

Invitation to The Nansen Programme/ EAF-Nansen Project

Bergen, Tuesday 5 March 2013

Side Event at 8th North Atlantic Seafood Forum Conference

Radisson Blu Royal hotel Bryggen

Registration (free) by 1 March 2013 at:

<http://www.imr.no/conferences/eaf-nansen/>



Dr. Kwame Koranteng



Coordinator,
EAF-Nansen Project,
FAO

Dr Kwame Koranteng works for the Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO) of the United Nations as the Coordinator of the EAF (Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) Nansen project. The EAF-Nansen project is assisting developing countries to implement an ecosystem approach to fisheries management. Dr Koranteng has over thirty years working experience in fisheries and aquatic biodiversity assessment, management and conservation; extending scientific advice to local communities, government and non-governmental organisations.

Mrs Mwaka Barabara Said



Principal Fisheries
Officer of the
Ministry of Fisher-
ies Development in
Kenya

Mrs Mwaka Barabara Said is a Principal Fisheries Officer of the Ministry of Fisheries Development in Kenya. She is the Focal Point of the EAF-Nansen project in Kenya and the National Coordinator for the fisheries management component of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project. She is also the Task Leader for the co-management and Beach Management Unit activities under Kenya Coastal Development Project (KCDP).

Mrs Foluke O Areola



Acting Director
Federal Department
of Fisheries, Nigeria

Mrs Foluke O Areola is the Acting Director of Federal Department of Fisheries, Nigeria. She has been involved in policy formulation and implementation at both the regulatory and developmental levels, providing a platform for inter-sectoral and interagency collaboration, including public and private sectors. She has participated in national and international workshops and seminars which have broadened her perception of fishery as an engine of socio-economic growth and development.

Dr Bjørn Serigstad



Programme Leader,
CDCF, IMR

Bjørn Serigstad has a PhD in environmental physiology. He has 25 years experience from environmental impact studies of pollution and climate change on marine organisms. He worked for Norsk Hydro and Statoil as safety advisor before he started the company Ocean Climate where he was managing director for 8 years. The Company is involved in research and development of technology for environmental monitoring, fishery and aquaculture. The last 10 years he has mainly been working with development cooperation in Asia and Africa through Centre for Development Cooperation in Fisheries (CDCF) at Institute of Marine Research in Bergen, Norway.

Åsmund Bjordal



Director of
the Center of
Development
Cooperation in
Fisheries at the
Institute of Marine
Research

Åsmund Bjordal is Director of the Center for Development Cooperation in Fisheries (CDCF) at the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) in Norway. CDCF represents and coordinates expertise from five governmental institutions in development cooperation projects for sustainable management fisheries, aquaculture and marine environment. At present CDCF has projects in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and operates the research vessel "Dr. Fridtjof Nansen" in close cooperation with FAO. Åsmund Bjordal is trained as a marine/fisheries biologist at the Universities of Bergen and California/Santa Barbara. He has spent most of his career with the IMR as scientist and research director.

Dr Gabriella Bianchi



Coordinator,
FIRF, FAO

Dr Gabriella Bianchi, a fisheries biologist by training, has worked for many years in fisheries research and management with a special focus on tropical/subtropical regions. Today she leads the Marine and Inland Fisheries Service (FIRF) of the FAO's Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, and the Department's work on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF).

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 14.00

Chair: Arni Mathiesen, Assistant Director General, FAO

25 mins Contribution of the Nansen Programme/EAF-Nansen project to Sustainable Fisheries and livelihoods of fishery communities in Africa
Dr. Kwame Koranteng, Coordinator, EAF-Nansen Project, FAO

20 mins Moving towards a new fisheries management regime –
Lessons from Kenya and Nigeria
*Mrs. Mwaka Barabara Said, EAF-Nansen project Focal Point, Kenya and
Mrs. Foluke Areola, Director of Fisheries of Nigeria*

20 mins Results from deep water sampling and observations off Ghana with the new
“video-grab” equipment
Dr Bjørn Serigstad, Programme Leader, CDCF, IMR

15 mins The Design and Capabilities of the new RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen
Åsmund Bjordal, Director, CDCF, IMR

20 mins The future Nansen Programme –
development of a new Science and management programme
Dr Gabriella Bianchi, Coordinator, FIRF, FAO

16.00

20 mins Discussion
All presenters

FAO and Institute of Marine Research new EAF (Ecosystem approach to fisheries) Nansen Project

FAO and IMR will organize a new NASF side event to take place at the conference hotel Tuesday March 5th. The background and main themes are as follows:

The Nansen program which has been operational since 1975, started as the Norwegian fisheries program to support newly independent States and is associated with the ideals of Fridtjof Nansen the Norwegian marine scientist, explorer and statesman which include supporting the poor and disadvantaged and promoting international cooperation. There have been two research vessels in the programme both named Dr Fridtjof Nansen and operated by the Centre for Development Cooperation in Fisheries of the Institute of Marine Research of Norway. The vessel has become a symbol for the sustainable development of fisheries in developing countries, particularly in Africa. Since 1975, the two vessels both have worked in the waters of more than 60 countries - providing advice for sustainable fisheries management and capacity building.

At the turn of the millennium when the ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) was recognised as a practical way to fully implement the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries the Nansen Programme's experience of operation in developing countries provided a strong foundation for a new project to deal with the new management challenge. The Nansen programme was transformed into an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, the EAF-Nansen project implemented through a tri-partite agreement between Norad, FAO and IMR.

Since 2006, the project has been supporting fisheries managers to take EAF considerations into account in management, and in ecosystem assessments and monitoring. Preparing and implementing fisheries management plans have been central in assistance to partner countries. In 2012 the Government of Norway decided to replace the existing research vessel with a new one to support the second phase of the EAF-Nansen project. A new science programme based on research (field work with the R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen and data analysis), support for policy/management development, and capacity building is also being developed.

The Nansen Programme side-event will highlight the outcomes of the EAF-Nansen project and the forerunner Nansen programme. It will look at partnerships and contribution to the global agenda for fisheries in the light of climate change and possible effect on marine resources, especially in Tropical and Sub-Tropical areas. It will be demonstrated that implementing an ecosystem approach to fisheries is also a practical way towards certification and eco-labelling of fisheries products.

Fisheries and aquaculture play a fundamental role in providing food security, employment, contributing to trade, and income generation. To effectively play this role, fisheries and aquaculture have to be responsibly managed. This implies preventing overfishing, promoting sustainable aquaculture, co-ordination and delivery of effective research, and the empowerment of people, especially women.



A Model of the 3rd R/V Fridtjof Nansen.

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**More information is available at
www.fao.org.**

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The Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the FAO provides technical assistance in all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture management and development and is committed to forging closer and more effective partnerships with various stakeholders to achieve long-term sustainable results in the fisheries sector.

FAO is also assisting its member countries in gaining access to international markets. These activities include analysis and dissemination of information on trade, market and price trends, development of international guidelines to facilitate trade and capacity-building to enable countries to increase their benefits from production, processing and exports.