



**NATIONAL AND GLOBAL INSTRUMENTS
SUPPORTING
SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FISH TRADE**
FAO WORKING SESSION

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Virtual

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Towards a sustainable and inclusive recovery: ambition to action

Fisheries and aquaculture products are currently the most traded animal protein in value. Fisheries and aquaculture trade flows generally follow a supply pattern from developing to developed countries, primarily to cover insufficient local production or to meet a specific demand related to the multitude of species not produced locally.

Sustainability of fisheries resources is crucial to the livelihoods, food security, and nutrition of billions of people. The sector has grown significantly in recent decades, increasing overall production, trade, and consumption. National governments and international organizations invest significant resources in ensuring the long-term viability of fish resources.

The FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, (CCRF) addresses fisheries and aquaculture production and post-harvest activities in the three dimensions of sustainability. Although voluntary, the CCRF provides the basis of other international instruments and national legislations. In addition, the recent FAO instrument “the Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes (CDS)” developed a set of basic guidelines to assist countries in determining whether fish originated from catches taken in accordance with applicable national, regional, and international conservation and management measures throughout the supply chain.

This Working Session will provide a forum for exchanging and discussing how international guidance and national instruments can help to promote more sustainable trade in fisheries and aquaculture products.

Event in English, Spanish
and French

[Panellists:]

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