



Fisheries
Transparency
Initiative

Update on the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

21st meeting of LDAC Working Group 4

Brussels, 19 October 2017

2nd International Conference, 27 April 2017, Bali

The 2nd
**INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES
TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (FiTI)**
Conference 2017
Launching A New Era of Transparency in Fisheries
April 27, 2017 | Padang Puri, Gianyar, Bali Indonesia
REGISTER

Web site of the Conference: <http://2ndfiticonference.kkp.go.id/>

Marked the official transition
from the conceptual phase to
ongoing implementation phase

Key
outcomes

- Established global FiTI Standard
- Launched 1st FiTI International Board
- Presented status of FiTI pilot countries

FiTI Standard: Information in the public domain to manage marine fisheries sustainably

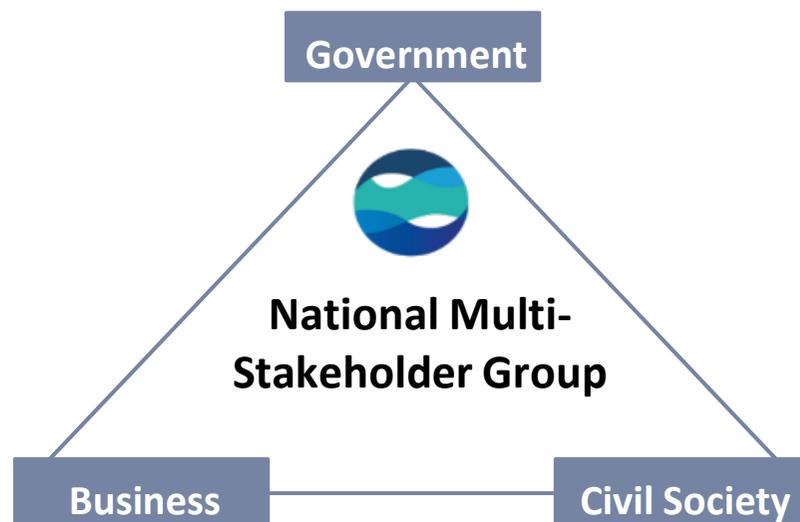
FiTI Transparency requirements (FiTI Standard, section B.1):

1. Public registry of national fisheries laws, regulations and official policy documents
2. Summary of laws and decrees on fisheries tenure arrangements
3. Publication of all foreign fishing access agreements
4. Publication of existing national reports on the state of fish stocks
5. Public online registry of authorised large-scale vessels, as well as information on their payments and recorded catches
6. Information on the small-scale sector, including the numbers of fishers, their catches and financial transfers to the state
7. Information on the post-harvest sector and fish trade
8. Information on law enforcement efforts, including a description of efforts to ensure compliance by fishers and a record of offences in the sector
9. Information on labour standards in the fisheries sector
10. Information on government transfers and fisheries subsidies
11. Information on official development assistance regarding public sector projects related to fisheries and marine conservation
12. Information on the country's status regarding beneficial ownership transparency



FiTI Standard: Progressive improvement of transparency

- Countries do not need to have complete data for every transparency requirement from the beginning.
- Public authorities must disclose the information they have, and where important gaps exist, demonstrate improvements over time.
- Quality and credibility of information through inclusive stakeholder participation.



- ➔ *Is information available at all?*
- ➔ *Is information provided in the public domain (i.e. online)?*
- ➔ *Is information in the public domain accessible?*
- ➔ *Is information in the public domain complete?*

FiTI International Board: Global executive body

Status as of 15 October 2017

Chair

Peter Eigen

Country representatives

Gunilla Greig

Philippe Michaud

Mas Achmad Santosa

Abass Sylla

open

open

Business representatives

Ricardo Bernales

Alexander Biryukov

Gaoussou Gueye

Martin Hadiwinata

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Civil Society representatives

