

The WTO and Fisheries

a workshop for the SADC region on the impact of the WTO agreements and the current WTO negotiations on the fisheries sector

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DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1

08:30 Registration of participants

09:00 Opening

- a. Minister of Fisheries of Namibia INVITED
- b. Representative, FAO Sub-Regional office for Africa/
FAO Country Representative. INVITED
- c. Erik Hempel, project manager, INFOSA
- d. William Emerson, Senior Fishery Industry Officer, FAO

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1st Session **International fish trade**

10:00-10:20 a. Trade overview – global (Audun Lem, FAO-FIIU)

10:20-10:40 b. Trade overview – region (Erik Hempel, INFOSA)

2nd Session **Country reports on fisheries sector and fish trade situation**

10:40-13:00 – updates by individual countries

Lunch

3rd Session

WTO and fisheries

- 14:15-14:45** a. Presentation of the WTO and status of the Doha Development Agenda negotiations (Christina Schroeder, WTO)
- 14:45-15:15** b. Presentation of the WTO and Fisheries (Audun Lem, FAO-FIIU)
- 15:15-15:45** c. Dispute Settlements relating to fish products (William Emerson, FAO-FIIU)
- 15:45-16:00** Coffe
- 16:00-16:30** d. Fisheries subsidies – a regional case study (NGO)
- 16:30-17:00** Discussion

Day 2

- 8:30-10:00** Regional experiences - discussion

4th Session

Fisheries agreements

- 10:00-10:30** a EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements and fisheries (European Commission, Namibia) INVITED
- 10:30-11:00** b. Fisheries Partnership Agreements – a regional perspective (regional/local NGO)
- 11:00-11:30** Discussion

5th Session

Quality and safety aspects for fish trade

- 11:30-11:50** a. The SPS and TBT Agreements (C.Schroeder, WTO)

- 11:50-12:20** b. Codex Alimentarius (Speaker to be identified)
- 12:20-12:40** c. Risk assessment and determination of the appropriate level of sanitary protection (Speaker to be identified)
- Lunch
- 14:15-15:30** d. SFP ACP/OCT, Strengthening Fishery Products Health Conditions Programme in ACP/OCT countries (Olivier Ledoux/Norbert Fink) INVITED
- 15:30:16:30** e. Country experiences (PARTICIPANTS)
- 16:30-17:00** Discussion

Day 3

6th Session

- 08:30-09:30** **Legal issues**
- Impact on national legislation arising from WTO membership and ongoing negotiations (Victor Mosoti, FAO-LEG)
- 09:30-10:00** **Discussion – country experiences and status of harmonization**

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7th Session

- 10:15-12:00** **ACP-EU Capacity building needs in non-fishery sectors**
- a. WTO and Agriculture – implications for policy (FAO SAFR) INVITED
- b. Report from the FAO project on ACP-EU negotiations (ESCP-FAO) INVITED
- c. Major challenges in agriculture negotiations (ESCP-FAO) INVITED

8th Session

- 12:00-13:00** **Conclusions and wrap-up** (Audun Lem, FAO)

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