



## **Regional Dialogue on Trade, Fisheries Negotiations under WTO/EU-ACP EPA and Sustainable Development in West Africa**

**Venue: PRAIA, CAPE-VERDE, 19-20 JUNE 2007**

Organised by International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in collaboration with ENDA DIAPOL, Ministry of Fisheries of Cape Verde, The National Institute for the Development of Fisheries (INDP), Cape Verde, and Network on Fisheries Policies in West Africa (REPAO)

### **Draft Annotated Agenda**

**19 JUNE 2007**

**08:45- 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**09:00-9:45 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Welcome remarks by Cape Verde Minister of Fisheries

Introduction to the dialogue

*Constantine BARTEL, Assistant Programmes Director, ICTSD*

*Papa Gora NDIAYE, Programme Officer, ENDA DIAPOL*

*Oscar MELICIO, President, INDP Cape Verde*

Introduction of participants

**09:45-12:30 Session 1: OVERVIEW OF FISH AND FISH TRADE IN WEST AFRICA REGION**

*This session will provide a regional overview of the patterns of intra-regional and extra-regional trade in fish and fish products, and an analysis of the socioeconomic importance of the fisheries sector to the region. It will also provide an overview of the impact of trade and trade liberalisation in the fishery sector in West African countries, from a sustainable development perspective.*

**Moderator:** Edelmira Moniz CARVALHO, Director of Fisheries, Cape Verde

**Speakers:**

Intra-Regional and Extra-Regional Fish Trade in West Africa  
*Amadou TALL, Director, INFOPECHE, Côte d'Ivoire*

Fisheries, Trade and Sustainable Development in West Africa: Country and Regional Perspectives  
*Papa Gora NDIAYE, Programme Officer, ENDA DIAPOL*

### 10:45-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

#### **Discussants:**

*Amadou Cire KANE, Executive Secretary, Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission*

*Demba KANE, Secretary General, West African Association for the Development of Artisanal Fishing (ADEPA)*

*Cirilo VIEIRA, Director of Fisheries, Guinea Bissau*

*Hassimiou TALL, Director, National Centre for the Science of Marine Resources of Boussoura (CNSHB), Guinea*

#### **Moderated discussion**

### 12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

### 14:00-17:30 Session 2: WTO NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHERIES

*This session will address ongoing WTO negotiations on market access and discussions towards the crafting of disciplines on fishery subsidies, with a view to identifying opportunities and challenges for West African countries in these negotiations. Participants will consider options available to these countries to advance their sustainable development objectives in the negotiations, taking into account the links between WTO negotiations and the EPA process.*

**Moderator:** Papa Gora NDIAYE, Programme Officer, ENDA DIAPOL

#### **Speakers:**

State of Play in WTO Negotiations on Fisheries: Market Access and the Issue of Preference Erosion

*Moustapha Kamal GUEYE, Senior Programme Manager - Environment Cluster, ICTSD*

Disciplining Fishery Subsidies: Trade and Development Concerns of West Africa  
*Veniana QALO, Economic Adviser, Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat*

Non-Tariff Measures and the Challenge of Compliance with SPS Requirements  
*Carlos PALIN, Programme Manager, Strengthening Fishery Products Health Conditions in ACP/OCP Countries*

### 15:30-15:45 COFFEE BREAK

#### **Discussants:**

*Gabriel KOHOU, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Côte D'Ivoire to the WTO*

*N'Diaga MBOUP, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal to the WTO*

*Sid Ahmed Ould ABEID, President, Artisanal Fishing Section, National Federation of Fisheries, Mauritania*

*Aimee GONZALES, Senior Policy Adviser, Trade and Investment, WWF-International*

**Moderated discussion**

**20 June 2007**

**09:00-12:30 Sessions 3: ACP-EU EPA NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHERIES**

*In their negotiations on EPA with the EU, West African countries are faced with the double challenge of managing their fisheries resources sustainably and increasing the benefits derived from these resources. At the same time, they need to respond to EU demands on making preferential market access conditional on granting the EU access to ACP fishery resources as well as requests for favourable conditions for direct EU investment in ACP fisheries sectors. This session will address these issues and examine possible approaches West African countries could pursue to optimise sustainable development gains in their EPA / FPA negotiations.*

**Moderator:** El Hadji DIOUF, Coordinator, Africa Trade Programme, ICTSD

**Speakers:**

State of Play in EPA/FPA Negotiations

*Sanon YACOUBA, Senior Programme Officer, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, ECOWAS Secretariat*

From Access Agreements to FPAs: The Experience of the Euro-Mediterranean Association (MED) Agreements

*Hachim El AYOUBI, Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission, Morocco*

Sustainable Fishery Resources Management under FPAs

*Amadou SAINE, Principal Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fishery, Gambia*

EPA Rules of Origin for Fish and Fish Products in West Africa

*Dougoutigui COULIBALY, Secretary General, Association of Fishing Companies and Ship-Owners (GAIPES), Senegal*

**10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

Negotiating Investment Rules on Fisheries: Challenges for West African Countries

*Ahmed Mahmoud CHERIF, President, Pêchecops*

**Discussants:**

*Edelmira Moniz CARVALHO, Director of Fisheries, Cape Verde*

*Sheikh Ibrahim S DEEN, Principal Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources, Sierra Leone*

*Mariama SAMB, Programme Officer, Trade-Economics-Ethics, ENDA DIAPOL*

## Moderated discussion

### 12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

### 14:00-17:30 Sessions 4: DEVISING REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR WTO/EPA FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

*As a sub-region composed of both LDC and non-LDC countries, West Africa will face the challenge of crafting coherent regional strategies in the WTO/FPA negotiations on fisheries, while allowing space for different national priorities to be accommodated. Participants will seek ways of aligning fishery negotiations in the context of FPAs with the objectives of regional integration taking into account the national characteristics. They will also examine approaches to ensuring coherence between the WTO and EPA processes, and consider various options for countries to move forward in these negotiations.*

**Moderator:** Alain WÜSCHER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Guinea Bissau to the WTO

#### Speakers:

Aligning Fisheries Negotiations with the Objectives of Regional Economic Integration and Integrated Approach to the Management of Fishery Resources  
*Sanon YACOUBA, Senior Programme Officer, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, ECOWAS Secretariat*

Reconciling National and Regional Priorities on EPA/FPA Negotiations: Is a Middle Ground Possible?  
*Amadou Cire KANE, Executive Secretary, Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission*

Ensuring Policy Coherence between the WTO process and EPA Negotiations  
*Cheikh Sadibou SECK, Director of External Trade, Ministry of Trade, Senegal*

Aid for Trade and Adjustment to Trade Liberalisation  
*Constantine BARTEL, Assistant Programmes Director, ICTSD*

### 15:00-15:15 COFFEE BREAK

#### Discussants:

*Papa Samba DIOUF, Head of Marine Programme in West Africa, WWF*

*Ould Ishaq ABDALLAH, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the WTO*

*Moïse SEDJI, Secretary General of the Ship-owners of Côte d'Ivoire*

#### Moderated discussion

#### Summary and way forward

*Oscar MELICIO, President, INDP, Cape Verde*