



# Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines implementation: Where are we now? Open discussion

The SSF Guidelines are a powerful tool to strengthen small-scale fisheries governance and development. Concerted efforts are needed to ensure implementation of the SSF Guidelines at all levels.

The purpose of this side event is therefore to foster collaborative implementation by sharing views and implementation experiences of different actors to promote the role of small-scale fisheries in food security and poverty eradication. It will also provide the opportunity to inform on biological, legal, economic, social and cultural aspects of small-scale fishing communities and their organizations and on how they cope with existing problems.

The ultimate aim is to contribute to empowering small-scale fishing communities to improve their livelihoods and to promote a common understanding of the SSF Guidelines implementation approach.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS DISCUSSION!**

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 12:30-14:00

Green Room  
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FORO MUNDIAL DE PUEBLOS PESCADORES  
 WORLD FORUM OF FISHER PEOPLES  
 FORUM MONDIAL DES POPULATIONS DE PÊCHEURS

The World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP) is a member-based social movement of small-scale fisher people from across the world, founded on 21 November 1997 in New Delhi, India, by a number of member-based organizations from the Global South. WFFP was established in response

to the increasing pressure being placed on small-scale fisheries, including habitat destruction, anthropogenic pollution, encroachment on small-scale fishing territories by the large scale fishing fleets, illegal fishing and overfishing. Years later climate change was added to the list of threats that WFFP addresses in its work. WFFP has 29 member organizations from 23 countries and represents over 10 million fisher people from all over the world. WFFP supports its members to strengthen their organizational capacities, and it advocates for the rights of fisher people to access and manage fisheries resources, for human rights and for the protection of natural biodiversity. WFFP also represents the interests of its constituencies at regional and international levels.



World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers (WFF) is an international organization that brings together small scale fisher organization for the establishment and upholding of fundamental human rights, social justice and culture of artisanal /small scale fish harvesters and fish workers, affirming the sea as source of all life and committing themselves to sustain fisheries and aquatic resources for the present and future generations to protect their livelihoods.



The International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) is an international non-governmental organization that works towards the establishment of equitable, gender-just, self-reliant and sustainable fisheries, particularly in the small-scale, artisanal sector. ICSF draws its mandate from the historic International Conference of Fishworkers and their Supporters (ICFWS), held in Rome in 1984, parallel to the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). A number of fishworker organizations and concerned intellectuals, academics and social activists felt that the FAO conference had chosen to overemphasize the commercial, industrial, scientific and fishery resource aspects, at the expense of the actual real-world, life-and-blood people involved in fishing worldwide fishworkers who are often sections of the population marginalized from mainstream society. The main aims of ICSF are to:

- Monitor issues that relate to the life, livelihood and living conditions of fishworkers around the world;
- Disseminate information on these issues, particularly amongst fisherfolk;
- Prepare guidelines for policymakers that stress fisheries development and management of a just, participatory and sustainable nature; and
- Create the space and momentum for the development of alternatives in the small-scale fisheries sector.