

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

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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
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Her Excellency Anne Beathe Tvinnereim

Minister for International Development
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Ms Vivi Yulaswati

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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