

BREAKFAST SIDE EVENT:**The Need for Transparency in Global Fisheries Governance****24th October, 7.30 - 8.30 AM****Central Park B, Clarion Hotel The Hub****1. Introduction**

Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a significant threat to the world's fish stocks, which are already under tremendous pressure from the combined effects of pollution, climate change, ocean acidification and overfishing. IUU fishing pays little or no attention to fisheries management plans which are intended to conserve overexploited or depleted stocks. It endangers food security, threatens livelihoods, undermines the rule of law and deprives states and local communities of revenues.

A suite of measures is required to eradicate IUU fishing. Central to this is achieving transparency. Currently, the opacity and complexity of operations in the fishing industry makes it difficult for authorities to identify bad actors and stop illegal operations. In addition, a lack of transparency and traceability in supply chains means that custom agencies as well as retailers are not always in a position to ensure that the fish entering the market is caught legally and in a sustainable way.

Enhancing transparency is the most cost-effective means to identify IUU activity. It allows government agencies and other stakeholders to leverage limited assets to combat this issue. Transparent measures include shedding light on vessel identities, activities and ownership.

This side event will highlight essential transparency and good governance measures, bringing together a panel of countries to discuss existing challenges and best practices. The objectives are to:

1. Emphasise the ongoing issue of IUU fishing enabled by the lack of transparency in the global fishing industry;
2. Emphasise the need for transparency in all stages of the supply chain (harvesting, landing, transportation, processing and distribution) and from all actors (industry, flag states, coastal states, and market states)
3. Showcase best practice examples from countries
4. Offer realistic recommendations for increasing fisheries transparency and tackling IUU fishing

The event is organized by the EU IUU coalition (The Environmental Justice Foundation, Oceana, The Nature Conservancy, The Pew Charitable Trusts and WWF), Global Fishing Watch, and Trygg Mat Tracking.

Speakers:

Ms Maria Damanaki, Global Managing Director for Oceans, The Nature Conservancy

H.E. Waldemar Coutts, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Chile

Mr Seraphin Dedi Nadjé, Secretary-General, Fishery Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea

Mas Achmad Santosa, Head of IUU Task Force, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia

Rear Admiral Kelly Aeschbach, Director, National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office / Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence

Mr Duncan Copeland, Executive Director, Trygg Mat Tracking

Moderator:

Mr Tony Long, Chief Executive Officer, Global Fishing Watch