



Negotiating Group on Rules

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FISHERIES SUBSIDIES WORK PROGRAMME

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

This document sets forth the work programme on fisheries subsidies for the period May-July 2018 as agreed by the Negotiating Group on Rules. It is unchanged from the version sent to all delegations by fax on 13 April 2018.

MAY 2018 MEETING CLUSTER

Theme: Capacity enhancing/capacity maintaining subsidies, subsidies contributing to overcapacity and overfishing

MONDAY 14/05/2018

AM: Technical session: Member's presentations, exchange of information and experience – support to capital costs (vessel construction, modernization, renovation, etc.), and related policies, including how Members ensure that such support does not harm sustainability (Open-ended informal)

PM: Technical session: Member's presentations, exchange of information and experiences – support to operating costs (gear, bait, ice, fuel, labour, etc.) and related policies, including how Members ensure that such support does not harm sustainability (Open-ended informal)

TUESDAY 15/05/2018

AM: Time for bilateral meetings among delegations

PM Time for bilateral meetings among delegations

WEDNESDAY 16/05/2018

AM Thematic discussion: issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding capacity enhancing/capacity maintaining subsidies, subsidies contributing to overcapacity and overfishing, including special and differential treatment (possible discussion questions to be provided by Chair) (Open-ended informal)

PM Thematic discussion continued: issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding capacity enhancing/capacity maintaining subsidies, subsidies contributing to overcapacity and overfishing, including special and differential treatment (Open-ended informal)

THURSDAY 17/05/2018

AM Streamlining of texts from RD/TN/RL/29/Rev.3 (for eventual inclusion in the TN/RL/W/274/... document): Scope (Article 2) (Open-ended small group, based on a first draft to be circulated in advance)

- PM Validation of streamlining from AM session (Open-ended informal);
General wrap-up, opportunity to raise other fisheries subsidies issues (Open-ended informal)
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JUNE 2018 MEETING CLUSTER

Theme: Subsidies to fishing on overfished stocks

MONDAY 11/06/2018

- AM: Technical session: Workshop/seminar with presentations by FAO, RFMOs, national fisheries authorities – how stock assessments are conducted in practice, in particular situations (including multi-species and data poor fisheries); identification of specific stocks that have been determined to be overfished; how those determinations were made; how results of stock assessments are fed into fisheries management systems, including fisheries management/fisheries policy response to determinations of overfished status (Open-ended informal)
- PM: Technical session: Member's presentations, exchange of information and experience – continuation of issues presented and discussed in the AM workshop, including information requirements imposed by national fisheries management systems and collection of that information from fishers (e.g., catch data, compliance with management requirements); (Open-ended informal)

TUESDAY 12/06/2018

- AM: Time for bilateral meetings among delegations
PM Time for bilateral meetings among delegations

WEDNESDAY 13/06/2018

- AM Thematic discussion: issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding subsidies to fishing on overfished stocks, including special and differential treatment (Chair to provide some suggested questions to guide the discussion) (Open-ended informal)
- PM Thematic discussion continued: issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding subsidies to fishing on overfished stocks, including special and differential treatment (Open-ended informal)

THURSDAY 14/06/2018

- AM Streamlining of texts from RD/TN/RL/29/Rev.3 (for eventual inclusion in the TN/RL/W/274/... document): Definitions (Art. 1) (Open-ended small group, based on a first draft to be circulated in advance)
- PM Validation of streamlining from AM session (Open-ended informal);
General wrap-up, opportunity to raise other fisheries subsidies issues (Open-ended informal)
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JULY 2018 MEETING CLUSTER

Theme: Subsidies to IUU fishing

MONDAY 23/07/2018

- AM: Technical session: Workshop/seminar with presentations by FAO, RFMOs, national fisheries authorities – how IUU determinations are made; whether lists as such are created, or

otherwise how such determinations are archived internally, made known publically; the subjects of the determinations (e.g., vessels, owners, operators); communications with and due process for the flag state and other subject actors (e.g., owners, operators); flag state processes when informed of an IUU allegation/finding by an RFMO or coastal state; responsibilities of different actors (coastal states, other governments, RFMOs/RFMAs) under the international legal framework for the prevention, deterrence and elimination of IUU fishing (Open-ended informal)

PM: Time for bilateral meetings among delegations

TUESDAY 24/07/2018

AM: Thematic discussion – issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding subsidies to IUU fishing, including special and differential treatment (Chair to provide some suggested questions to guide the discussion) (Open-ended informal)

PM Thematic discussion continued – issues arising from past discussions and existing documents regarding subsidies to IUU fishing, including special and differential treatment (Open-ended informal)

WEDNESDAY 25/07/2018

AM Streamlining of texts from RD/TN/RL/29/Rev.3 (for eventual inclusion in the TN/RL/W/274/... document): Transitional Arrangements (Art. 7) and Institutional Arrangements (Art. 8) (Open-ended small group, based on first drafts to be circulated in advance)

PM Validation of streamlining from AM session (Open-ended informal);

General wrap-up, opportunity to raise other fisheries subsidies issues (Open-ended informal)
