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Side event

**ENSURING SOCIALLY,
ENVIRONMENTALLY AND COMMERCIALY
SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**

Wednesday, 11 July 2018 – 12:45-14:15

Philippines (C277)

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is very clear towards the obligations of every flag state. They have the duty to ensure their vessels' safety at sea with regard, inter alia, to (a) the construction, equipment and seaworthiness of ships, (b) the manning of ships, (c) the labour conditions of their crews, and (d) the training of their crews.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), all specialized agencies of the United Nations, have indeed developed and adopted international instruments on all four duty areas for fishing. Particularly, IMO Cape Town Agreement 2012 (safe construction); ILO Work in Fishing C188, 2007 (manning and labour conditions); IMO STCW-F, 1995 (safety and training); FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Agreement on Port State Measures (responsible fishing), are the foundations for the protection of fishermen across the world. These Conventions are either not into force or poorly ratified by the international community.

The aim of this event is to provide practical expert advice to and from international and national policy-makers, industry and NGOs to develop a roadmap towards widespread ratification of the international instruments for safety at sea in fishing, the protection of fishers' lives and fight against IUU. It will also serve to create awareness on the need to ensure a socially, environmentally and commercially sustainable fisheries; thereby influencing the COFI discussions.



Kingdom of the Netherlands



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12:45-14:15	<p>“Ensuring socially, environmentally and commercially sustainable fisheries”</p> <p><i>Interpretation: The event will be exclusively conducted in English</i></p>
12:45-12:50	<p>Opening</p> <p>Opening and welcome address by Árni Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, FAO</p>
12:50-13:30	<p>International safety and labour standards on board of fishing vessels: What protection level?</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Ment van der Zwan</i></p> <p><i>Employers’ spokesman in the EU social dialogue committee for sea-fisheries</i></p> <p>Michele Ameri - Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS)</p> <p>Felix Marttin - Fishery Resources Officer, FAO</p> <p>Brandt Wagner - Head, Transport and Maritime Unit, Sectoral Policies Department, ILO</p> <p>Sandra Allnutt - Head Marine Technology and GBS, IMO</p>
13:30-14:10	<p>Outlook: What needs to be done and who should do it?</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Flemming Smidt</i></p> <p><i>Workers’ spokesman in the EU social dialogue committee for sea-fisheries</i></p> <p>Veronika Veits - DG MARE Director, European Commission</p> <p>Julie Janovsky - Ending Illegal Fishing Project Director, PEW</p> <p>Hans Hoogeveen - Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, UN Organizations in Rome</p>
14:10-14:15	<p>Closing</p> <p>Conclusions and closing remarks by Monsignor Fernando Chica Arellano - Permanent Observer to the Rome-based UN agencies, the Holy See</p>

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