

UN/FLUX

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- Jointly organised by UNCTAD, FAO, UNEP, UNECE and partners
- Focusses on Ocean Economy, Climate Change and harmful Fisheries
- Climate has significant impact on ocean based economic sectors
- The impact of climate change will be multifaceted
- Ocean economies also impact on climate change (7% GHG emissions)



Climate Change and Fisheries

- Transition to a sustainable oceans economy will be indispensable
- Adaptation to climate change must take into account the diverse interests of stakeholders on national, regional and global level and based on joint action
- Need for capacity building, tools and strategies for Governments and private sector
- Meeting welcomes the UNCTAD/FAO/UNEP *Trade related Inter-agency Plan of Action*



Fisheries Subsidies

- If we want to meet SDG targets 14.4. and 14.6 we need to act swiftly now.
- Negotiations from September onward will be crucial
- Objective is an agreement at WTO MC12 (June 2020)
- Negotiators should aim for
 - Sufficient level of ambition
 - Flexibility for subsidies
 - Transparency
 - Enforceability



Climate change, fisheries subsidies and FLUX

- Climate change will have a multifaceted impact on fish stocks and yields
- Impacts will be different for each RFMO and costal countries
 - ➔ Need for better data on fish stocks and harvests
- A WTO agreement needs to be policed
 - ➔ Better and objective data on fisheries, vessels, crews and landings is required

FLUX can become important tool to mitigate climate change and to enforce a WTO agreement of fisheries subsidies



IUU, , fisheries subsidies and FLUX

Briefing note on the use of UN/FLUX in combatting IUU fishing,
and the relationship between UN/FLUX and fisheries subsidies
ToSSF/2019/INF.5

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/SustainableFisheriesTeamOfSpecialists/2019_SecondMtg/TOSSF_2019-INF_05_UNFLUX-Subsidies-IUU.pdf

