



CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative

Fostering dialogue for the sustainable use of fisheries resources

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08:30-10:30

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The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has, in various decisions highlighted the importance of collaboration with regional organizations, including Regional Seas Organizations (RSOs) and Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), to facilitate the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and implement various activities related to marine and coastal biodiversity within the Convention.

The first meeting of the CBD Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with RSOs and RFBs on Accelerating Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets was convened in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 26-29 September 2016. It was organized in collaboration with UN Environment, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Secretariat of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention, the IUCN-CEM-Fisheries Expert Group, and the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative. The event was so successful that it has become a permanent process. Following the first dialogue it was clear that the global recognition of the need to enhance communication and cooperation among regional organisations within and among regions as well as between regional and global processes.

The second meeting of the CBD SOI Global dialogue will be convened from 10-13 April 2018 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. This event will gather the key partners to present this initiative and inform policy-makers of this pivotal international dialogue, raising further awareness in the EU institutions and among stakeholders.



DRAFT AGENDA

- 08:00-08:30** Coffee will be served in the meeting room
- 08:30-08:40** Welcoming and introduction by **Ricardo Serrão Santos MEP** and **Alain Cadec MEP**
- 08:40-08:50** **Jihyun Lee, Environment Affairs Officer, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat**
- 08:40-08:50** **Árni Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
- 08:50-09:00** **Takehiro Nakamura, Chief Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Unit, UN Environment**
- 09:00-09:10** **IUCN-CEM-Fisheries Expert Group**
- 09:10-09:20** **Darius Campbell, Secretary of North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), former Executive Secretary of the OSPAR Commission**
- 09:20-09:40** **European Commission**
- **Stefaan Depypere, Director “International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries”, DG MARE**
 - **Matjaž Malgaj, Head of Unit “Marine Environment and Water Industry”, DG ENV**
- 09:40-10:25** **Questions and discussion with the audience**
- 10:25-10:35** **Concluding remarks by the Chairs**

