

SSF Summit



2026

AGENDA

4–6 September 2026
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy



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DAY 1
4 September 2026 | FAO HQ, Green Room

Exclusively for small-scale fisheries actors (by invitation only)

Interpretation in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Indonesian, Turkish

Day 1		
08.00 – 09.00	Registration	
Masters of ceremonies: Alieu Sowe [World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)] & Tui Shortland [International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)]		
SESSION 1.1 - Mistica and opening remarks		
09.00 – 09.30	Mistica (10’)	• Alieu Sowe [World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)] • Tui Shortland [International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)]
	Opening remarks (20’)	
SESSION 1.2 - Emerging challenges and priorities of small-scale fisheries organizations at regional and global level		
Facilitation: TBC		
09.30 – 10.30	Panel (45’) Small-Scale Fisheries transnational organizations discuss their organizations’ political priorities, including main challenges and solutions, common priorities and shared perspectives on critical issues.	• Nadine Nembhard, Belize, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Chief Gary Harrison, Alaska (The United States of America), International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) • Lorena Ortiz Martinez, Mexico, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Dawda Foday Saine, The Gambia, Confédération africaine des organisations professionnelles de la pêche artisanale (CAOPA) • Gwen Pennarun, France, Low-Impact Fisheries of Europe (LIFE) • Diaba Diop, Senegal, African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET) • Trenton Skilling, Federated States of Micronesia, Community-Based Fisheries Dialogue’s Advisory Group (CBFD AG) • Zoila Bustamante Cárdenas, Chile, Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal (ULAPA)
	Q&A (15’)	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	

SESSION 1.3 - The SSF Guidelines in practice: Challenges, progress and good practices as seen by small-scale fisheries actors		
Facilitation and Introduction: Herman Kumara , Sri Lanka, Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP)		
11.00 – 12.30	Panel (60’) SSF actors discuss the challenges and good practices related to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines. Open discussion (25’) Conclusion and synthesis (5’)	• Roberto Ballon, Philippines, Southeast Asia Small-Scale Fishers Network (SEAFNET) • Libia Arciniegas Liñan, Colombia, Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal (ULAPA) • Macarena Molina, Spain, Low-Impact Fisheries of Europe (LIFE) • Daouda Ndiaye, Senegal, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Dua Rudolph, Marshall Islands, Community-Based Fisheries Dialogue’s Advisory Group (CBFD AG) • Margaret Nakato, Uganda, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Herman Kumara, Sri Lanka, Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break	
SESSION 1.4 - Small-scale fishers as actors in global governance: Participation, mechanisms and mainstreaming		
Facilitator: Patricia Maisha , Democratic Republic of Congo, African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET)		
14.00 – 15.30	Introduction (5’) Presentation (10’) Outcomes of the reactivation process of the Global Strategic Framework in support of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines (SSF-GSF), as well as the Advisory Group's vision and objectives for the SSF-GSF. Panel (30’): Opportunities for mainstreaming the SSF Guidelines and amplifying the voices of the SSF actors in global policy processes. Open discussion (45’)	• Suman Kalyan Mandal, India, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Lorena Ortiz Martinez, Mexico, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Djalikatou C. Haïdara, Guinea, African Confederation of Professional Organizations of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA) • Zainal Arifin Fuat, Indonesia, La Via Campesina (LVC)
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break	

SESSION 1.5 - Preparing for the Committee on Fisheries (COFI): Small-scale fisheries as a key solution for food security and nutrition		
16.00 – 17.30	Presentation (20') Key points of the draft COFI statements prepared by SSF organizations for SSF accredited observers to COFI Open discussion (60') 1. COFI agenda item 11: Supporting small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, including inland fisheries, and elevating their contributions to food security, nutrition and livelihood support 2. COFI agenda item 10: Adaptation and mitigation of fisheries and aquaculture to climate threats, including extreme events	• Ujjaini Halim, India, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Herman Kumara, Sri Lanka, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • TBC
17.30 – 18.00	Networking	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner (Restaurant on 8th floor)	

DAY 2

5 September 2026 | FAO HQ, Green Room & Breakout rooms

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DAY 2		
Masters of ceremonies: Alieu Sowe [World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)] & Tui Shortland [International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)]		
08.00 – 09.00	Registration	
SESSION 2.1 - Mistica		
09.00 – 09.30	Mistica (30') Storytelling of fisheries experiences from the ground	• Josana Pinto da Costa, Brazil, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Masnuah, Indonesia, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Zoila Bustamante Cárdenas, Chile, Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal (ULAPA)
SESSION 2.2 - Opening remarks		
09.30 – 10.00	Opening remarks (10') Presentation (20') Summary of Day 1	• Carmen Mannarino, South Africa, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Sandra Amezaga, Spain, Low-Impact Fisheries of Europe (LIFE)
SESSION 2.3 - Introduction to regional session		
10.00 – 10.30	Panel /Presentation (30')	• Alieu Sowe, The Gambia, Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Africa • Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk, Thailand, Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Asia & Pacific • Pablo Green, Guna Yala, Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Latin America & Caribbean
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	

