

**International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) &
Forum for Small-Scale Fisheries (FSSF)**



**International Workshop on Strengthening Collaboration and Capacity-Building in
Small-scale Fisheries, 24-26 February 2025, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Draft Programme

Day 1: Setting the Scene 24 February 2025									
8:00–9:00	<p>Registration: ICSF and FSSF Logistics: Mr. Ronald Rodriguez, Programme Officer, ICSF</p>								
9:00–10:00	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Oscar Amarasinghe <i>Executive Advisor, Forum for Small-Scale Fisheries, Sri Lanka</i></p>								
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13:45–15:00	<p>Session 2: Presenting insights from the IYafa Regional Workshops and SSF Summit</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk <i>ICSF, Board Member, Thailand</i></p> <p>Presented by regional groups of workshop participants, with support from ICSF members (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC: Ms. Josana Pinto da Costa (MPP, Brazil; WFFP) and Mr. Gavino Antonio Acevedo Gonzalez (APALE, Panama) <i>Supported by Mr. Henrique Callori Kefalas (ICSF, Brazil) and Ms. Vivienne Solis-Rivera (ICSF, Costa Rica).</i> • Africa: Ms. Lucyphine Julius Kilanga (EMEDO, Tanzania; WFF) and Mr. Alieu Sowe (Gambia Fisherfolk Association; WFF). <i>Supported by Mr. Peter Linford Adjei (ICSF, Ghana) and Dr. Rosemarie Rosemarie Mwaipopo (ICSF, Tanzania).</i> • Asia: Mr. Azrilnizam Omar (Malaysia Small-Scale Fishers Network for Education and Welfare; WFFP) and Dr. Ahilan Kadirgamar (University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka). <i>Supported by Ms. Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk (ICSF, Thailand) and Mr. Sebastian Mathew (ICSF, India).</i> • Europe: Ms. Marta Cavallé (LIFE, Spain) and Ms. Michele Mesmain (ICSF, Italy). <i>Supported by Prof. Maarten Bavinck (ICSF, The Netherlands) and Ms. Cornelia Quist (ICSF, The Netherlands).</i> • SSF Summit: Mr. Herman Kumara (NAFSO, Sri Lanka; WFFP) and Mr. Mitchell Lay (CNFO, Antigua & Barbuda; WFFP). <i>Supported by Ms. Velia Lucidi (IPC Secretariat, Italy).</i> • Discussion
15:00–15:30	Goodwill Visit	<p>Hon. Ramalingam Chandrasekar <i>Hon. Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, Government of Sri Lanka</i></p>
15:30–15:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	

15:45–17:45	<p>Session 3: Group discussions on strengthening our collective strategies and support for SSF organizations</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the key priorities for SSF organizations at the regional and international levels? 2) What are the key regional and international processes and institutions for addressing our priorities? 3) How can we engage with the SSF Guidelines implementation process to promote our key priorities? 	<p>Chair: Dr. Lina Saavedra <i>ICSF, Member, Colombia</i></p> <p>Break into regional groups:</p> <p>LAC (EN/ES/PT): Ms. Libia Arciniegas Liñan (Facilitator); Ms. Ana Paula Rainho (Rapporteur). Asia (EN): Ms. Aarthi Sridhar (Facilitator); Mr. Ronald Rodriguez (Rapporteur). Africa (EN): Mr. Peter Linford Adjei (Facilitator); Dr. Benjamin Campion (Rapporteur). Europe (EN): Ms. Michele Mesmain (Facilitator); Dr. Elyse Mills (Rapporteur)</p>
17:45–18:45	Feedback from group discussions	Facilitator: Mr. Henrique Callori Kefalas <i>ICSF, Member, Brazil</i>
19:30	DINNER AT THE HOTEL	
Day 2: Deepening our Discussions 25 February 2025		
9:00–11:15	<p>Session 4: Panel discussion on Resolving Transboundary Fishing Conflicts in Palk Bay</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. V. Vivekanandan <i>ICSF, Member, India</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Rathna Gamage – <i>Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources, Sri Lanka</i> • Dr. Ahilan Kadirgamar – <i>Senior Lecturer, University of Jaffna</i> • Mr. Annalingam Annarasa – <i>President, Federation of Jaffna District Fisheries Cooperatives Union, Sri Lanka</i> • Mr. Herman Kumara – <i>National Convener, National Fisheries Solidarity Organization (NAFSO), Sri Lanka</i> • Mr. P. Jesuraja – <i>President, All Mechanized Boats Fishermen Association, India</i> • Mr. Pradip Chatterjee – <i>National Convenor, National Federation of Small-Scale</i>

