

Implications for the Caribbean: Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations at the WTO

11-12 April 2019

Courtyard by Marriott Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica

Objectives:

The overarching objective of the regional workshop is to support WTO members as they seek to fulfil the commitment made in December 2017 to successfully negotiate new fisheries subsidies disciplines by December 2019. Specifically, the workshop will assemble policy makers from across the region and experts for an in-depth discussion of WTO fisheries subsidies negotiations. In particular, the workshop is designed to help Caribbean countries answer the following three fundamental questions:

- What is the reality of global, and specifically Caribbean fisheries, and relevant subsidy policies?
- How could WTO rules on fisheries subsidies impact on subsidy policies and fisheries in the Caribbean, and what are the potential implications for local reform efforts?
- How best can an agreement be designed to reflect the interests of Caribbean countries and help support local reform efforts?

The workshop will address these questions by providing delegations with the input of experts and presenting new pieces of research. The event will also provide government officials with an opportunity to discuss key questions in WTO negotiations on fisheries subsidies in a regional and non-negotiating setting.

Day 1: Thursday, April 11

Time	Agenda Item
14:00 – 14:30	Registration
14:30 – 15:00	Welcome Remarks
15:00 – 15:45	Session 1 – The State of the World’s Oceans and the Landscape of Global Fisheries Subsidies [25 mins] Presenter: Naazia Ebrahim, University of British Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyzing the economic reality of fisheries subsidies globally, their impact on fish stocks and their link with sustainable development.

	Session 1 – Open Discussion/Q&A [20 mins]
15:45 – 16:30	Session 2 – Regional Analysis of Fishing Effort and Public Support in the Caribbean [25 mins] <p>Presenter: Shane Nicholls, FAO National Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the current public support landscape to fisheries in the Caribbean and efforts now underway to assess this support. Session 2 – Open Discussion/Q&A [20 mins]
16:30 – 16:45	Break
16:45 – 17:30	Session 3 – WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies: What is on the Table? [25 mins] <p>Presenter: Nicolette Balcombe-Dalton, St. Vincent-OECS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An elaboration of Caribbean perspectives on existing proposals Session 3 – Open Discussion/Q&A [20 mins]
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap Day 1/Preview Day 2
17:45 – 17:55	Group Photo
18:00	Pew-IISD Dinner (optional)

Day 2: Friday, April 12

Time	Agenda Item
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 4 – Modelling the Potential Implications of WTO Rules on Fisheries Subsidies [20 mins]</p> <p>Presenter: Reyna Gilbert, The Pew Charitable Trusts on behalf of University of California Santa Barbara, Sustainable Fisheries Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An explanation of the model now under development by Chris Costello's team at UCSB for assessing the impacts of various options for potential WTO rules <p>Session 4 – Open Discussion/Q&A [10 mins]</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 5 – What Tools Exist for Conducting Stock Assessments in Data-Limited Environments? [30 mins]</p> <p>Presenter: Maren Headley, CRFM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examining resources and tools to determine stock status and develop management strategies, specifically for Caribbean countries <p>Session 5 – Open Discussion/Q&A [30 mins]</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Session 6 - How Could WTO Disciplines Support Sustainable Fisheries Management Efforts in the Caribbean? [30 mins]</p> <p>Presenter: Kendra Karr, EDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of existing policies and programs aimed at promoting the sustainable management of the region's fisheries, improving food security and reducing poverty <p>Session 6 – Open Discussion/Q&A [30 mins]</p>
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	<p>Session 7 - What Tools Exist for Monitoring Fisheries in the Resource-Limited Environments of the Caribbean Community? [30 mins]</p> <p>Presenter: Peter Murray, CRFM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of existing regional and international approaches to cooperate in fisheries monitoring and



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	combating IUU and some current efforts of Caribbean countries to utilize new technologies and methods to monitor fisheries and conduct enforcement. Session 7 – Open Discussion/Q&A [30 mins]
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Breakout Sessions to Discuss Reactions and Regional Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakout groups to assess the various proposed prohibitions and their implications on Caribbean countries
16:30 – 17:30	Report Back to Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open discussion/report-outs from breakout sessions
17:30 – 17:45	Closing Remarks
18:00 – 19:30	Pew-IISD Dinner (optional)