

E15 Engagement on the WTO and MC11 Roundtables

**Advancing SDG 14.6 through Fisheries Subsidies Disciplines:
A Focus on Subsidies to IUU Fishing**

19 May 2017, Maison de la Paix, Petale 5, Geneva

AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome coffee**

09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome Remarks by the Organizer**

09:10 – 10:00 **Session I: Defining IUU fishing**

- What activities are covered by the definition of IUU fishing in para 3 of the IPOA-IUU, and what kinds of fishing would fall outside the definition?
- What technical assistance exists to help governments address IUU fishing?

Moderator

Ricardo MELÉNDEZ-ORTIZ, Chief Executive, ICTSD

Lead discussant

Matthew CAMILLERI, Fishery Liaison Officer, FAO

10:10 – 11:30 **Session II: Operationalising subsidy disciplines: Identifying IUU activity**

- RFMO lists: What would the implications of a prohibition on subsidies to RFMO-listed vessels be, for flag states and subsidizing governments?
- How are RFMO IUU vessel black lists constructed and what due process checks exist before vessels are listed and de-listed?
- How could the disciplines take account of situations where the flag state or subsidizing government was not a member of the RFMO listing the vessel?
- National IUU lists: how are these used? Do all countries have such lists? What level of discretion do governments maintain in the design of their domestic list?

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Gylfi GEIRSSON, Chair, Permanent Committee on Monitoring and Compliance,
North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission

Matthew CAMILLERI, Fishery Liaison Officer, FAO

Joost PAUWELYN, Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee break**

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11:45 – 13:15 **Session III: Operationalising subsidy disciplines: Applying a prohibition**

- Should a prohibition apply to subsidies to IUU vessels, or also to their operators and owners? Should a prohibition cover all subsidies to these entities, or only those linked to IUU fishing?
- How could the disciplines address situations of vessels from another country fishing illegally within a country's EEZ?
- What other regulatory approaches could be used to implement a discipline?
- What technical assistance or transition periods would be required to help countries implement a discipline?

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Carl-Christian SCHMIDT, Independent consultant

Matthew CAMILLERI, Fishery Liaison Officer, FAO

13:15 - 13:20 **Concluding remarks**

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