

Meeting of the Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

21-23 March 2016

Recognizing the role of the Global Record in the concerted fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), at its thirty-first session, in June 2014, reiterated its support for the continued development of the “Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels” (Global Record) by FAO and commended the Organization on the preparation of a strategy document and the demonstration of the system prototype. Some Members recognized the need for the establishment of an advisory committee to clarify outstanding issues and to find a solution for the long-term financing of the Global Record Programme (Paragraphs 40 and 41 of the COFI 31 report).

The first meeting of the Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group (Working Group), endorsed by the Bureau of the thirty-second session of COFI (COFI32), held its first meeting on 23-25 February 2015. The Working Group agreed on the terms of reference, as found in Annex 1. The full report of the meeting can be found at <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5025e.pdf>.

The second meeting of the Working Group will be held at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 21 to 23 March 2015. The meeting is informal and open-ended and all FAO Members are invited to participate. FAO Members are encouraged to nominate experts who could contribute technically to the meeting, as appropriate. FAO Observers are invited to attend and observe the meeting. Delegates and other participants will be responsible for the expenses associated with their travel to and attendance at the meeting.

Any recommendations arising from the meeting will serve to guide the Secretariat on the continued development of the Global Record. Progress on the Global Record will be presented to COFI32 in July 2016 for consideration.

The meeting will be held in English only.

A provisional agenda for the meeting can be found in Annex 2. Meeting documents shall be prepared by the Secretariat and posted on the FAO website prior to the meeting. In order to minimize the environmental impact of FAO's processes and to contribute to climate neutrality participants are kindly requested to bring copies of meeting documents to the meeting and to refrain from asking for additional copies.

Further information can be obtained from FI-Global-Record@fao.org and from the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department Website at: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/nems/XXXX/en>

**Terms of Reference for the
Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group**

In order for the Global Record Programme (“the Programme”) to obtain guidance on outstanding issues including finding a solution for the long-term financing of the Global Record, the establishment of a Global Record Informal Open-Ended Technical and Advisory Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the WG) is proposed with the following terms of reference:

1. Provide guidance on legal and technical aspects and to guide the development of the application and secure its applicability and utility at global level, particularly in the following critical matters:
 - a) Define the most appropriate approach for the management of the Unique Vessel Identifier (UVI);
 - b) Evaluate the possibilities for expansion to phases 2 and 3, in particular for the UVI (feasibility study);
 - c) Evaluate the need for an Expert Consultation (followed by a Technical Consultation) to start the process for developing an international instrument to govern the rules and procedures for participation in the Programme and provide the framework to define minimum requirements for the Global Record in line with the PSMA;
 - d) Provide advice with regards to the development of standards and mechanisms for data exchange.
2. Provide the opportunity for expression of the views of national and regional administrations, as well as external entities, including international organizations with similar areas of work, which may cooperate with the Global Record, which may act as data providers or system users, and facilitate the exchange of practical information on their working modalities and information systems in place.
3. Put forward suggestions on data and functionality, including data exchange procedures and data formats for the Global Record.
4. Identify key issues and Member States, in particular developing States, and regions for capacity building, including identifying relevant areas for technical assistance.
5. Set up a financial mechanism for the long-term sustainability of the project.
6. Discuss other relevant issues.

**Provisional agenda for the meeting of the
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1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
3. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the meeting
4. Progress report and state of affairs of the Global Record programme
5. Development of the Global Record
 - a. Review of the outputs of the Specialised Core Working Group on Data Requirements (GRCG-DR)
 - b. Review of the outputs of the Specialised Core Working Group on Data Exchange (GRCG-DE)
 - c. Review of the outputs of the Specialised Core Working Group on Third Party Data (GRCG-TP)
6. Implementation of the Global Record Pilot Project
7. Funding mechanism to support the long-term sustainability of the Global Record
8. Recommendations to the thirty-second session of COFI
9. Any other matters
10. Adoption of conclusions of the meeting
11. Date and place of the next meeting of the Global Record Working Group
12. Closure of the meeting