



AGENDA

20th meeting of LDAC Working Group 4 Bilateral Fisheries Agreements with Third Countries

**Thursday 6 April 2017, 14:00 - 17:30h.
Hotel Renaissance. Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium**

- 1- Welcome and Opening.**
- 2- Adoption of minutes of the last WG4 meeting – Brussels, 25 October 2016.**
- 3- Adoption of the agenda.**

- 4- Report from DG MARE on state of play of negotiations and technical meetings held by the Commission on behalf of the EU in matters pertaining to fisheries agreements with third countries. Overview of implementation of SFPAs.**
 - 4.1. Atlantic Ocean
 - 4.2. Indian Ocean
 - 4.3. Pacific Ocean

- 5- Policy Coherence between Fisheries and Cooperation for Development.**

Update by the European Commission on:

 - 5.1. South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOPFC).
 - 5.2. IOC/SMARTFISH Project: regional observer programme in Indian Ocean.
 - 5.3. PESCAO Project: international cooperation on Fight against IUU Fishing in the Gulf of Guinea (DG DEVCO).
 - 5.4. European Development Fund: links with fisheries agreements.



6- Collaboration and Partnership between the LDAC and ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT:

- 6.1. Summary report and actions of the Annual Coordination Meeting between LDAC and ATLAFCO/COMHAFAT (EFCA HQ Vigo, 24 January 2017).
- 6.2. Development of a regional observer programme at sea in the African coastal countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean.
- 6.3. Way forward: inclusion/participation of COMHAFAT in EU funded projects.

7- Other issues:

- 7.1. Follow up of EC reply to Commission's letter on Transparency and accountability within the SFPAs framework of sectoral support (Dec 2016)
- 7.2. Presentation from the Swedish Agency on Marine and Water Management on the IOC regional consultation workshop on the implementation of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in the Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region (December 2016)

8- Date and venue for next WG4 meeting.