SESSION 2.4 - Implementation of the SSF Guidelines at regional level (break out groups)		
11.00 – 12.30	Five breakout groups: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America.	Facilitators per break out group:
	Presentation (15') The Regional Advisory Groups (RAGs) of the SSF-GSF present the state of affairs of the SSF Guidelines implementation at the regional level.	Africa and North Africa Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Africa Facilitators: Alieu Sowe (The Gambia) and Hedia Lajnf Ep Rguai (Tunisia) - Green room - Interpretation: English, French
		Asia and the Pacific Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Asia & Pacific Facilitators: Herman Kumara (Sri Lanka) and Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk (Thailand) - Ethiopia Room - Interpretation: English, Indonesian
		Europe and Central Asia Low-Impact Fisheries of Europe (LIFE) Facilitators: Marta Cavallé & Sandra Amezaga (Spain) - Austria Room - Interpretation: English, French, Spanish, Turkish
		Latin America and the Caribbean - Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Latin America & Caribbean Facilitators: Lorena Ortiz Martinez (Mexico) and Pablo Green (Guna Yala) - German Room - Interpretation: English, Spanish, Portuguese
12.30 – 14.00	Open discussion (75') Discussions will focus on actions and opportunities for the SSF Guidelines implementation, possible convergence strategies at the regional level, and identification of good practices in the SSF Guidelines implementation.	North America and Arctic International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) Facilitators: Rochelle Diver (The United States of America) and Chief Gary Harrison (Alaska, The United States of America) - Table outside Green Room - Interpretation: English
		Lunch break

Moderator: TBC

14.00 – 15.30	Round Table Conversation (45’) Sharing experiences of good practices, challenges, and lessons learned from collaborative efforts to implement the SSF Guidelines through a Human Rights Based Approach. Input from audience (40’) Wrap up and synthesis (5’)	● Costa Rica · Don Carlos Martinez Mendez, Red de áreas marinas de pesca responsable y territorios marinos de vida de Costa Rica · Marvin Fonseca Borrás, Cooperativa Autogestionaria para la Solidaridad social (CoopeSoliDar) ● Indonesia · Masnuah, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) · Marthin Hadiwinata, Ekologi Maritim Indonesia (Ekomarin) ● South Africa · Christian Adams, West Coast SSF Forum ● Canada · Sherry Pictou, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) · Tony Charles, Saint Mary’s University ● Tui Shortland, New Zealand, International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break	

SESSION 2.6 - Towards a Renewed SSF Global Strategic Framework: Principles for Collaboration, Collective Learning and Knowledge Sharing		
Moderation: Virginie Lagarde, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)		
16.00 – 17.30	Presentation (15') SSF transnational organizations present the outcomes of the SSF-GSF reactivation and their vision and objectives for the SSF-GSF. Roundtable discussion (30'): Principles for respectful and effective collaboration between SSF actors, researchers and NGOs, in relation to building a Knowledge Sharing Platform (KSP) of the SSF-GSF. Open discussion / Input from audience (40') Wrap up and synthesis (5')	• Margaret Nakato, Uganda, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) • Oscar Amarasinghe, University of Ruhuna • Herman Kumara, Sri Lanka, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Lina Saavedra Díaz, University of the Magdalena • Libia Esther Arciniegas Liñan, Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal (ULAPA) • Margaux Rochefort, Coalition of Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA) • Gaoussou Gueye, African Confederation of Professional Organizations of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA) • Virginie Lagarde, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)
17.30 – 18.00	Networking (check information screens and announcements for more information)	
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner (Cafeteria and terrace on 8th floor) <i>The dinner will be preceded by a presentation of FISH4ACP's gender-transformative work in small-scale fisheries, with opening remarks by Mr. Manuel Barange, FAO Assistant Director General and Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO. This will be followed by the launch of the publication "Gender-Based Violence in Kapenta Fishing Communities: A Qualitative Assessment of Structural Drivers of Gender-Based Violence in the Lake Tanganyika Kapenta Fishery Communities" and the screening of the short film "Zambia, It All Comes from Kapenta", showcasing FISH4ACP's work on gender-based violence and women's participation in the Zambia Kapenta fishery. The presentation will be followed by a light buffet dinner.</i> <i>The dinner is hosted by FISH4ACP in partnership with OACPS and co-funded by BMZ and the EU.</i>	

