

E15 Engagement on the WTO and MC11 Roundtables

Advancing SDG 14.6 through Fisheries Subsidies Disciplines

12 April 2017, Maison de la Paix, Petale 5, Geneva

AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome coffee**

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome Remarks by the Organizer**

09:15 – 10:15 **Session I: Defining subsidies that contribute to overfishing and overcapacity**

- How to overcome existing conceptual and practical challenges in identifying and disciplining fisheries subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing?
- How do different types of subsidies impact on the industry, fishing behavior and ultimately fishing capacity and efforts?
- What are the relevant factors defining the impacts of subsidies on fish stocks and what are the implications for future disciplines?
- Should subsidies be disciplined based on:
 - The type of subsidies provided?
 - The status of the fish stocks targeted by subsidized vessels?
 - The type of fishing activities (large scale vs. small scale; in territorial waters vs high sea)?

Moderator

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ, Chief Executive, ICTSD

Lead discussants

Roger MARTINI, Senior Fisheries Policy Analyst at OECD

U. Rashid SUMAILA, Professor and Director of the Fisheries Economics Research Unit, University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre

10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 – 11:45 **Session II: Overfished stocks, overfishing and management regimes**

- What are the critical gaps and uncertainties associated with existing stock assessments looking at the main commercial species and possible implications for the scope and design of disciplines aimed at prohibiting subsidies targeting overfished stocks?
- What is the difference between overfishing and overfished stocks and what are the implications for future disciplines?

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- Is there a need for complementary disciplines regarding the establishment and notification of management regimes?
- What are the challenges faced by developing countries in this area?

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Marcio CASTRO DE SOUZA, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO

Carl-Christian SCHMIDT, Independent Consultant, former head of the Fisheries Policies Division, OECD.

11:45 – 12:45 **Session III: Designing effective S&DT provisions without undercutting sustainability**

- What are possible options to incorporate S&DT provisions in the design fisheries subsidies disciplines to address concerns around food security, the livelihood of fishing communities or rural development?
- Should S&DT be based on:
 - Socio-economic criteria – e.g. for artisanal and small scale fisheries – and if yes how to define such criteria?
 - Geographically defined limitations (e.g. 12 nautical miles of territorial water; shared stocks vs stocks whose range are confined to a Member EEZ or quotas under RFMOs) and how to define such limitations?
 - On the size of boat?
- How to address critical boundary issues while avoiding loopholes?

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Aimee GONZALES, Independent Consultant, Trade and Fisheries

12:45 – 13:00 **Session IV: The way forward**

Summary and way forward

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