

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON COMBATING TAX CRIME AND OTHER CRIMES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR

An event jointly organised by the OECD Fisheries Committee, the OECD Task Force on Tax Crime and Other Crimes, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

PROGRAMME 13 & 14 October 2016

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

08:30 – 09:15 **REGISTRATION**

09:15 – 9:30 **OECD WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION – Combating Tax Crime and Other Crimes in the Fisheries Sector**

- Rachel Bae, Senior Counsellor, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate
- Mr Leon Lomans, Fisheries Department, the Netherlands (Chair, OECD Fisheries Committee)
- Mr Eric Hylton, Executive Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations, United States (Chair, OECD Task Force on Tax Crime and Other Crimes)
- Audun Lem, Deputy Director, Secretary to the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, FAO
- Jorge Eduardo Rios, Chief, Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime, and Chief, Sustainable Livelihoods, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

9:30 – 10:45 **SESSION I – UNDERSTANDING CRIME IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR, SETTING THE SCENE**

The objective of this session is to map the diverse nature of fisheries-related crimes and associated crimes and better understand the associated challenges. Participants from international organisations will present their work before opening the discussion to the floor.

Moderator: Carl-Christian Schmidt, Chair, Nordic Marine Think Tank

- Jorge Eduardo Rios, UNODC, *Other serious crimes in the fisheries sector - how can the UNODC act with a “crime” mandate?*
- Antonia Leroy, OECD - *IUU fishing and related economic crimes - what are the main issues?*
- Juergen Leske, OECD TFTC, *Tax crime in the fisheries sector – where are the risks?*
- Curtis Lori, FAO, *Entry into force of Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing - what it changes?*
- Roux RAATH, WCO, *A border perspective - The Role of Customs in combatting illegal fishing*
- Alistair McDonnell, INTERPOL Secretariat, *Role of INTERPOL/Project Scale –what are the difficulties in investigating fisheries crime?*

10:45 – 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 – 11:45 **DISCUSSION** – Overlapping, contradicting or synergistic mandates of international agencies? What is needed to improve cooperation among international agencies?

The previous presentations will have provided an overview of the various mandates of international agencies to address fisheries related and associated crimes. But what are the opportunities for cooperation across agencies and what are the challenges?

11:45 – 13:00 **SESSION II – COUNTRY EXPERIENCES IN FIGHTING RELATED AND ASSOCIATED CRIME IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR**

The objective of this session is to further understand national challenges in the fight against fisheries-related and associated crimes, with the presentation of country experiences. The aim is to cut across different areas of crime and law enforcement and to share practical cases, best practices and solutions in order to highlight successful detection, enforcement and prosecution strategies.

Moderator: Audun Lem, Deputy Director, Secretary to the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade, FAO

- Greg Schneider, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), *The Presidential Task Force on Combating IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud (Task Force)*
- Eve De Coning, Norwegian advisory group – *Combating fisheries crime, the Norwegian perspective*
- Suyeon Kim, Korea, *Korea's Experience on Reinforcing the Fight against IUU Fishing*
- Mónica Corrales, Deputy General Director of Legal Affairs, Spanish General Secretariat for Fisheries, *Spanish policy to fight IUU fishing : enhancing international cooperation and strong legal framework*
- Sebastian Wegner, Fisheries Transparency initiative (FITI) & Almamy Samboly Ba, Coordinator PRAO-MR, *Transparency as a tool in combating fisheries crimes, the Mauritanian case*
- Dr. Mas Achmad Santosa, Presidential Task Force to Combat Illegal Fishing, Republic of Indonesia, *The fight against fisheries related and associated crimes in Indonesia*
- Commander Abigail Bradshaw, Minister-Counsellor Immigration and Border Protection Australia, Regional Director Europe, *"Illegal Foreign Fishing. Challenges and Opportunities - Australia's policy and operational approach"*

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 15:15 **DISCUSSION** – How to improve cooperation among national agencies? Why a multi-pronged approach to fight such crimes is essential? How can we make it work?

