



Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP  
IN FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

## SPEAKERS' BIO

8 March 1:30-3:00 PM (Rome Time)



### **Maria Helena Semedo**

***FAO Deputy-Director General and Chairperson  
of FAO the Women's Committee***

Maria Helena is an economist and politician from Cape Verde. A leading expert in global development issues, she has worked in public service for over thirty years. Prior to her international career, Maria Helena was Secretary of State for Fisheries, then in 1993 Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs – the first-ever woman Minister in her country.



### **Shirlene Maria Anthonsamy**

***InfoFish Director***

InfoFish leader and manager, Shirlene brings with her over 19 years of experience in monitoring and reviewing global fishery trade and markets particularly in the Asia Pacific region, carrying out consultancies on international fishery trade for private companies and national bodies; publishing articles related to international fishery trade and markets and much more.



### **Marie-Christine Monfort**

***Co-founder and Executive Director of the International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry***

Immersed for over 25 years in the world of seafood as an international market analyst, Marie-Christine is an active backer of the social modernisation of the industry, where sustainability means gender inclusion and equal opportunities for women and men.



### **Christelle Vigot**

***Chairwoman of the International Organisation for Women in the Seafood Industry***

Christelle has worked as a seafood professional for nearly two decades, helping individuals and organizations to improve and be future ready. She considers (gender) diversity as a crucial competitive advantage to thrive our shifting world.



### **Yuki Chidui**

***Sushi chef, owner of Nadeshico Sushi and Founder of Nadeshico Sushi Academy***

After founding Nadeshico Sushi in 2010, she has helped many women enter the world of the male-dominated sushi *cuisine*, fighting prejudices that impact on women's paths and choices in the Japanese seafood industry. CEO of Nadeshico Sushi Academy, Yuki, trains women on the skills they need to run successful sushi businesses.



### **Audun Lem**

***Deputy-Director of the FAO Fisheries Division***

Audun joined FAO in 1996. He currently leads the Fisheries Division as Deputy Director and supervises the Gender Team. He holds a longstanding experience in post-harvest and aquaculture issues and has served for many years as Secretary of the FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade. He has also championed the development of human, social and gender issues for FAO Fisheries.

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