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THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Regional Workshop

Fisheries Resource Access Agreements Atlantic Coastal States

Abidjan, 25-26 October 2023

Program

1- Opening of the workshop

- Registration
- Speech by officials
- Presentation of the purpose of the meeting
- Presentation of participants

2- Section 1: Issues related to Fisheries Agreements in Africa

- Topic 1 : The fisheries sector in the economies of African coastal states - **Dr. Mohamed Seisay /Mr. Anozie Obina (AU-IBAR)**
- Topic 2 : The sustainability of fisheries resources in Africa: What challenges related to the overexploitation of fish stocks and the role of fishing agreements for more sustainable management? – **Dr. Justin Amande (Consultant)**
- Topic 3 : The impact of foreign industrial fishing on African marine ecosystems: Challenges and solutions for sustainable management – **Dr Rodriguez. Pelebe (ACECOR)**
- Topic 4 : Promoting the fisheries sector through Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements – ... **(DG Mare EU)**

3- Section 2: Scope and Limits of Fisheries Agreements concluded by African Coastal States

- Topic 4: Genesis and comparative analysis of the various Fisheries Agreements signed by African countries bordering the Atlantic (typology: *bilateral, regional, private agreements, etc., practices and impacts*) – **Mr. Naji Laamrich (ATLAFCO)**
- Topic 5 : What are the motivations for the conclusion of Fisheries Agreements: African perspective? – **Dr. Moustafa Kebe (Consultant)**, *Assessment of the potential benefits of fisheries agreements for African coastal States, such as job creation, knowledge and technology transfer, access to international markets, etc*

- Topic 7: Fisheries Agreements and Artisanal Fisheries in Africa – **Mr. Gaoussou Gueye (CAOPA) Mr. Bakayoko** Examination of possible disadvantages, such as overfishing, economic dependence, competition with local fishermen, lack of transparency, mixed companies etc.
 - Topic 8: Fisheries Agreements and international trade: Compliance with international regulations, sustainable management of resources and food security, – **Dr. Helguile Shep (Infopêche)/Ms. Anne-France Mattlet (Europêche)- Visio conference**
 - Topic 9: The ability to negotiate fisheries agreements in African countries on the Atlantic coast, – **Mr. Amadou Tall (ECOWAS)**
 - Topic 10: Compliance of Fisheries Agreements with sustainability and equity objectives: – **Mr. Georges M'Ba Asseko (Consultant)**, (Evaluation of measures to preserve marine resources , Examination of the impact of Agreements on local populations , Analysis of the distribution of benefits between the parties concerned, etc.)
- 4- Section 3: For an effective contribution of Fisheries Agreements to the preservation of marine resources and the prosperity of local populations**
- Topic 11 : Towards transparent and accountable management of fisheries agreements in Africa – **CAPE**. (How to ensure transparent and accountable management of these agreements, involving stakeholders and building the capacity of African countries?)
 - Topic 12 : What future for EU-Africa Fisheries Agreements? – **(DG Mare EU)**
 - Topic 13: What alternatives to dependence on fisheries agreements? – **Mr. Gaoussou GUEYE (CAOPA) M. Bakayoko** (What are the possibilities for the development of artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in Africa to reduce the dependence of African countries on foreign fisheries agreements?)
 - Topic 14 : Regional and international initiatives for a more balanced management – **Mr. Séraphin Nadge (Expert)**, What are the efforts undertaken by regional and international organizations to promote a more sustainable management of fishery resources in Africa and what are the results obtained so far ?
 - Discussion and exchange of experiences (Use of the questionnaire)
 - ✓ Sharing best practices and lessons learned
 - ✓ Presentation of case studies of successful fisheries agreements

What are the positive experiences of some African countries in managing fisheries agreements and how can they be replicated elsewhere in Africa?

5- Section 4: Development of recommendations

- Identification of priority actions to be undertaken
- Proposed guidelines for the future negotiation of fisheries agreements
 - ✓ Identification of the means likely to guarantee an effective contribution of fisheries agreements to the preservation of marine resources and the prosperity of local populations
 - ✓ Proposal for enhanced sustainability measures
 - ✓ Promoting the participation of local communities in resource management
 - ✓ Establishment of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for agreements

6- Closing

- Reading recommendations
- Closing remarks

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