15:15– 16:45 **SESSION III – IMPROVING INTER-AGENCY AND CROSS COUNTRY CO-OPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR**

This Session will present concrete examples of law enforcement cases and cross-border cooperation tools related to cooperation needs to gather intelligence and share information among national and international agencies. The objective is to reach a common understanding of good practices for criminal justice systems and laws to address fisheries related and associated crimes taking on board the roles of various stakeholders.

Moderator: Jorge Eduardo Rios, Chief, Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime, UNODC

- Hans Tetmo, Chair, North Sea Fisheries Intelligence Group a regional initiative - *Understanding the role of tax agencies and information exchanges in combating crime in the fisheries sector*
 - Pawel Swiderek, Deputy Head of Unit for Fisheries Control Policy, EU Directorate General for
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Maritime Affairs and Fisheries - *The EU Cooperation with Member States and third Countries in the fight against IUU fishing and its linked crimes*

- Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM-FAO), *How can Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RMFOs) support countries in the fight against fisheries crimes?*
- Wez Norris, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), *Cooperative instruments for surveillance and enforcement*
- Jessica Battle, WWF, *Being the change: implementing the recommendations of the joint UNODC/WWF Expert Group Meeting on Fisheries Crime*
- Dana Miller, Marine Scientist, Oceana, *Marine insurance and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing*
- Kees Lankester, director of Scomber consultancy, the Netherlands, *Credit lending and investment - the risk of financing IUU fishing*

16:45 – 17:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

17:00 – 17:45 **DISCUSSION** – What are the limits of cross border cooperation? And what can be done to overcome bureaucratic burdens?

17:45 – 18:15 **SESSION IV – NEXT STEPS**

DISCUSSION – *Cross border co-operation remains a key component for the success in fighting fisheries-related and associated crimes. This session will discuss what could be the next steps to improve detection through a comprehensive and coherent international and cross government approach. How should or could international agencies improve co-operation? What are the priorities to close the loopholes, how and which way should we start next? A list of best-practice policy actions for the national level and for international collaboration will be elaborated.*

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18:15 – 18:30 **WRAP-UP BY CHAIRS**

18:30 **RECEPTION HOSTED BY NORWAY** (Room G. Marshall)

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00 – 09:10 **INTRODUCTION - DETECTING AND INVESTIGATING CRIME IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR**

A half day workshop, focusing on case studies, which will address issues related to the detection, investigation, enforcement and prosecution of fisheries-related crimes from a practical and operational perspective. The workshop will be open to all participants of the conference, but will be particularly relevant to those with operational responsibility for fighting serious crimes, including fisheries crimes. The workshop will promote dialogue across a number of different agencies on a range of issues, which include:

- *Risk assessment for the detection and prevention of fisheries crime and other related serious crimes.*
 - *The need for a “whole of government” approach to fighting fisheries crime and other related serious crimes.*
 - *The role and importance of inter-agency and international co-operation in the fight against all serious crimes, including fisheries crimes.*
 - *The need for awareness training and capacity building for all agencies involved in the fight against fisheries crimes.*
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09:10 – 9:40 **STUDY CASE 1:** Stuart Cory, USA, NOAA Federal

09:40 – 10:10 **STUDY CASE 2:** Alistair McDonnell, Interpol

10:10 – 10:25 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:25 – 11:10 **PRESENTATION OF CASES FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

- Dr. Mas Achmad Santosa, Presidential Task Force to Combat Illegal Fishing, Republic of Indonesia
 - Mónica Corrales, Deputy General Director of Legal Affairs, Spanish General Secretariat for Fisheries
 - Nick Branigan, Operational Leader, HMRC Fraud Investigation Service Edinburgh, Scotland
 - Gene O’Keeffe, Ireland Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority
 - William Park, IRS Criminal Investigation attaché Ottawa, Canada
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11:15 – 12:00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

12:00 – 12:45 **FINAL SESSION/CONCLUSION OF THE BREAKOUT SESSION**

12:45 – 13:00 **CONCLUDING REMARKS** Juergen Leske
