



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

EIGHTEENTH SESSION

San Jose, Costa Rica, 29-31 March 2023

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday 29 March 2023

08:30 to 12:30 hours

1. Opening ceremony of the XVIII COPPESAALC Session
 - a. Inauguration
 - b. Procedural Matters
2. Adoption of the agenda and organisation of the session
 - a. Procedural matters
 - b. Designation of the Chairperson and the Report Drafting Committee
3. Actions taken on the decisions and recommendations of the Seventeenth Regular Session of the Commission (COPPESAALC XVIII-1 document).

The Secretariat will provide a summary of actions taken on the decisions and recommendations stemming from the Sixteenth Regular Session; as well as activities carried out in the biennium 2022-2023 related to the work of the Commission. Delegates are invited to review the information presented and take note of activities of interest to COPPESAALC that should continue, along with activities that reflect new areas of interest to the Commission.

4. Summary of the regional priorities established by the XXXVII FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean and the potential contribution of fisheries and aquaculture (Quito, Ecuador, March 2022). (COPPESAALC XVIII-2 document).

The Secretariat will provide a synthesis of FAO's priority areas of attention in the region and their main elements, established by the XXXVII Regional Conference, identifying lines of action that the Commission could adopt to enhance the contribution of fisheries and aquaculture to these priorities. Delegates are invited to reflect on and propose activities to be developed by the Commission, within their field of competence, to leverage the contribution of fisheries and aquaculture to the above-mentioned priorities.

In order to minimise the impact of FAO's working methods on the environment and to contribute to climate neutrality, a limited number of copies of this document have been issued. Delegates and observers are kindly requested to bring their copies to meetings and to refrain from requesting additional copies. Most FAO meeting documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

5. Summary of agreements adopted during the XXXV FAO Committee on Fisheries (Rome, July 2022). (COPPESAALC XVIII-3 document).

The Secretariat will provide a synthesis of the main agreements arising from the 35th FAO Committee on Fisheries. Delegates are invited to examine these agreements and propose actions for the articulation of the Commission with relevant global programmes and to propose strategies for the dissemination of these programmes within the countries of the Commission.

6. State of Marine Fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries (COPPESAALC XVIII-4 document).

The Secretariat will provide a brief summary of the general status and trends observed in the production derived from the main marine fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries, identifying the possible causes of the trends. Relevant socio-economic and environmental information will be included for discussion. Delegates are invited to examine the information and put forward recommendations to the Commission, FAO and the governments of member countries to strengthen the sustainability of the food system related to artisanal marine fisheries.

7. General comments and end-of-day.

Thursday 30 March 2023

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8. State of Inland Fisheries in the COPPESAALC countries (COPPESAALC XVIII-5 document).

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 the framework of its contribution to food security and rural poverty alleviation. Delegates are invited to complement the information and make relevant recommendations to the Commission, FAO and the Governments of the Commission member countries to strengthen the sustainability of the food system related to inland fisheries.

9. State of Aquaculture in the COPPESAALC countries (COPPESAALC XVIII-6 document).

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 complement 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 related to aquaculture.

10. Blue Transformation. Contribution of Fisheries and Aquaculture to the new FAO strategic framework. (COPPESAALC XVIII-7 document).

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the main elements of the 'Blue Transformation' Global Programme that provides structure and guidelines for FAO's work in fisheries and

aquaculture, within the framework of the new institutional Strategic Framework 2022-2031. Delegates are invited to reflect on how regional priorities, and in particular fisheries and aquaculture in the region, coalesce and can best contribute to the objectives set out in the new organisational Strategic Framework.

11. Status of the Agreement on Port State Control Measures to Combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.

The Secretariat will provide a brief report on the status of the Latin American and Caribbean countries' accession to the BRMEAs, as well as the technical assistance offered by FAO to member countries in this process. The Commission is invited to explain the main obstacles to ratify the Agreement and propose mechanisms to speed up national accession processes, and to share experiences in combating IUU fishing as well.

12. Status of the dialogue to establish an agreement for the protection of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ).

The Secretariat will provide a brief account of advances in the international dialogue promoted by the United Nations Assembly since 2017, to generate a binding instrument aimed at biodiversity governance and protection in Marine Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), describing the role and accompaniment of FAO in the process. The Commission is invited to reflect on the elements of the proposed instrument and to share national experiences and stances.

13. Climate change in regional fisheries and aquaculture: progress and setbacks.

The Secretariat will provide a summary of actions undertaken by FAO in the COPPESAALC region to strengthen resilience and promote adaptation of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors to the effects of climate change. The Commission is invited to share national experiences and propose actions that contribute to improving adaptation and strengthening sectoral resilience.

14. Presentation of the results of the Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures in Latin America and the Caribbean

15. Final comments and end-of-day.

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16. Formulation of the Commission's Work Plan for the biennium 2024-2025.

The Secretariat will facilitate a mechanism that will allow delegates from member countries of the Commission to establish priority working lines for the biennium 2024 - 2025, in line with FAO's strategic framework, regional priorities and, in particular, to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda).

17. Recommendations of COPPESAALC to the FAO/RLC Regional Conference (XXXVIII LARC).

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

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

18. Election of the venue of the next session to be held in the first quarter of 2023.

19. International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture: a look into the future

The Secretariat will provide a summary of the actions carried out in the region to celebrate the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture through the Ad-Hoc Committees established in Mesoamerica, Caribbean countries and South America. Delegates are invited to reflect on and propose mechanisms to give continuity to ongoing actions, seeking political support for their national sustainability in favour of artisanal fisheries and small-scale aquaculture.

20. End of session.