





E15 Initiative Engagement on the WTO and MC11 Roundtables

Advancing SDG 14.6 through Fisheries Subsidies Disciplines: Options on institutional issues

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

Agenda

9:45 – 10:00 Coffee/tea

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome remarks by the organizers

10:10 -11:20 Session I: Options for the legal form of fisheries subsidies disciplines

What are the options for the legal form of an agreement on fisheries subsidies, and what are the legal implications of the choice of form?

Lead discussants:

Lorand BARTELS, Reader in International Law, University of Cambridge

o What are the practical implications of the different forms an agreement might take?

- Tibisay MORGANDI, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance, University of Cambridge
- Peter MORRISON, Independent consultant

Moderator: Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, ICTSD

11:20 - 11:40 Coffee/tea

11:40 – 12:50 Session II: Improving transparency of fisheries subsidies

- How feasible is the notification of the common elements proposed for subsidy notifications and what considerations should policy makers take into account? What technical assistance is available to help countries collect this information?
- o How could independent assessments contribute to new disciplines?
- How could WTO disciplines provide incentives for countries to notify both the subsidies and fisheries information proposed?

Lead discussants:

- Marc TACONET, Branch Head, Fisheries and Aquaculture Information and Statistics Service, FAO
- **Timothy CASHION,** Researcher, The Sea Around Us
- Iain SANDFORD, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Moderator: Alice TIPPING, Programme Manager, ICTSD