DAY 3
 6 September 2026 | FAO HQ, Green Room

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DAY 3		
Masters of ceremonies: Alieu Sowe [World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)] & Tui Shortland [International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)]		
08.00 – 09.00	Registration	
SESSION 3.1 - High-level ministerial session		
Moderator: Mr. Manuel Barange , FAO Assistant Director General and Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations		
09.00 – 09.45	Opening remarks by Dr. QU Dongyu , Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations	
	Statement by H.E. Rivetla Édipo Araújo Cruz , Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brazil	
	Statement by H.E. Sakti Wahyu Trenggono , Minister for Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia	
	Statement by H.E. Eveline Nair Monteiro Ramos , Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Cabo Verde	
	Statement by H.E. Jean Maharavo , Minister of Fisheries and the Blue Economy, Madagascar	
SESSION 3.2 – Summary of previous days		
09.45 – 10.00	Summary of the discussions of Day 1 and Day 2 (7’)	· Oscar Marroquín Valladares, Guatemala, Unión Latinoamericana de la Pesca Artesanal (ULAPA) · Herman Kumara, Sri Lanka, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP)
	Provisional COFI statements from SSF actors (8’)	

SESSION 3.3 - Taking stock on the implementation of the SSF Guidelines at the national level: National Plans of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries (NPOAs-SSF)		
Moderation: Mele Tauati , Fishery Officer (Small-Scale Fisheries), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations		
10.00 – 11.00	Presentation (5') Overview of the NPOA-SSF process Panel (45') Sharing experiences of governments and SSF actors regarding their National Plans of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries (NPOAs-SSF) and other national-level approaches Open discussion and wrap up (10')	• Lena Westlund, International Fisheries Analyst, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations • Baraka Sekadende, a.i. Director Fisheries, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF), United Republic of Tanzania • Nazario Briguera, Regional Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources – Cordillera Administrative Region, The Philippines • Mario Rueda, Coordinador Programa Valoración y Aprovechamiento de Recursos Marinos INVEMAR, Colombia • Benjamin Campion, Executive Director Fisheries Commission, Ghana • Cristiano Quaresma de Paula, Director of Territories and Fisheries Planning at the National Secretariat of Small-Scale Fisheries (SNPA), Brazil • Dani Setiawan, Indonesian Traditional Fishers' Union (KNTI), Indonesia • Margaret Nakato, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers, Uganda
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break	

Moderation: **Lena Westlund**, International Fisheries Analyst, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations

11.30 – 12.30	Panel (35') Sharing experiences of governments and SSF actors regarding Regional Plans of Action for Small-Scale Fisheries (RPOAs-SSF) and other regional approaches	• Pedro Guerra, Vice Minister of Primary Fishery and Aquaculture Production of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela • Krishnan Pandian, Director, Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) • Eyüp Mümtaz Tıraşın, Chairperson of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) • Tantely Andriamaharo Ny Aina, Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy and President of National Task Team for implementation of the National Plan of action for Small-Scale Fisheries • Pamashwar Jainarine, Guyana, Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) • Diaba Diop, Senegal, Africa Women's Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET) • Herman Kumara, Sri Lanka, Regional Advisory Group (Asia)
12.30 – 14.00	Open discussion and wrap-up (25') Lunch break	

SESSION 3.5 - The renewed Global Strategic Framework in support of the implementation of the SSF Guidelines (SSF-GSF) as a partnership mechanism for the implementation of the SSF Guidelines		
Moderation: Nadine Nembhard , Belize, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP)		
14.00 – 15.15	Panel (45’) Reflective dialogue with the audience (30’)	• Mele Tauati, Fishery Officer (Small-Scale Fisheries), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations • Nadine Nembhard, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) • Suman Kalyan Mandal, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) and Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Asia • Yifang Slot-Tang, FIAN International • The United Republic of Tanzania - Champion of the Friends of the Guidelines
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break	
SESSION 3.6 - Connecting the implementation of the SSF Guidelines with other relevant policy processes: the Committee on Food Security (CFS) High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) report on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture		
Moderator: Mauro Conti , Family Farming Expert, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations		
15.45 – 16.45	Presentation (10’) Panel (35’) The new High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) report on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and the role of SSF in aquatic food systems from food security and nutrition perspective. Open Discussion (10’) Key takeaways (5’)	• Molly Ahern, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and member of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition Drafting Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture • Melanie Brown, World Forum of Fishers Peoples (WFFP) and Coordinator of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM) working group on fisheries and aquaculture • Professor Alf Håkon Hoel, Arctic University and The Institute of Marine Research of Norway

SESSION 3.7 - Next steps and closing		
16.45 – 17.30	Main activities and next steps until the next SSF Summit (35') Closing remarks (10')	· TBC - Small-scale fisheries representative, SSF-GSF Advisory Group (AG) · Henrique Kefalas, Linha D'Agua / International Collective in Support of Fishworkers · Senegal – Government representative · Mele Tauati, Fishery Officer (Small-Scale Fisheries) and/or Manuel Barange, FAO Assistant Director General and Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations
17.30 – 19.00	Networking / Side meetings (see Green Room lobby screens for more information)	
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner (Cafeteria and terrace on 8th floor) <i>The dinner will be preceded by brief remarks on the EAF-Nansen Programme, highlighting its contribution to sustainable small-scale fisheries. The event will conclude with closing remarks by the FAO, followed by a light buffet dinner.</i> <i>The dinner is hosted by FAO including the EAF-Nansen Programme.</i>	

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