## **CFS High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets**

**Thursday 25 June 2015** 

9.30-17.00, Red Room, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

**Bio** Role: High Level Panellist

## **Christian Adams**

Chairperson

Coastal Links South Africa



Christian Adams is a small scale fisher from the West Coast of South Africa. He is currently the chairperson of Coastal Links South Africa, who represents more than 5000 small scale fishers from the coast of South Africa. Coastal Links South Africa is a member organization of the World Forum of Fisher People (WFFP).

As the chairperson he is involved in many discussions with government relating to the formulation of a small scale fisheries policy in South Africa, as well as negotiations of fisheries exemptions for small scale fishers in South Africa. He has been actively involved in the amendment of the law that governs fisheries in South Africa, that excluded small scale fishers, to make provision and to cater for small scale fishers. The current focus of the organisation is on the successful implementation of the said small scale fisheries policy.

During all this Christian Adams remains an active small scale fisher and partakes in the activity on a daily basis when not in meetings.