

Committee on Fisheries, Rome, Italy

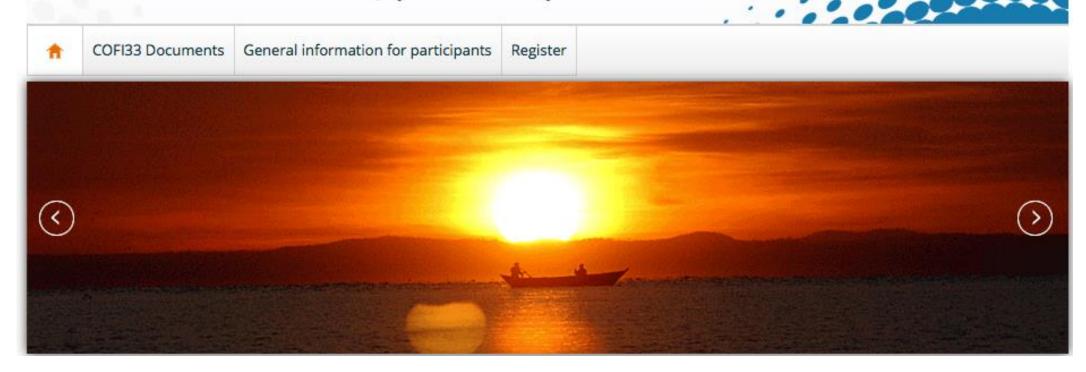


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Meetings pre and post-COFI including:

- 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

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- 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

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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 transhipment possibly a proposal for technical guidelines for transhipment 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



- 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 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