



# Vigo Dialogue on Decent Work in Fisheries and Aquaculture

“SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FISHERIES VALUE CHAIN”



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Vigo Fair (IFEVI)  
Room “Carlos Casares”  
Floor 2B

Fish is one of the world’s most traded food commodities with millions of people depending on fisheries as a source of jobs, income and livelihoods. In 2016, FAO data indicates that 59 million people were directly engaged in the primary sector of capture fisheries and aquaculture<sup>1</sup>.

Like in other important sectors, numerous international and national initiatives are now calling for increased social responsibility and improvements of social and labour conditions in fisheries value chains. Such initiatives are increasingly supported by governments, non-governmental organizations, industry, certification schemes and international governmental organizations and agencies.

In particular, the media has highlighted cases of labour right violations and human rights abuses, found to take place at different stages of the fisheries’ value chain – especially in fish harvesting, farming and processing stages. As a result of

the increased awareness, industry associations, labour unions and policymakers have undertaken initiatives aiming to address current weaknesses, seeking remedies and improving performance through increased monitoring, transparency, traceability and certification.

In line with the earlier editions, the 2018 Vigo Dialogue will focus on measures for social responsibility in the fisheries and aquaculture sector as strategic approaches to combat abuses of human and labour rights in fish value chains. The overall objective is to facilitate an open discussion to enable feedback and inputs from stakeholders in order to address the challenges and complexity of this topic.

In particular, the Dialogue will focus on the mandate from [FAO Committee on Fisheries \(COFI\)](#) on social responsibility and the process and roadmap for the guidance development and stakeholder involvement.

## Agenda

### “SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FISHERIES VALUE CHAIN“

10:00 – 10:10	Welcoming address by <b>Ms. Aurora de Blas Carbonero</b> , Chair of the FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade
	Welcoming words: <b>Mr. Manuel Barange</b> , Director of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
10:10 – 11:00	<p>Opening statement: Background, objectives and roadmap by <b>Mr. Audun Lem</b>, Deputy Director of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department</p> <p><b>Panel 1 – Presentations</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Aurora de Blas Carbonero</b>, Chair of the FAO Sub-Committee on Fish Trade</p> <p><b>Mr. Sebastian Mathew</b>, Executive Director of the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)</p> <p><b>Mr. David Vivas</b>, Legal Officer at the Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p><b>Ms. Melanie Siggs</b>, Director of Strategic Engagements of Global Aquaculture Alliance (GAA)</p> <p><b>Mr. Brandt Wagner</b>, Head of Unit of the International Labour Organization (ILO)</p> <p><b>Monsignor Fernando Chica</b>, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to FAO</p>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:25	<p><b>Panel 2 – Dialogue</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Shivani Kannabhiran</b>, Policy Advisor Responsible Business Conduct of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</p> <p><b>Mr. Javier Garat Pérez</b>, President of International Coalition of Fisheries Associations (ICFA) and Europêche</p> <p><b>Ms. Marie-Christine Monfort</b>, Co-founder &amp; President of the International Association for Women in the Seafood Industry (WSI)</p> <p><b>Mr. Nuno Cosme</b>, Corporate Director of Sustainability at Grupo Nueva Pescanova</p> <p><b>Mr. Alastair Dingwall</b>, Aquaculture and Fisheries Manager at Sainsbury’s Supermarkets</p> <p><b>Mr. Paulo Veiga</b>, Secrétaire d’Etat aux Affaires Maritimes, Government of Cabo Verde</p> <p><b>Ms. Luz Baz Abella</b>, Inspector of the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF)</p>
12:25 – 12:30	Closure by <b>Mr. Audun Lem</b> , Deputy Director of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department

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