Regional Workshop on the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment

Bridgetown, Barbados, 6-10 March 2023

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Monday 6 March

Arrival of participants

Tuesday 7 March

*Morning 9:30 – 12:30*

1. Opening

2. Workshop arrangements and objectives

3. International framework to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing

4. Background to the development of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment (VGT)

*Afternoon 14:00 - 17:00*

5. Regulation, monitoring and control of transshipment in the region
   *Participants are invited to present their national and regional contexts.*

Wednesday 8 March

*Morning 9:30 – 12:30*

6. Understanding the objectives and requirements contained in the provisions of the VGT

7. The relevance of the VGT for the implementation of the Agreement on Port State Measures and other complementary instruments
Afternoon 14:00 - 17:00

8. Breakout groups

Four breakout groups will discuss the benefits of the implementation of the VGT within the context of the region/sub-regions. A questionnaire developed by FAO will be used as a basis for the discussions. Actions at national and regional level, including through regional fisheries bodies, will be identified to implement the VGT. Challenges and requirements of developing states will also be addressed.

Thursday 9 March

Morning 9:30 – 12:30

8. (Cont.)

Afternoon 14:00 - 17:00

9. Consolidating results of breakout groups

Friday 10 March

Morning 9:30 – 12:30

10. Presentation of consolidated results

11. Conclusions and follow up

12. Closure of the workshop