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REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)

Third Session

Doha, Qatar 9 - 11 May 2005

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2005

Morning: 09.00 hours

1. Opening of the Session:

The outgoing Chairperson will call the Session to order. He will invite the guest of honour, Representative of the hosting country, to address the meeting. FAO Representative will take the floor afterwards and emphasize in his address the main issues to be considered by the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session (RECOFI/2005/1)

- The meeting will review the Provisional Agenda for possible amendment (s) and adoption;
- The meeting will then proceed to elect the office Bureau of the Session (Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons) in accordance with Rule VI (1) of its Rules of Procedure;
- The Secretary of the Commission will inform the meeting of the arrangements for the Session and propose a timetable for the introduction and discussion of the adopted Agenda.

3. Review of the Intersessional Activities Recommended by the Second RECOFI Session (RECOFI/2005/2)

The Secretariat will introduce a document titled "Intersessional Activities 2003 – 2005", which recalls the major recommendations that were adopted by the Commission reached and describes the activities implemented between the Second and Third Sessions (May 2003 to May 2005).

The meeting will be invited to evaluate the progress achieved, identify the constraints encountered and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of its Programme of Work to minimize constraints in the future.

Afternoon: 14.00 hours**4. Capture Fishery Statistics in the RECOFI Area (RECOFI/2005/INF. 4 – RECOFI/2005/INF.9)**

The Chairman of the Working Group of Fisheries Statistics will present the report of the meeting held in Shiraz, Islamic Republic of Iran, 24 -26 May 2004.

The meeting will review the Document titled “Review of Capture Fishery Statistics in the RECOFI Area and of Recommendations by the WG on Fisheries Statistics Regarding the Establishment of a RECOFI Dataset Disseminated through FISHSTAT with a view at its endorsement”.

With reference to the FAO Strategy for Improving Information on Status and Trends of Capture Fisheries (Strategy-STF), the meeting is also invited to discuss appropriate measures to streamline reporting of fisheries statistics in member countries.

5. Status of Aquaculture in the RECOFI Area (RECOFI/2005/INF. 5)

Based on information provided by the National Aquaculture Sector overview, the meeting will overview and comment on the progress made in each of the member countries since the Second Session (May 2003). The general discussion should also include the progress made on implementing the recommendation previously made in Kuwait, February 2003, on the establishment of the “Working Group on Aquaculture” (WGA) in the Area. Member countries may request activities to be carried out during the next intersessional period.

6. General Discussion on Regional Issues of concern (RECOFI/2005/INF. 6 – RECOFI/2005/INF.7 – RECOFI 2005/INF. 8)

Based on information provided by the National Reports and with the view of transferring ownership of the regional problems to the countries, the meeting will discuss regional issues of concern (loss of biodiversity, management of shared stocks, shrimps fisheries, by-catch reduction, access regulation, etc.).

Delegates and observers are invited to discuss in-depth these issues and how to address them, while laying emphasis on how the Commission can assist countries in this respect.

TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2005**Morning: 09.00 hours****6. Continued****7. Program of Work and Budget for the Biennium 2005 – 2006 (RECOFI/2005/3)**

A proposal for the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for the next intersessional period (2005 – 2006) will be presented by the RECOFI Secretariat. This PWB will reflect the views and priorities as identified by the Technical Meetings and direct contacts with the member countries. A tentative estimate of the costs of the Programme will also be proposed.

Afternoon: 14.00 hours

- 8. Any other Matters.**
- 9. Date and Venue of the Fourth Session**

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2005
Morning

Free

Afternoon: 14.00 hours

- 10. Adoption of the Report.**