

Item 14.1. Development of regional action plans for the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy (2022-25) (COFI/2022/12.1, COFI/2022/INF/16)

Mr. Chair,

Brazil reiterates our support for the formulation of regional action plans and praises, once again, the Chief Scientist for envisaging an approach that takes into account regional contexts, priorities and specificities.

Regarding the high-level framework and its connection with the work of this Committee, Brazil welcomes the emphasis conferred upon SDG 14.a, highlighting the importance of research on and transfer of marine technology.

Science, technology and innovation in developing countries must provide adequate conditions for data collection, which is quintessential in the context of climate change.

The continental dimensions and territorial specificities of Brazil lead to dispersed areas of fish production in aquaculture and fisheries, with the need to expand monitoring capacities, both in terms of indicators, as in relation to the monitoring coverage area.

The development of the appropriate tools and instruments for monitoring relevant indicators is dependent on sustainable, long-term financial support, as well as on technology transfer, always bearing in mind the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

That being said, Brazil looks forward to receiving the initial drafts of the regional action plans and we expect to have the opportunity to become more engaged in the process of their formulation.

Thank you.