		<p><i>Fishworkers, India</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Meera Srinivasan – <i>Sri Lanka Correspondent, The Hindu</i> • Mr. Rajdeep Mukherjee – <i>Policy Analyst, Bay of Bengal Programme (BOBP-IGO), India</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <p>SSF actors, civil society, academia and govt representatives, Sri Lanka, will share their views on how eliminating IUU fishing in Palk Bay will improve livelihoods of local fishers. The counterparts on the Indian side, including the media, will share their views on possible means of resolving these conflicts towards empowering local fishers in Sri Lanka.</p>
11:15–11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11:30–13:30	<p>Session 5: Overview of civil society spaces in key international processes</p>	<p>Chair: Ms. Margaret Nakato <i>Katosi Women Development Trust, Uganda; World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF)</i></p> <p>Inputs (20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lena Westlund (FAO): COFI, Sub-Committees and National Plans of Action for SSF Guidelines implementation (NPOA-SSF) • Ms. Velia Lucidi (IPC Secretariat): International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC) and SSF Summit <p>Reflections from SSF representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Josana Pinto da Costa – <i>MPP, Brazil; World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)</i> • Mr. Herman Kumara – <i>NAFSO, Sri Lanka; World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)</i> <p>Inputs (20 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Vivienne Solis-Rivera and Mr. Ronald Rodriguez (ICSF): Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) <p>Reflections from SSF representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jesus Chaves Vidaurre – <i>Territorios Marinos de Vida, Costa Rica</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other processes highlighted on Day 1 • Discussion
13:30–14:30	LUNCH BREAK	
14:30–18:00	Field visit to meet Sri Lankan fishers at Negombo Lagoon and cultural programme	Organized by NAFSO, Sri Lanka
19:30	DINNER AT THE HOTEL	

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9:00–9:45	<p>Session 6: Weaving together key threads from workshop discussions on Days 1 & 2</p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Rosemarie Mwaipopo <i>ICSF, Members, Tanzania</i></p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Maarten Bavinck <i>ICSF, Chair of the Board, The Netherlands</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
9:45–11:00	<p>Session 7: Ideas for collective action, collaboration and ways forward</p>	<p>Chair: Mr. Alieu Sowe <i>Gambia Fisherfolk Association; World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF)</i></p> <p>Workshop participants provide inspiration, speaking on their ideas and proposals for organization and collaboration</p> <p>Speakers (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mitchell Lay – <i>Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organizations, Antigua & Barbuda; World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)</i> • Ms. Margaret Nakato – <i>Katosi Women Development Trust, Uganda; World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF)</i> • Ms. Libia Esther Arciniegas Liñan – <i>RENAMUPES, Colombia</i> • Mr. Laed Mengsai – <i>Thai Association of the Federation of Fisherfolk, Thailand</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
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11:15–13:15	<p>Session 8: Group discussion on ideas for collective action, collaboration and ways forward</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How can we work together for more meaningful outcomes at the international level? 2) How can we collaborate to better support national, regional and global SSF networks? 	<p>Chair: Ms. Marta Cavalle <i>Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE), Spain</i></p> <p>Group 1 (EN): Mr. Muhammed Mujibul Haque Munir (Facilitator); Mr. Ronald Rodriguez (Rapporteur)</p> <p>Group 2 (EN): Ms. Susan Herawati (Facilitator); Mr. Henrique Callori Kefalas (Rapporteur).</p> <p>Group 3 (EN): Ms. Joelle Philippe (Facilitator); Dr. Lina Saavedra (Rapporteur)</p> <p>Group 4 (ES/PT): Ms. Velia Lucidi (Facilitator); Mr. Gustavo Silveira (Rapporteur)</p>
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15:15–16:00	Session 9: Discussion on workshop follow-up work	Facilitator: Dr. Elyse Mills <i>ICSF, Executive Director, The Netherlands</i> Support: Mr. Ronald Rodriguez <i>ICSF, Programme Officer, The Philippines</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a workshop follow-up committee and decide what the committee will do. • Develop a group calendar, pinpointing common priority activities/events and spaces to collaborate in.
16:00–16:15	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:15–17:45	Session 10: Closing reflections and key takeaways from the workshop	Chair: Ms. Cornelia Quist <i>ICSF, Member, The Netherlands</i> Speakers (10 minutes each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Robert Ballon – <i>KKAMPi, The Philippines</i> • Mr. Gavino Antonio Acevedo Gonzalez – <i>Asociación de Pescadores Artesanales de La Enea (APALE), Panama; ULAPA</i> • Ms. Lucyphine Julius Kilanga – <i>EMEDO, Tanzania; World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (WFF)</i> • Mr. M. Adli Abdullah – <i>Indonesian Traditional Fisherfolk Union (KNTI); World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
17:45–18:00	Closing of the workshop	Chair: Ms. Ravadee Prasertcharoensuk <i>ICSF, Board Member, Thailand</i> Vote of thanks: Mr. Upul Liyanage <i>Secretary, Forum for Small-Scale Fisheries, Sri Lanka</i>
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