

**Eighteenth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the
United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement**

Discussion panel on “The thirtieth anniversary of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement: looking to the future”

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Segment 1: Achievements in the implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement in its first thirty years, including through the strengthening of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements Wednesday, 14 May 2025, 3-6 p.m.		
Ms. Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir	Executive Secretary, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization	<i>UNFSA and NAFO - Coexistence and Developments</i>
Mr. Ichiro Nomura	Former Assistant-Director General and Head of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	<i>Implementation of some salient articles of UN Fish Stock Agreement (UNFSA) by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and other international bodies</i> Pre-recorded
Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian	Executive Secretary, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission	<i>Fulfilling the UNFSA Promise: WCPFC's Approach to Sustainable Management of Migratory Fish Stocks</i> Pre-recorded
Mr Matthew Gianni	Co-Founder, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition	<i>The achievements of the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement: the case of deep-sea fisheries on seamounts and other vulnerable marine ecosystems in areas beyond national jurisdiction and the need for full implementation of the Agreement</i>
Mr. Andre Tahindro	Former Secretary, UNFSA Review Conference	<i>Contribution of the 1995 UNFSA legal regime to subsequent developments in international fisheries law and policy promoting sustainable fisheries</i>
Mr. Ivan López	Chair of the International Coalition of Fisheries Associations, General Manager, Pesquera Ancora	<i>Thirty Years of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement: Industry Perspectives on Progress and the Path Forward</i> Pre-recorded

Segment 2: Challenges and opportunities for strengthening the implementation of the Agreement through improved conservation and management and international cooperation, including through regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements

Thursday, 15 May 2025, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mr. Rivetla Edipo Araujo Cruz	Vice Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brazil	<i><u>Dimensión y avances en la gestión pesquera de Brasil: desafíos y oportunidades para asegurar la conservación y el manejo sostenible de los recursos pesqueros</u></i>
Ms. Jung-Re Riley Kim	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea, Chair of SPRFMO	<i><u>Completing the Map: Strengthening UNFSA Implementation in Areas Beyond RFMO Coverage through Equitable Flag State Responsibilities and International Cooperation</u></i>
Ms. Joanne Pollett	Principal Fisheries Consultant at ABPmer	<i>Global stocktake and best practice review of the ecosystem approach to fisheries management'</i> Pre-recorded
Mr. Darius Campbell	Executive Secretary, North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, Co-Chair Regional Fishery Bodies Secretariats Network	<i><u>Strengthening the implementation of UNFSA, International Cooperation</u></i>
Mr. Martin Tsamenyi	Legal Advisor, Forum Fisheries Agency	<i><u>Improving the effectiveness of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement in the face of climate change</u></i>
Mr. Ernesto Penas Lado	Chair of the Fisheries Expert Group of EBCD-IUCN	<i>The role of RFMOs in the implementation of BBNJ Agreement</i> Pre-recorded

Segment 3: Challenges and opportunities for strengthening the implementation of the Agreement through improved monitoring, control, surveillance, compliance and enforcement Thursday, 15 May 2025, 3-6 p.m.		
Mr. Javier Abad González	Technical advisor on fisheries inspection, in the Secretary General of Fisheries of the Spanish Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	<i>Electronic Systems for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of Fishing Activities: A Case of Success in the Spanish Fisheries Administration</i>
Mr. Matthew Camilleri	Senior Legal Officer, FAO, Fisheries and Aquaculture	<i>Strengthening the UN Fish Stocks Agreement through improved MCS, Compliance and Enforcement</i>
Mr. Gerald Leape	Pew Charitable Trusts	<i>Building on 30 Years of Success</i>

Segment 4: Challenges and opportunities for strengthening participation in the Agreement and strengthening its full and effective implementation through capacity-building Friday, 16 May 2025, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.		
Mr. Tang Yi	Professor, Shanghai Ocean University	<i>Challenges and opportunities to strengthen the Agreement's full and effective implementation through capacity-building: bridging capacity the gaps</i>
Mr. Miguel Bernal	Executive Secretary, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean	<i>Underpinning fisheries management through capacity development and cooperation: The case of the GFCM and the positive impact of the UN Fish Stock Agreement principles</i>
Mr. Abdennaji Laamrich	Chair, COMHAFAT/ATLAFCO	<i>ATLAFCO and capacity building for a better implementation of UNSFA in the African Atlantic region</i>
Mr. Matthew Camilleri	Senior Legal Officer, FAO, Fisheries and Aquaculture	<i>Strengthening the UN Fish Stocks Agreement through capacity development</i>
Mr. Dmitry Gonchar	Principal Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs	<i>Strengthening implementation of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement through capacity-building</i>