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SIDE EVENT AGENDA

NEW TOOLS AND APPROACHES FOR COMBATTING CRIME IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR AND THE INTERCONNECTED RISKS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND FUNDAMENTAL LABOR RIGHTS IN SEAFOOD SUPPLY CHAINS

16 April, 17:00 – 17:50, Multifunctional Room 2

Lead:

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Monterey Bay Aquarium, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Co-organizers:



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Seafood production is extremely diverse with thousands of species fished and farmed around the world in a variety of ways - from individual small-scale actors to high-tech industrial operators. Seafood travels through complex international supply chains and therefore poses unique interconnected risks related to environmental impacts, fundamental labor rights, and criminal activity. Recent research, investigative reporting, and technology are uncovering new evidence of illicit activity, such as illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, crimes in the fisheries sector and various forms of labor abuse through the seafood supply chain. Combating these challenges necessitates strong, coordinated efforts across different institutions dealing with fisheries and aquaculture management, criminal justice, and labor matters, with a view to achieving common mutual goals of seafood sustainability as well as progress towards a blue economy and a healthy marine environment. Moreover, there is a need for the development of tools to highlight risks and provide clear pathways for action.

Fortunately, new tools and approaches are now available to identify risks, improve legal frameworks and governance, and provide guidance on how to support sustainable seafood production as a key component of a blue economy that works for people and the ocean. This side event will feature several experts on ocean crimes, worker safety and human rights and will outline tools that can support improved governance and stronger action by governments, the private sector and civil society to eliminate these pervasive challenges in the fisheries sector and the seafood supply chains. The tools include the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Social Risk Tool and the UNODC's Legislative Guide on Combating Crimes in the Fisheries Sector, the latter developed in collaboration with FAO.



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Lejda Toci - Facilitator

Time (from-to)	<i>Title of intervention/presentation</i> Name, Affiliation
17:00	<i>Welcome & Introductions</i> Lejda Toci, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
17:05	<i>How to address forced labour in fishing? Challenges and solutions</i> Alison Potter, International Labour Organization (ILO)
17:13	<i>Seafood Social Risk Tool</i> Josh Madeira, Monterey Bay Aquarium
17:20	<i>Ensuring Responsible Fisheries and Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing</i> Julia Nakamura, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
17:27	<i>Combating Crimes in the Fisheries Sector: A Guide to Good Legislative Practices</i> Lejda Toci, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
17:35	<i>Discussion & Announcement of Commitments</i>



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