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Side event

**Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**  
*Challenges and opportunities in the conservation,  
sustainable use and development*

**Monday, 9 July 2018 – 12:45-14:15**

**Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium)**

## Background

The conservation, sustainable use and development of Aquatic Genetic Resources (AqGR) are essential to allow aquaculture to continue to grow and to help supply the growing demand for healthy and nutritious aquaculture products. There is a tremendous amount of genetic resources used in aquaculture and fisheries, with nearly 700 species items reported. However, financial resources and technical capacity remain challenges in many countries.

## The event

Having recently concluded a multi-year preparatory process, this event will present the Report of the **State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture** ahead of its formal launch in the coming months.

Panel discussions with regional aquaculture networks will include ways and means to move forward through improved policy, capacity building and effective partnerships, as well as to identify improved ways to deliver results for achieving relevant Sustainable Development Goals.

Within this context, the objectives of the event are:

- (i) to present the key findings of the State of the World Report,
- (ii) to highlight key gaps and needs, and
- (iii) to discuss the way forward – working together in strong and effective partnerships.

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**Moderator:** Matthias Halwart

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		<p><b>Maria Helena Semedo</b> Deputy Director-General Climate and Natural Resources, FAO</p>
12:45 – 13:05	Opening and welcome remarks	<p><b>H.E. Hinrich Thölken</b> Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to FAO, WFP and IFAD</p> <p><b>H.E. Dayvson Franklyn de Souza</b> Secretary, Special Secretariat for Aquaculture and Fisheries, the Federative Republic of Brazil</p>
13:05 – 13:25	<p>Presentation <i>The State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i></p>	<p><b>Árni M. Mathiesen</b> Assistant Director-General Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO</p>
13:25 – 13:55	<p>Panel discussion <i>Key issues and priorities for AqGR - conservation, sustainable use and development</i></p>	<p>Aquaculture Network for Africa</p> <p>Aquaculture Network for the Americas</p> <p>Micronesian Association for Sustainable Aquaculture</p> <p>Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific</p> <p>Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central-Eastern Europe</p>
13:55 – 14:10	Questions and answers	
14:10 – 14:15	Closing remarks	<p><b>René Castro Salazar</b> Assistant Director-General Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO</p>

***Light refreshments will be provided in the Sheikh Zayed Lounge ahead of the Side Event***

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