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Side event

The importance of small-scale fisheries: Global, regional and national initiatives

Monday, 9 July 2018 , 12:45 – 14:15 pm

Iraq Room (A-235)

The endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication by the FAO Committee on Fisheries in 2014 was a global recognition of the importance of the sector. Importantly, these SSF Guidelines bring together responsible fisheries and social development, providing a policy framework towards small-scale fisheries sustainability through a holistic and integrated approach, in line with the 2030 Agenda, which rests on the interconnected and indivisible nature of its 17 SDGs.

However, this transformation needs substantial support, including better understanding the contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development to make the case for greater political support; learning from SSF Guidelines implementation experiences at different levels, including on issues such as social protection and partnership mechanisms.

This side event will therefore present ongoing work to improve our knowledge of the sector's contributions, in particular to food security and poverty eradication, and on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines at various levels, which will also support paving the way towards the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2022.



AGENDA

12:45	Welcoming remarks	H.E. Eng Cheasan Director General of Fisheries Administration (FiA), Cambodia
12:55	Introductory remarks	Silje Rem Senior Adviser The Knowledge Bank, NORAD
13:05	Illuminating hidden harvests: The contribution of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development	Xavier Basurto Associate Professor of Sustainability Science, Duke University
13:10	Contribution of sustainable small-scale fisheries to food security and nutrition in Mexico	Lic. Mario Gilberto Aguilar Sánchez Comisionado Nacional de Acuacultura y Pesca, Mexico
Sharing SSF Guidelines implementation experiences		
13:15	A regional perspective from Central America	Reinaldo Morales Regional Director, Central America Fisheries and Aquaculture Organization (OSPESCA)
13:25	A regional perspective from fisheries dependent coastal communities in Africa	Gaoussou Gueye Président, Confédération Africaine des Organisations professionnelles de la Pêche Artisanale (CAOPA)
13:35	The Fish Forever approach	Gerald Miles Vice President, Global Development Rare
13:45	Breaking the poverty cycle in small-scale fisheries: the role of social protection	Chadi Mohanna Director of Rural Development and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon
Joining forces in support of the SSF Guidelines		
13:55	Global Strategic Framework in Support of the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines: a global partnership mechanism	Editrudith Lukanga IPC Fisheries Working Group
14:05	Q&A session	

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