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First Meeting of the PSMA Strategy ad hoc Working Group¹

Rome, Italy,² 3-7 April 2023

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday 3 April

Morning 9:30 – 12:00

1. Opening of the meeting
 - FAO Secretariat will open the meeting recalling that this is the first meeting of a working group dedicated to develop a strategy to improve the effectiveness of PSMA.
2. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
 - As per Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Parties, a chairperson and vice-chair person should be elected
3. Adoption of agenda and arrangements for the meeting
 - The Chairperson will recall that a draft Provisional Agenda was developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Officers of the Meetings of the Parties to the PSMA, and was circulated to the Parties.
 - The Chairperson will remind delegates that the meeting is being held in person with the possibility of virtual connection for those who could not travel due to Covid-19 restrictions, and that interpretation is available in all languages.
 - The Chairperson will set out the arrangements for conducting the meeting, and remind delegates that meeting sessions are limited to two sessions of two and a half hours duration each per day, that delegates must raise their hand if they wish to take the floor, that the order for interventions will be first Parties, then non-party FAO Members, followed by other observers.

¹ To be held in Arabic, Chinese English, French, Russian and Spanish.

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Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org/port-state-measures/meetings/strategy-working-group/en/

4. Review of the outcome of the third meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)
 - The Secretariat will recall the outcomes of MOP3 with regards to discussions over developing a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the Agreement and the establishment of a working group to undertake this task.
5. Review of the outcome of the four PSMA Regional Coordination Meetings
 - The Secretariat will present the outcome of the four PSMA Regional Coordination Meetings with specific reference to proposals contributing to a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA.
 - Discussion on the outcomes.

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6. Review of the outcome of the third meeting of the PSMA Technical Working Group on Information Exchange
 - The Secretariat will present the outcome of the PSMA TWG-IE with specific reference to proposals related to information exchange contributing to a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA.
 - Discussion on the outcomes.

Tuesday 4 April

Morning 9:30 – 12:00

7. Strategy to improve the implementation of the Agreement
 - The Secretariat will introduce the outline, structure and main elements of a draft proposal for a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA to serve as basis for discussion and development by the Parties.
 - Discussion among participants from Parties and observers on the general outline, structure and main elements proposed.
- 7.1. Increasing the number of Parties
 - The Secretariat will introduce proposed ways to increase the number of Parties to the PSMA.
 - Discussion on increasing participation.
- 7.2. Effective implementation of the provisions of the Agreement
 - The Secretariat will introduce proposals to improve the implementation of the PSMA in the most effective and efficient way.
 - Discussion on effective and efficient PSMA implementation.
- 7.2.1. Port State performance

- The Secretariat will introduce proposals for a structured and guided self-assessment of port State performance to guide port States in the most efficient and effective ways to implement PSMA.
 - Discussion on port State performance.
- 7.2.2. Policy/legal matters
- The Secretariat will introduce proposals to review/assess adequacy of the policy/legal basis to implement PSMA and to keep these up-to-date.
 - Discussion on policy/legal matters.
- 7.2.3. Institutional arrangements
- The Secretariat will introduce proposals to review/assess adequacy of the institutional set-up and capacity, including interagency coordination to implement PSMA and to keep these up-to-date.
 - Discussion on institutional arrangements.
- 7.2.4. Operational arrangements
- The Secretariat will introduce proposals to review/assess adequacy of the operational arrangements including the monitoring, control and surveillance systems, mechanisms and tools, and standard operating procedures to implement PSMA and to keep these up-to-date.
 - Discussion on operational arrangements.
- 7.2.5. Exchange of information
- The Secretariat will introduce proposals to review/assess adequacy of information sharing arrangements, including systems, exchange mechanisms, standards and information to implement PSMA and to keep these up-to-date.
 - Discussion on exchange of information.
- 7.2.6. Review of the questionnaires for States to assess the implementation of the PSMA and the development a new questionnaire for regional fishery bodies
- 7.2.7. FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment – a new soft law instrument complementing the implementation of the PSMA.
- The relevance of the VGT in strengthening the implementation and effectiveness of the Agreement will be discussed.
- 7.2.8. Other

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7.2 (Cont.)

Evening 17:00 – 19.30

Fourth Meeting of the Part 6 Working Group

Wednesday 5 April*Morning 9:30 – 12:00*

7.2 (Cont.)

Afternoon 14:00 - 16:30

7.2 (Cont.)

Thursday 6 April*Morning 9:30 – 12:00*

7.3. Capacity development and training

- The Secretariat will introduce proposals to expand and increase delivery and coordination of capacity development support.
- Discussion on capacity development.

7.4. Assessment and monitoring of compliance

- The Secretariat will introduce options for the assessment and monitoring of compliance in the implementation of PSMA, arising from various sources such as discussions with Parties, the Officers of PSMA and the Regional Coordination Meetings.
- Discussion among Parties.

7.5. Administration and financial mechanisms

- The Secretariat will introduce options for an adequate/strengthened administration and a long-term financial options for the running of the activities defined by the Parties as necessary for the development and management of the PSMA.
- Discussion among Parties.

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8. Conclusions and recommendations

9. Date and venue for the next meeting of the working group

10. Any other business

Friday 7 April*Afternoon 14:00 – 17:00*

11. Adoption of the report
12. Closure of the meeting