María José Cornax

Sebastian Losada

Francisco Mari

Nedwa Nech

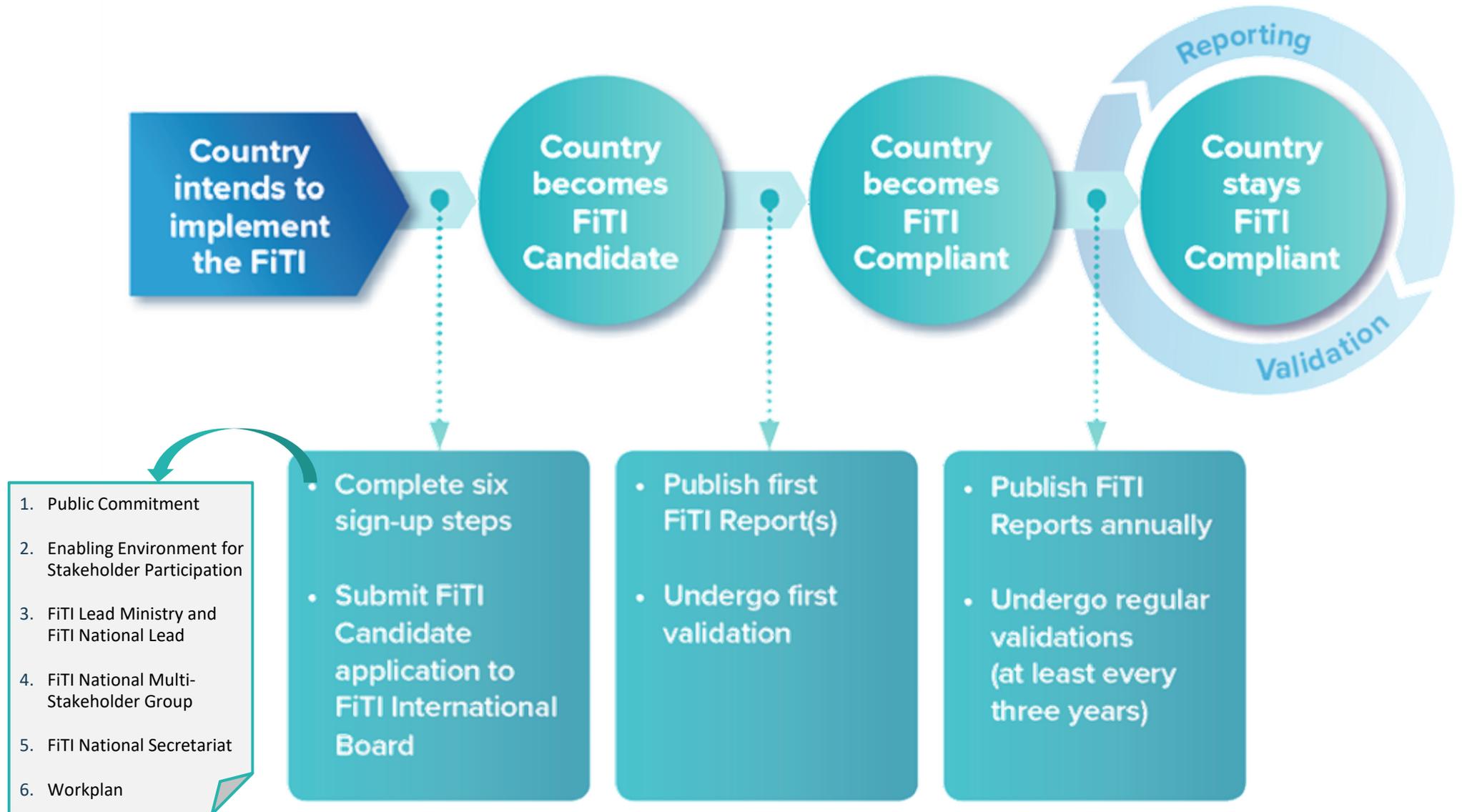
Eduardo Rolón

Alfred Schumm

Alternate:

Barthelemy Batieno

Getting started: Completion of sign-up steps



Status of pilot countries (1/2)



- **Guinean President publicly reiterated commitment to the FiTI just before the Bali Conference**
- **A Presidential decree to give FiTI a legal base in Guinea has been prepared, but not signed yet → necessary to engage with next sign-up steps**



- **Mauritania already established National Multi-Stakeholder Group (based on official decree)**
- **In the process of engaging National Secretariat and preparing 2018 Workplan**
- **Good cross-ministerial cooperation (Finance & Fisheries)**



- **Senegalese Fisheries Minister recently committed to use FiTI as a tool for reinforcing national instruments of fisheries governance**
- **Parliamentarians, artisanal fishers and CSOs in process of forming transparency committee to support government in fulfilling FiTI sign-up steps**

Status of pilot countries (2/2)



- **Seychelles Cabinet endorsed FiTI officially in April 2017**
- **Studies are currently conducted to prepare sign-up step process as well as FiTI reporting**
- **Reiteration of commitment to host FiTI International Secretariat 2018/19**



- **Indonesia is currently establishing the legal framework for the FiTI**
- **Internal review by DG Capture Fisheries regarding FiTI transparency requirements**

Three major workstreams over the next 6-9 months

Pilot country support

- Provide ongoing support for 5 pilot countries
- Explore regional support approach (IOC pilot)

Stakeholder outreach

- Engage with interested governments
- Discuss FiTI benefits with investment community & retailers
- Contact donors for funding

Transition Int. Secretariat

- Determine fully-costed transition plan
- Establish legal entity for FiTI („FiTI Association“)

Upcoming meetings / events

Extract

- ➔ **Side event at Regional parliamentarian network APPEL*
“Transparency and the blue economy in the fisheries sector in Africa” (Conakry, 24-27 October 2017)**
- ➔ **UNFCCC side event "Ocean Governance for Sustainable Food Security in Changing Climate" (Bonn, November 2017)**
- ➔ **Guinea country visit (December 2017)**
- ➔ **3rd FiTI International Board meeting (Berlin, January 2018)**

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