

**THIRD MEETING OF THE GLOBAL RECORD
INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP
GERMAN ROOM, FAO HEADQUARTERS, ROME, ITALY
26-28 JUNE 2017**

Recognizing the role of the Global Record in the concerted fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), at its thirty-second session, in July 2016, “voiced strong support for the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record) and its continued development, and recognized that it could play an important role as a tool in combatting IUU fishing and supporting the implementation of the PSMA and other related international instruments. The Committee also commended the progress made on the Global Record, in particular the establishment and work of the Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group (GRWG), specialized core working groups and pilot project, and urged broader participation, including the provision of data by Members” (Paragraphs 70 and 71 of the COFI 32 report).

The Working Group (Terms of Reference in Annex 1) provides an opportunity for FAO Members to take an active role in the development and implementation of the Global Record. At the third meeting, the Working Group will be informed of the progress made by the Global Record programme since its second meeting, including some milestone achievements such as the release of the Pilot Version on 21 December 2016, the release of the first working version of the Global Record Information System on 21 April 2017 and the release of a new Programme Web Site (www.fao.org/global-record). In addition, the Working Group will be discussing and providing advice on advancements in the development side, namely the new features and functionalities of the tool, its usefulness and user experience, business rules, consideration of inclusion of IHSM data, and other relevant matters.

The third meeting of the Working Group will be held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 26-28 June 2017. The meeting is informal and open-ended, thus all FAO Members and Observers are invited to participate and encouraged to nominate experts who could contribute technically to the meeting, as appropriate. Participants will be responsible for the expenses associated with their travel to and attendance at the meeting.

No binding decisions will be taken at the meeting. Any recommendations arising from the meeting will serve to guide the Secretariat on the continued development of the Global Record. Progress on the Global Record will be presented to the thirty-third session of COFI in July 2018 for consideration.

The meeting will be held in three languages, English, Spanish and French.

A provisional agenda for the meeting can be found in Annex 2. Meeting documents shall be prepared by the Secretariat and posted on the FAO website prior to the meeting. In order to minimize the environmental impact of FAO’s processes and to contribute to climate neutrality participants are kindly requested to bring copies of meeting documents to the meeting and to refrain from asking for additional copies.

The Coordinator Global Record Programme, shall act as Secretary of the Working Group.

Further information can be obtained from FI-Global-Record@fao.org and from the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department Website at: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/40941/en>