

First International Fisheries Stakeholder Forum – 2015

20th Anniversary of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

Side Events

Wednesday, 7 October

Shaping an international network for women in the seafood industry: A round table discussion

Time: 14:00-16:30

Venue: ARVI, Puerto Pesquero, Vigo-Pontevedra

The GLOBEFISH report: The role of women in the seafood industry, published in May 2015, illustrated the lack of consideration for women's role and work in the industry, their invisibility to industry players and policy makers, and their surprising absence in the board rooms and executive positions of major seafood companies. FAO and partners will be collaborating with the seafood industry, member countries, gender and management experts, and other partners on the launch of an international network for women in the seafood industry in early 2016. This round table discussion is an opportunity to obtain information and ideas from industry experts, and to learn about the experiences of national and regional networks as work on an international network moves forward.

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Thursday, 8 October

Press event: Official launch of the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) Benchmark Tool

Time: 11:00-11:20

Venue: Teatro García Barbón, Vigo

This event for interested members of the press will introduce the new GSSI Global benchmarking tool and allow the press to ask questions about the process and how the tool can help to build confidence in certified seafood.

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The Nordic Council

Time: 12:00-13:30

Venue: Teatro García Barbón, Vigo

This event will focus on i) Nordic solutions in fisheries management, ii) A focus on value throughout the value chain and iii) The common challenges of Small Island States and Small Island Developing States (SIS and SIDS). The primary focus would be on the challenges and Nordic solutions in fisheries management and on resource efficiency and value creation within the framework of the blue bioeconomy, with facilitated discussion about how Nordic island states and small island developing states are both addressing these complex challenges.

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The Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) Benchmark Tool

Time: 15:30-17:00

Venue: Teatro García Barbón, Vigo

The Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) is a global platform and partnership of seafood companies, NGOs, experts, governmental and intergovernmental organizations. The mission of GSSI is to ensure confidence in the supply and promotion of certified seafood as well as to promote improvement in seafood certification schemes. GSSI's Global Benchmark Tool, which goes live 8 October 2015 at Vigo, is a first in the seafood sector worldwide. It will provide clarity on seafood certification and ensure consumers can be confident in the certified seafood on offer. This will help to make purchasing decisions more efficient by providing greater choice, drive down costs, and promote environmental sustainability.

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Friday, 9 October

Dialogue on benefits of decent employment in fisheries and aquaculture

Time: 9:00-10:30

Venue: Teatro García Barbón, Vigo

More than 58 million people are directly employed in fisheries and aquaculture; additional indirect employment opportunities occur along the value chain from harvesting, processing to distribution, supporting the livelihoods of 10-12% of the global population. There remains, however, a gap between internationally recognized labor standards and good practices and their application.

Parts of the industry have been accused of failing to apply decent work standards. The private sector, local governments, the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and civil society are increasingly partnering to address such decent work deficits. "Corporate social responsibility" initiatives have been undertaken, and standard setting, voluntary codes of conduct and other types of guidelines as well as policies have emerged.

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Saturday-Sunday, 10-11 October

Workshop on aquaculture perceptions

Time: 8:30-19:00 (until 13:00 on Sunday)

Venue: Hotel NH Palacio de Vigo
Avenida García Barbón, 17-19

Increasing public understanding and acceptance of aquaculture – the role of truth, transparency and transformation

This workshop aims to bring together members of the aquaculture industry (different farming systems in developed and developing countries), governments, international organizations, NGOs, retailers, consumer groups, communication experts, scientists, certification programs and the media, to exchange ideas and experiences on how to improve the public understanding and perception of aquaculture.

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