Blue Transformation
Advancing aquatic food systems for people, planet and prosperity
Tuesday, 25 July 2023, 09:30-10:30 (CEST), Red Room - FAO headquarters, Rome

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Aquatic Blue Food Coalition, Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Ocean and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition, CGIAR and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Climate Champions

Background and objectives
Aquatic foods are crucial for enhancing food security and nutrition, while addressing climate change. Transforming aquatic food systems can increase the supply of nutritious food sustainably, while contributing to decent and equitable employment and community resilience. Blue Transformation acknowledges the need to support the 2030 Agenda by transitioning towards more inclusive, resilient and sustainable aquatic food systems capable of feeding the world’s population amid changing environmental, social, and climate conditions. This event will showcase Members’ initiatives and promote partnerships to progress in the aquatic food domain.

Expected outcomes
- Highlight the positive impact of transformed aquatic food systems in addressing and meeting the challenges of feeding and nourishing a growing population, by providing essential proteins and micronutrients, while reducing the environmental footprint of our food production systems.
- Foster engagement with Members and partners in the successful implementation of the Blue Transformation vision aimed to: a) sustainably expand & intensify aquaculture to satisfy global demand for nutritious aquatic food; b) effectively manage all fisheries to deliver healthy stocks & secure livelihoods; and c) upgrade value chains to ensure the social, economic & environmental viability of aquatic food systems, and secure nutritional outcomes.

Moderator
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Director, Nutrition, Health and Food Security Impact Area Platform, CGIAR

Speakers
Ms Maria Helena Semedo
FAO Deputy Director-General
His Excellency Guðni Th. Jóhannesson
President of Iceland [Delivered by Stefán Jón Hafstein Special Envoy on Ocean Affairs]
Her Excellency Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment African Union Commission
Her Excellency Anne Beate Tvinneireim
Minister for International Development Kingdom of Norway
Ms Vivi Yulaswati
Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources, Republic of Indonesia
Her Excellency Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile
Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to FAO
His Excellency Jestas Abuok Nyamanga
Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union Chairperson, OACPS Ambassadorial Working Group on Oceans, Inland Water and Fisheries
Mr Gonzalo Munoz
UNFCCC COP 25 High-Level Climate Champion
His Excellency Peter Thomson
UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean

Programme
09:30 Welcome and introduction
09:44 Panel discussion
10:18 Closing remarks and call for action
10:30 Special event ends