

## Blue Transformation

### *Advancing aquatic food systems for people, planet and prosperity*

Tuesday, 25th July, 09:30-10:30, FAO HQ, Red Room

Aquatic foods can be 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.

**Fisheries and aquaculture have been crucial in the fight against hunger and poverty, with approximately 600 million people worldwide depending on the sector for their livelihoods, and providing 3.3 billion people with almost 20% of their average per capita intake of animal protein.** Since 1960 the annual global growth in per capita fish consumption has doubled, reaching 20.2 kg in 2021. Estimates indicate that implementing Blue Transformation could increase the per capita consumption of sustainable aquatic foods by 25% by 2050. However, failure to transform could see a 10% reduction, placing land-based food systems under increasing pressure.

#### **The session will focus on the following questions:**

- What action have countries/regions already taken to transform aquatic food systems and to ensure that sustainable fisheries and aquaculture can deliver sufficient, safe and nutritious food equitably?
- What are the priorities and next steps for a full aquatic food system transformation?

**This event will highlight key national initiatives aimed at transforming aquatic food systems.** Speakers and panelists will discuss how technical solutions, adequate policies and innovative partnerships can drive a Blue Transformation agenda to achieve sustainable and resilient aquatic food systems that can nourish and feeding the world's population while also promoting nature-positive solutions. It will emphasize the need for accelerated action and commitment from governments, local communities, and the private sector, to work together towards sustainable and more resilient aquatic food systems for a more sustainable future.

## PROGRAMME

### Welcome and introduction 09:30

<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	<b>Ms Shakuntala Thilsted (Moderator)</b> Director, Nutrition, Health and Food Security Impact Area Platform CGIAR
<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>Ms Maria Helena Semedo</b> Deputy Director-General Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
<b>Video message - from the Aquatic Blue Food Coalition</b>	<b>H.E. Guðni Th. Jóhannesson</b> President of Iceland [Delivered by Stefán Jón Hafstein, Special Envoy on Ocean Affairs]

### Panel discussion: Blue Transformation in action

<p><i>This panel would address:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What action has your country/region taken already to transform aquatic food systems and to ensure that sustainable fisheries and aquaculture can deliver sufficient, safe and nutritious food equitably?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are the priorities and next steps for a full aquatic food system transformation in your country/region?</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Including effective fisheries management, equitable livelihoods, access to safe and nutritious aquatic food to address malnutrition including hidden hunger, shift of consumption patterns, healthy people, nature-positive production, and resilience.</i></p>	<p><b>H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko</b> Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission</p> <p><b>H.E. Anne Beathe Tvinneim</b> Minister for International Development, Kingdom of Norway</p> <p><b>Ms Vivi Yulaswati</b> Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p><b>H.E. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile</b> Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to FAO</p> <p><b>H.E. Jestas Abuok Nyamanga</b> 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</p>
<b>Video - Quality Nutrition</b>	<b>Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition</b>
<b>Open discussion</b>	<b>Interventions from the floor</b>
<b>Video - Blue Transformation</b>	<b>FAO</b>
<b>Closing remarks</b>	
<b>Private Sector Commitment</b>	<b>Mr Gonzalo Munoz</b> UNFCCC COP 25 High-Level Climate Champion
<b>Video - Role of private sector in transformation of aquatic food systems</b>	<b>UNFCCC Climate Champions and Non-State Actors Representatives</b>
<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>H.E. Peter Thomson</b> United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

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