
E15 Initiative Engagement on the WTO and MC11 Roundtables

Advancing SDG 14.6 through Fisheries Subsidies Disciplines: Subsidies and Overfished Stocks

Date: Tuesday 13 June

Venue: Maison de la Paix, Petale 5, Chemin Eugene-Rigot 2, Geneva

Agenda

8:45 – 9:00 **Coffee/tea**

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome Remarks by the Organizers**

9:10 -10:00 **Session I: Stock assessments and overfished stocks**

- What is the difference between “overfishing” and a fish stock being “overfished”? How are overfished stocks defined internationally?
- What proportion of global fish stocks are assessed? Of these, which stocks are overfished and where are these overfished stocks located? Where are the main information gaps with respect to stock status?
- What technical assistance is available to help countries complete stock assessments?

Moderator:

- **Alice Tipping**, Programme Manager, Environment and Natural Resources, ICTSD

Lead discussants:

- **Jackie Alder**, FishCode Manager, FAO

10:00 – 11:30 **Session II: Identifying overfished stocks**

- How could an overfished stock be identified in the context of subsidy disciplines? What role could national or regional determinations play?
- How are national and regional determinations of stock status made? What challenges do developing countries face in assessing their fish stocks?
- How could the disciplines take account of data-poor fisheries? Can simple management techniques be effective enough to assess whether a stock is overfished?

Moderator:

- **Christophe Bellmann**, Senior Resident Research Associate, ICTSD

Lead discussants:

- **Milton Haughton**, Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
- **Aimee Gonzales**, Independent consultant
- **Daniel Kachelriess**, Marine Species Officer, CITES

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee/tea**

11:45 – 13:15 Session III: Applying disciplines to subsidies to overfished stocks

- How could a discipline focused on overfished stocks address the distinction between targeted stocks and by-catch, and the challenges of multi-species fisheries?
- How would a WTO dispute settlement panel approach the question of whether a subsidy had a negative effect on an overfished stock?

Moderator:

- **Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz**, Chief Executive, ICTSD

Lead discussants:

- **Milton Haughton**, Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
- **Christian Vidal-León**, Counsel, ACWL

13:15 - 13:20 Concluding remarks

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