

**REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FISHERIES (RECOFI)****Fifth Session****Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12 – 14 May 2009****PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE****Tuesday, 12 May 2009****Morning: 08:30 hours****Registration****1. Opening of the Session**

The outgoing Chairperson will call the Session to order and invite the guest of honour, representative of the hosting country, to address the meeting. The Chairperson will next ask the Secretary of the Commission to provide an outline of the issues that will be of major concern during the meeting.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session**

The meeting will review the provisional Agenda (*RECOFI/V/2009/1*) and proceed to its adoption. It will then elect a Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The Secretary will inform the meeting of the arrangements for the Session and propose a timetable for the presentation and discussion of the adopted Agenda.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/1*

**3. Review of the inter-sessional activities, including country reports**

The Secretariat will introduce document *RECOFI/V/2009/2*. The Commission may wish to comment on the progress in the implementation of the intersessional activities. National delegates will be invited to present reports summarizing and highlighting the state of their respective fisheries and aquaculture research, development and management, and priorities identified at the national and regional level.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/2; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.3*

**4. Administrative and financial reports**

The Secretary will present document *RECOFI/V/2009/3* including Appendixes, that is a summary on the function and administration of the Secretariat in the intersession period (Administrative Report). The document also reviews the status of ratification of the RECOFI Agreement, presents the status of the contributions made by Members to the Commission's budget and provides a statement on expenditures made or committed during the intersessional period (Financial Report). The Commission may wish to review the administrative and financial reports and provide general guidance.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/3*

## **5. Report of the Working Group on Aquaculture**

### **5.1 Fourth meeting of the Working Group on Aquaculture**

The Chairperson of the RECOFI Working Group on Aquaculture (WGA) will report to the Commission the major outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WGA that was held in Muscat-Sultanate of Oman, 27-28 January 2009. The Commission is invited to evaluate the progress in the implementation of the intersessional activities and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the WGA's future work.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/4; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.4*

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

### **5.2 Regional Aquaculture Information System (RAIS): consolidation and development**

The Secretariat will, on the basis of document *RECOFI/V/2009/Inf. 5*, give a report on the current state of the establishment of the Regional Aquaculture Information System. The Commission is invited to consider options and scenarios for the RAIS maintenance and consolidation.

*Ref. doc : RECOFI/V/2009/4 ; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.4 ; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.5*

### **5.3 Development of the regional strategy for aquatic animal health**

The outcome of the regional survey and the progress made towards the developments of a regional programme for aquatic animal health will be communicated to the Commission by the Secretariat. The Commission may wish to comment on current achievements and provide guidance to support the finalization of the regional strategy.

*Ref. doc : RECOFI/V/2009/4 ; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.4 ; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.6*

### **5.4 Sustainable marine cage aquaculture development**

The Chairperson of the WGA will inform the Commission about activities undertaken and planned to support the sustainable developments of marine cage aquaculture in the region. The Commission may wish to appraise the work done and advise on future developments.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/4; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.4; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.7*

## **6. Legal and policy framework for aquaculture in the RECOFI area: project proposal status and follow-up actions**

The intent of the proposed project is to strengthen the legal and policy framework for aquaculture in the RECOFI area. The Secretariat will report on the project's status and funding. The Commission is invited to review the state of this proposed initiative and advise on ways and means to progress towards the establishment and implementation of the project.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/4; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.4*

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**Wednesday, 13 May 2009**

**Morning: 09:00 hours**

## **7. Report of the Working Group on Fisheries Management**

### **7.1 Working Group on Fisheries Management**

The Chairperson of the RECOFI Working Group on Fisheries Management (WGFM, formerly Working Group on Fisheries Statistics) will inform the Commission about the main results of the meeting of the Working Group (Cairo, Egypt, 27-30 October 2008) and of the establishment of the RECOFI WGFM. The Commission is invited to consider and discuss document *RECOFI/V/2009/5* and provide guidance for the planning and implementation of the Working Group future work.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/5; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.8*

### **7.2 Stock status reporting**

The Secretariat will present current issues related to the definition of stock indicators and stock status reporting in the RECOFI region and the relevant activities planned within the framework of the WGFM. The Commission may wish to review the proposed activities and provide guidance for the appraisal of the fishery resources in the RECOFI area.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/5; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.8*

### **7.3 Review of capture fisheries statistics in the RECOFI area**

The Secretariat will introduce document *RECOFI/V/2009/6* and report on the current status of the RECOFI capture production database, that shows basic catch trends and patterns. The Commission may wish to review and comment the current capture fisheries production in the region.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/6*

### **7.4 Improving the utility and diffusion of fisheries statistical data among RECOFI Members**

The Secretariat will update the Commission on efforts made and actions taken to improve the utility and diffusion of fisheries statistical data among RECOFI Members. The Commission may wish to appraise the work done and provide guidance for further development and use of fishery statistics.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/6; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.9; RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.10*

### **7.5 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing including port State measures in the RECOFI region**

The Secretariat will inform the Commission about the outcome of the Workshop on “Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing including port State measures in the RECOFI region” (Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 30 March – 2 April 2009). The Commission may wish to comment on the workshop results and provide guidance for further activities to combat IUU fishing in the region.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/Inf.11*

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

## **8. Structure and Functioning of the Commission**

### **8.1 Commission organization and *modus operandi***

The Secretariat will introduce document *RECOFI/V/2009/7* that aims at providing an outline of the RECOFI organization and functioning including the role and interaction among its basic components. The Commission is invited to review this document and provide advice and guidance if deemed appropriate.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/7*

### **8.2 Terms of Reference for RECOFI National Focal Points**

The Secretariat will present document *RECOFI/V/2009/8* that deals with the mandate and role of the RECOFI National Focal Point. The document highlights the important function played by the designated National Focal Point. The Commission is invited to review the proposed Terms of Reference and, subsequently, to request and encourage Members to nominate their National Focal Points at the fifth session of the RECOFI, and if not, by 1 July 2009.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/8*

## **9. Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2009-2010**

A proposal for the Programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period (2009-2010) will be presented by the Secretariat. The proposal will reflect the views and priorities identified by the Commission's technical bodies (WGA and WGFM) and meetings. A tentative estimate of the cost of the programme will also be included. The Commission is invited to review the proposed programme of work and budget for the next intersessional period and take the appropriate decisions accordingly.

*Ref. doc: RECOFI/V/2009/9*

## **10. Any other matters**

## **11. Date and place of the sixth session**

**Thursday, 14 May 2009**

**Morning: Free**

**Afternoon: 14:00 hours**

## **12. Adoption of the report**