

## **THE COFI 2022 AGENDA – KENYA COUNTRY STATEMENTS**

### **COFI/2022/2: State of the world fisheries and aquaculture: Influencing action for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture**

Kenya delegation thanks FAO for the development, preparations and publication of this important COFI report

Kenya notes and appreciates the critical role played by FAO in reporting on the state of world fisheries and aquaculture. It is this information which is used to develop strategies to improve fisheries production and also implement strategies geared towards sustainable utilization and conservation of fisheries and aquaculture resources. Among other initiatives, COFI can support member states needed technical capacity to enhance the quality of fisheries and aquaculture data collected. This will in turn enhance precision of the data and reporting on the state of world fisheries and aquaculture by COFI.

SOFIA is filling an important information gap in terms of tracking the progress towards achievement of the international agenda, and by this, member states are able to identify interventions and develop implementation strategies towards accelerating the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in food and agriculture.

Further, Kenya has ratified the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and aquaculture which sets out principles and international standards of behavior for responsible practices with a view to ensuring the effective conservation, management and development of living aquatic resources, with due respect for the ecosystem and biodiversity. Kenya is committed towards implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, and this is demonstrated by the fact that the provisions are well reflected in the national fisheries legislation and other policy documents like the National Oceans and Fisheries Policy of 2008 and the Kenya Tuna Fisheries Development and Management Strategy of 2013.