



36TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES - COFI 36



8-12 July 2024



Rome, Italy - FAO Headquarters

Information Note on COFI Speakers' corner

General Information

The 36th Session of the Committee on Fisheries will take place from **8-12 July 2024** at FAO's headquarters in Rome, Italy. The session will offer two innovative and dynamic additional opportunities for Members and accredited COFI observers to contribute to the programme:

1. Formal **COFI Side Event** proposals (open to Members only)
2. **Speakers' corner** (open to Members and accredited observers)

This note provides guidance on how to submit proposals for the speakers' corner, including the details on the timeline to consider.

SPEAKERS' CORNER

An interactive Speakers' Corner space will be set up in the Atrium to enable FAO Members and accredited COFI Observers to share perspectives, approaches, and solutions for sustainable aquatic food systems. The Speakers' Corner will offer the opportunity for participants to engage in a live debate as well as to promote a side event or invite audience to an ad-hoc Fisheries and Aquaculture related theme.

Format and Criteria

The designated space will accommodate events of approximately 30 minutes, and it is suggested that half of the time be allocated for a Q&A session with the audience. Speakers could be Members, Observers, FAO Fisheries staff, or a combination of the above.



Talks are encouraged to be conversational and tailored for an informal setting with a focus on:

- technologies, practices, or innovations
- addressing cross-cutting themes in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector
- providing examples of activities relevant to the COFI agenda

The designated Speakers' Corner space will feature a podium for speakers, equipped with a table, laptop, and screen for presentations. Limited seating will be available around the podium, but standing room facilitated. Attendance will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All talks are scheduled in the mornings (08:30 - 09:30 AM) before the COFI Plenary session and in the afternoons (17:00-19:00 PM) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the COFI 36 week.

The proposed timetable of the Speakers' Corner is as follows:

Tuesday, 9 July 2024	Wednesday, 10 July 2024	Thursday, 11 July 2024
Time: 08:30-09:30 AM		
Talk 1 Talk 2	Talk 5 Talk 6	Talk 9 Talk 10
Time: 17:00-19:00 PM		
Talk 3 Talk 4	Talk 7 Talk 8	Talk 11 Talk 12

Depending on demand, the schedule may be expanded to other lunch times.

Selection Process

Proposals for the Speakers' Corner should be submitted to the COFI Secretariat at FAO-COFI@fao.org no later than **20 May 2024** by filling in the dedicated submission [form](#).

Successful applications will be contacted in due course.

