

FAO RESPONSE

The FAO Secretariat thanks the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for the comments provided on agenda item 5.

The FAO Secretariat thanks Brazil for their support to the report of the tenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture held in Trondheim, Norway, from 23 to 27 August 2019.

FAO takes note of the interest in the Global Aquaculture Conference Millennium +20, and its role in supporting the sustainable development of aquaculture. FAO concurs with the importance given to the involvement of all stakeholders in setting the path of aquaculture for the future, specifically in the preparation of the Thematic Reviews and the Shanghai Declaration.

In regards to Brazil's request for clarification on the formulation process of the Shanghai Declaration, FAO notes the importance of involvement of all stakeholders in setting the path of aquaculture for the future, specifically in the preparation of the Thematic Reviews and the Shanghai Declaration as part of the Global Conference on Aquaculture Millennium +20 (GCA), and the GCA organizers are therefore following an inclusive process of facilitating technical and scientific contributions and discussion in their development. The authorship teams drafting these documents are balanced in gender and region, and FAO staff is actively engaged with each team to ensure the technical content has balanced coverage. First drafts of the Thematic Reviews and Shanghai Declaration will be made available for public comment in mid-2021, prior to the GCA. All interested stakeholders including FAO Members will be welcome to provide inputs, which will be considered in the finalization of these documents. The technical outputs from the GCA will be presented to COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture for information and guidance.

FAO appreciates Brazil's welcoming of the elaboration of the Global Integrated Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (GISAP), and its role in assisting countries to make decisions to boost aquaculture development in a sustainable and competitive manner. FAO further takes note that the GISAP should be relevant to all countries, at both national and sub-national levels, and the role that middle-income countries have in both providing and receiving cooperation and development support.

FAO acknowledges Brazil's recognition of the progress on Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and congratulates Brazil for continuing to implement national actions in this regard.

FAO takes note of Brazil's strong commitment in the fight against the threat of antimicrobial resistance, and acknowledges Brazil's appreciation of the cooperation among FAO, WHO and OIE. FAO registers Brazil's call for the need for robust evidence and a science-based approach to AMR, and the need to align FAO's work on AMR with the Codex Alimentarius's standards, guidelines and codes of practice.