

IOC/SmartFish Regional Consultation Workshop on VGSSF

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- ~ Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (COFI)
- ~ Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa (CAMFA/Heads of States)

Purpose of WS: Discuss VGSSF as a tool to promote sustainable SSF within the AU PF&RS and Action Plan for SSF

SADC Protocol on Fisheries: requires State Parties to facilitate broad-based and equitable participatory processes to involve SSF in the management of their fishing

IOC Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Strategy: the need to establish better fisheries-governance frameworks, in particular through mechanisms to improve participation in decision-making processes

Participants included:

Representatives of governments,
fishers'/fish workers'
organisations, incl. women's
organisations, CSOs,
researchers, RECs, RFBs &
NGOs



VGSSF includes guidance on Foreign Access Agreements:

5.7 "Small-scale fisheries should be given due consideration before agreements on resource access are entered into with third countries and third parties"



... and on Gender Equality

8.1 ... gender mainstreaming should be an integral part of all small-scale fisheries development strategies.

8.2 States should endeavour to secure women's equal participation in decision-making processes...

8.3 States should be at the forefront of implementing actions for achieving gender equality...

LDAC context

- ✘ Transparency and accountability of SFPAs sectoral support - contribution to local development
- ✘ A Gender Analysis of Fisheries Partnership Agreements between the EU and Developing Coastal States



Small-scale fisheries, gender and foreign access agreements

Béatrice Gorez - CFFA

Recent progress on the EU SFPAs and related issues

- ♪ Surplus – landings
- ♪ Transparency – participation of stakeholders
- ♪ Attention given to local needs – the role of men and women



Further work

- ♥ Ex-ante and ex-post evaluations consult, and analyse the impacts of agreements on, men and women in fisheries and their communities
- ♥ Needs of men and women in fisheries and their communities integrated in the sectoral support as well as in technical conditions

Key challenges identified in group work on Governance of tenure in SSF

- 🌸 All relevant stakeholders involved in the formulation & implementation of access regimes & management arrangements
- 🌸 SSF actors organised and have the capacity and capability to participate in decision-making processes



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- ❁ Clearly defined frameworks for tenure and access rights
- ❁ Legal frameworks that reflect regional & international instruments ensuring fishing communities aware of rights and responsibilities
- ❁ Structural circumstances hindering women's participation in decision making on resource governance addressed

Thank you

