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COFI 2018

Committee on Fisheries
Thirty-third Session

9-13 July 2018, Rome, Italy



COFI33 Documents

General information for participants

Register



Meetings pre and post-COFI including:

- Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network meeting on the 7th July (and morning of the 13th - when the report is being prepared);
- Global Action Network Meeting on 5th July



1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session
3. Designation of Drafting Committee
4. State of world fisheries and aquaculture
5. Progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (the Code) and related instruments
6. Decisions and recommendations of the Sixteenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, Busan, the Republic of Korea, 4-8 September 2017
7. Decisions and recommendations of the Ninth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture, Rome, 24-27 October 2017
8. Fisheries and ocean governance
 1. Combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing
 2. Small-scale and artisanal fisheries governance
 3. Global and regional ocean processes
9. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
10. Climate change and other environment related matters
11. FAO's Programme of Work in fisheries and aquaculture under the FAO Strategic Framework
12. Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Committee
13. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Thirty-fourth Session of COFI
14. Other matters
 1. Development in *fora* of importance for the mandate of COFI: for information
 2. Any other matters
15. Date and place of the next Session
16. Adoption of the Report



In terms of agenda items – there is no significant change from the last COFI however, more emphasis is likely:

- On Agenda 2030 and the SDGs including indicators/monitoring, capacity building and custodianship
- The issue of transshipment – possibly a proposal for technical guidelines for transshipment will be presented, we are not expecting anything controversial, more a decision point
- SSF global strategic framework progress report will be presented
- Bycatch of marine mammals / Lost and abandoned fishing gear / gear marking guideline consultations / Trade in Fisheries Services consultation
- Climate change report is being released – update of the previous well-read report. Now has modelling results and expanded to cover all production systems.
- Norway may propose a new sub-committee on capture fisheries management to ensure these issues well discussed before COFI – BUT this has budget/staff implications
- SOFIA 2018

COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture

Ninth Session

Rome, Italy

24-27 October 2017

- Recommendation for developing global guidelines for the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector in the framework of the FAO Common Vision for Sustainable Food and Agriculture
- Importance of anti-microbial resistance - tripartite approach FAO/WHO/OIE.
- Report on Aquatic Genetic Resources will be approved, and would lead to FI work in the future
- Just prior to the COFI SCA there was a workshop on Blue Growth, SIDS and Aquaculture - the potential for aquaculture for SIDS and their development needs including private sector investment.
- The 10th meeting of the SCA will be in the Kingdom of Norway and announced at COFI.

COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade

Sixteenth Session

Busan, the Republic of Korea

4-8 September 2017



- Continuous concerns regarding market access issues, particularly for small-scale fishers and SIDS and requirements in connection with private standards;
- The recognition of the importance of securing product legality through international market instruments, particularly the PSMA and the CDS Guidelines;
- Exploring the development of guidance for social and labour conditions in the sector
- CITES and the IUCN Red List related issues
- Guidance on food loss and waste in fish value chain
- 17th Session to be in Vigo, Spain in October 2019

Side Events at COFI

- So far there are 17 side events and they reflect the Agenda Item scheduled for the day; for example Wednesday is on Agenda2030, Climate Change and Environment – so the side events will cover those topics.
- Side events range from socially responsible fisheries to bycatch organized by FAO, countries and NGOs/CSOs or a mix of these
- Not yet finalised and likely less than 17 in the final count