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Small-Scale Fisheries Summit 2024 - The Pacific Voice

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Introduction

1. This paper includes background information on the 2024 Small-scale Fisheries Summit which will be held from the 05th-07th July 2024 in
2. Currently there is a concept note for engagement for the next Summit being developed to promote a collective and participatory approach towards planning and holding a Summit for them and applying the “Nothing about us without us” concept.
3. The concept note includes an update on where things are to date in terms of what we know so far, followed by specific questions for CBFD3 at this session to gather feedback on the Summit planning and any possible support from the region.

Background

4. So how did a global SSF Summit idea come about and how it happen?
5. Last year, the world celebrated the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA), in which community members from the Pacific Islands region took part in at the regional and national level to highlight and remind everyone of the importance of small-scale fisheries to food security, nutrition, livelihoods and overall sustainable development.
6. It was in the spirit of IYAFA, that the first SSF Summit was conducted in Rome, Italy from the 02nd-04th September 2022, in the hope that greater dialogue and collaboration with small-scale fishers would ensue, to amplify voices on the importance of small-scale fisheries.
7. The 1st SSF Summit brought together around 140 people from more than 40 countries. The Summit enabled dialogue for small-scale fishers, their key partners, as well as other key stakeholders around topics and issues that are important to small-scale fisheries.
8. Unfortunately, there was a poor geographical balance and there was no representation from the Pacific Islands region. The Summit did however, lay down an initial process to build a more participatory approach in the planning and representation of the 2nd SSF Summit.
9. The 35th Session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI) was held also in Italy, Rome from the 05th-09th September 2022 and highlighted the unique opportunity to gather commitments and recommendations at a Summit on small-scale fisheries as well as encouraged that the SSF Summit be held every 2 years prior to COFI, subject to resourcing, to sustain and inform further support.
10. Planning for next SFF Summit requires a participatory and transparent planning process and subsequently, a Concept Note for Engagement is being developed for a collective planning process for the next the 2nd SFF Summit next year.
11. As part of this process of consultation and preparedness, the 03rd CBFD and the 06th RTMCFA are important platforms and provides an opportunity to raise awareness on the 2nd SSF Summit and the 36th COFI meeting.

12. To date, SSF organizations in the Africa and Asia regions have already begun to help kickstart the agenda for the 02nd SSF Summit and there are undergoing discussions to provide agenda advice.
13. To ensure that the Pacific's Voice is heard, feedback from this meeting will be shared with the organisers for the purposes of agenda planning.

Proposed objectives of the 02nd SSF Summit

14. To sustain and inform continued support to small-scale fishers and fish workers for the implementation of SSF Guidelines.
15. To offer a space for key SSF actors at national, regional and global level to:
 - a. Collectively plan and advise,
 - b. Get to know each other, and
 - c. Share and learn.
16. To support, where possible, the Global Strategic Framework in Support of the Implementation of the SSF Guidelines, as a partnership mechanism, where possible. This partnership mechanism intends to give SSF actors, government, and other stakeholders a space to collaborate at the global level.

Proposed Expected Outcomes

17. Strengthened small-scale fishers and fish workers and their affiliated organizations.
18. Improved communication between small-scale fisheries organizations themselves, and between these organizations and other key partners implementing the SSF Guidelines.
19. All actors better prepared to contribute to the implementation of the SSF Guidelines, in line with their guiding principles and respectful of the rights of small-scale fishers.

Questions for the 03rd CBFD Members

- Do you agree with these suggested Objectives and Expected outcomes?
- Is anything crucial missing here, or should be removed?
- Any other suggestions?

Proposed Expected Format

20. The SSF Summit 2022 took place over the course of three days, using a phased approach that first provided a secure space for small-scale fisheries actors and social movements, and then opened up to other stakeholders.
21. It is proposed that the next Summit will follow the same approach:

- Day 1 (by invitation only – for small-scale fishers, fish workers, their organizations and social movements)
 - Day 2 (open to other key partners)
 - Day 3 (open to other key partners)
22. It was also noted that the next Summit needs to provide space for dialogue rather than too many presentations.

Questions for 03rd CBFD Members:
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- What elements or formats would you like to see at a future SSF Summit?
- The SSF Summit 2022 took a staged approach, with one day dedicated entirely to small-scale fisheries actors only, followed by two days of sessions with other actors. Is this a useful approach?
- How long should the SSF Summit be?

Possible Agenda Items

23. The 1st SSF Summit covered a number of relevant thematic areas but there is still room for improvement to ensure future SSF Summits inform the implementation of the SSF Guidelines in a participatory manner, grounded in a human-rights based approach. In celebrating the 10th anniversary of the SSF Guidelines in 2024, key topics of interest proposed could include:
- SSF governance of tenure and sustainable resource management
 - Disaster risks and climate change
 - Social protection and development
 - Value-chains
 - Gender and youth as cross-cutting themes

Question for 03rd CBFD Members:

- Which/what priorities or topics would you like to see addressed in the next SSF Summit in 2024?

Proposed Participation

24. The 1st SSF Summit created a space where small scale fisheries actors themselves could interact, complementing existing spaces where they have less direct voice, such as COFI.
25. For the 2nd SSF Summit, it is proposed that SSF actors are the primary participants (i.e., small-scale fishers and fish workers, their organizations and social movements), ensuring geographical balance. Other SSF partners and supporters, and more Governments should also attend.



Questions for 03rd CBFD Members:

- Who would you like to see participate? (Feel free to mention specific stakeholder types and suggest names of organizations etc., and why.)
- If funding is available, how do you think the Pacific should nominate small-scale fishers participant/s to represent your region at the next Summit? (also consider in your answer in the event where funding is limited for at least only 1 or up to 3 Pacific representatives).

Proposed Pathway

26. The 2nd SSF Summit es expected to take place in July 2024.

Questions for 03rd CBFD Members:

- Do you have any recommendations for activities or initiatives that can support engagement and dialogue among small-scale fisheries or SSF Summit participants leading up to the next Summit? For example, is the CBFD an ideal platform for the Pacific? How about other national or regional processes or meetings? Any thoughts on studies, webinars etc.
- Is there any possible form of contribution (in-kind, financial etc) can you or your organization support to the organization or holding of the next SSF Summit? Please specify.

Additional Information

Link to the 2022 1st SSF Summit Report:

https://ssfhub.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/SSF%20Summit%202022%20Report%20-%20English%20version%20_0.pdf

Link to the SSF Concept Note:

<https://ssfhub.org/ssf-summit-engagement-process>

Link to the Global Strategic Framework for SSF:

<https://www.fao.org/3/ca7737en/CA7737EN.pdf>