3. Actions taken on the decisions and recommendations from the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Commission

The Secretariat will provide a summary of steps taken pursuant to attend the decisions and recommendations from the Sixteenth Ordinary Session, as well as activities carried out during the biennium 2020-2021 concerning the affairs of the Commission. Delegates are invited to review the information made available and to take note of activities of interest to COPPESAALC that should be followed up, as well as activities that reflect new areas of interest to the Commission.

4. Summary of the regional priorities established by the Thirty-sixth FAO Regional Conference for LAC and the potential contribution of fisheries and aquaculture (Managua, October 2020).

The Secretariat will provide a synthesis of FAO's priority areas of attention in the region and the main elements established by the Thirty-sixth Regional Conference, identifying lines of action that the Commission could adopt to leverage the contribution of fisheries and aquaculture to these regional priorities. Delegates are invited to reflect upon and propose activities to be carried out by the Commission within its field of competence, to leverage the contribution of fisheries and aquaculture to the aforementioned priorities.



#### 5. Summary of agreements adopted during the Thirty-fourth FAO Committee on Fisheries (Rome, February 2021)

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the main agreements arising from the Thirty-fourth Session of the Committee on Fisheries. Delegates are invited to examine these agreements and propose actions for the articulation of the Commission with the relevant global programmes and to propose strategies for the dissemination of these programmes among the countries of the Commission.

#### 6. State of Marine Fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries

The Secretariat will provide a brief summary of the general status and trends observed in the production of the main marine fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries, identifying the potential drivers of the trends. Delegates are invited to examine the information and propose recommendations to the Commission, FAO and member governments to strengthen the sustainability of the food system associated with artisanal marine fisheries.

#### 7. General comments and closing of the day

### Thursday 28 October 2021

#### **08:30 to 13:00**

#### 8. State of Inland Fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries

The Secretariat will provide a synthesis of the state of inland fisheries in the member countries of the Commission, with relevant socio-economic information, analysing the main challenges to achieve the sustainable development of this sector in terms of its contribution to food security and rural poverty alleviation. Delegates are invited to supplement the information and make relevant recommendations to the Commission, FAO and the governments of the member countries of the Commission to strengthen the sustainability of the food system associated with inland fisheries.

#### 9. State of Aquaculture in COPPESAALC countries

The Secretariat will provide a synthesis of the state of aquaculture in the region, with emphasis on the main farmed species and their impact on food production and local economies in the countries of the Commission. Delegates are invited to supplement the information and make relevant recommendations to the Commission, FAO and the governments of the member countries of the Commission to strengthen the sustainability of the food system associated with aquaculture.

#### 10. Effect of the COVID19 pandemic on the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the region and responses for recovery

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the main effects of the COVID19 pandemic on the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the countries of the region, identifying successful response strategies adopted by governments and resource users for the recovery of the sector. Delegates are invited to examine the information, supplement it and propose activities within the framework of the Commission's competence that promote technical assistance through South-South Cooperation, as well as to issue recommendations to FAO and the governments of the member countries of the Commission related to actions for the recovery and strengthening of the resilience of the sector in the face of possible future pandemics.

General comments and closing of the day



**Friday 29 October 2021**

**08:30 to 13:00**

**11. Celebration of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture-2022**

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the steps taken in the region to celebrate the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture and the work plans of the Ad Hoc Committees established in Mesoamerica, Caribbean countries and South America. The delegates are invited to endorse the Committees and their plans; as well as to recommend to FAO and the Governments of the member countries, mechanisms of dissemination and political support for the actions to be carried out by the celebration Committees.

**12. Importance of national systems consolidation for the collection, analysis and intelligent use of biological and fishery information for the sustainable fishery resources management.**

The Secretariat will introduce the topic providing a context on the effects of poor monitoring systems on the sustainability of fisheries, based on some recent sub-regional and national diagnoses. Delegates are invited to make recommendations to the Commission on activities aimed at strengthening the institutional capacities of member countries to assess and monitor fishery resources, as well as FAO and the governments of the member countries to strengthen their national systems, including international actions for shared ecosystems and resources.

**13. Work Plan of the Commission for the biennium 2019 - 2020**

The Secretariat will create a dynamic to enable the delegates of the member countries of the Commission to establish priority lines of work for the Commission for the biennium 2022 - 2023, in line with FAO's strategic framework, regional priorities and, in particular, to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030).

**14. Recommendations of the COPPESAALC to the FAO/RLC Regional Conference (XXXVII LARC).**

The FAO Regional Conference (LARC) is the regional governing body made up of ministerial officials representing member countries, which defines the priority lines of attention for FAO technical assistance in the region. Its deliberations are informed by recommendations from various bodies and actors, including FAO's Statutory Technical Commissions, such as COPPESAALC.

Delegates are invited to reflect collectively on relevant issues regarding FAO's work in the region and recommend the Regional Conference on priority areas for FAO's attention to fisheries and aquaculture in the Latin America and Caribbean region, within the strategic framework defined by the FAO Council for the Organization in line with the priorities established by the Regional Conference.