

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

Ms Shakuntala Thilsted

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

His Excellency Abdallah Hamis Ulega

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries
United Republic of Tanzania

His Excellency Sakti Wahyu Trenggono

Minister for Marine Affairs and Fisheries
Republic of Indonesia

Her Excellency Anne Beathe Tvinneim

Minister for International Development
Norway

His Excellency Makozi Chikote

Minister for Fisheries and Livestock
Republic of Zambia

Mr Gonzalo Munoz

Chair, NSA pillar of COP28 Food System
Transformation track

His Excellency Peter Thomson

UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

*Some speakers are still to be confirmed

Programme

09:30 Welcome and introduction

09:45 Panel discussion

10:20 Closing remarks and call for action

10:30 Special event ends