

NEWSLETTER

QUARTELY WFF MEMBERS UPDATE 02: 2012



Message from the Co-Presidents

Dear Members!

It is always our pleasure to keep you updated on what is happening within the WFF network as well as in the fisheries sector as a whole.

We call upon all members of the WFF to learn about all the ongoing processes in the sector and follow up on their implementation at the national and local community levels.

Wishing you good reading and looking forward to receiving your feedback on the various issues presented to you here!

Margaret Nakato

Arthur Bogason

Coming soon!!

WFF General Assembly

18TH – 24TH NOVEMBER

2012

AFRICA

UGANDA -KAMPALA

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The Executive Committee meeting that took place in February 2012 in Paris decided that WFF should hold its General Assembly in November; it is planned for 18th– 24th November 2012 in Africa, in Uganda.

Apart from offering an opportunity for WFF members to meet face-to-face, and small-scale fisher organizations to develop a common position on various fisheries issues, the meeting will include a seminar/ trainings on New UN FAO policies to strengthen the skills and knowledge of small-scale fisher organizations' leaders to mobilize and organize small-scale fisher communities to embrace the policies to protect small-scale fishing.

Seminars/ Trainings on policy will include:

1. International Guidelines for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries
2. Global Strategic Framework
3. Working of the Civil Society Mechanism of the reformed committee of the Committee of the World Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
4. Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for responsible tenure of land fisheries and forests.
5. Explore, review and establish partnerships with various institutions (IPC, IFAD, ICSF, CSM, NEPAD, More and Better and FAO).
6. The program will also include the election of new office-bearers for WFF, as well as the celebration of the World Fisheries day of 21st .November 2012

What to do

All member organizations are reminded to reserve the dates of 18th to 24th November for the above event. For each of the member organizations, an invitation will be sent to you to send the names of 2 representatives to the General Assembly in Uganda. One of the 2 representatives should be female so as to ensure a fair representation of all. Depending

on the status of funding, both or one of the representatives will be facilitated by the WFF secretariat to come and attend the General Assembly.

Until now, about 50% of the required funds have been promised, and in the event that the secretariat is not able to raise funding to sponsor the 2 representatives from each organization, then member organizations will be requested to support one of their participants to this important meeting if they can possibly do so.

Members that are willing to take over leadership in the WFF should prepare to stand for elections.

The secretariat also welcomes ideas from members on how the changes that they want to see in the program and specifically how they want the World Fisheries day to be celebrated, members are also encouraged to bring any materials such as educational or information materials about fisheries

that they would like to share with other members. Any other materials such as fishing gears that contribute to and promote good fishing practices are also welcome.

30th committee on Fisheries (COFI)



The Committee on Fisheries (COFI) held its 30th Session in Rome from 9th to 13th July 2012. The session was attended by 120 Members of the Committee and one Associated Member, by observers from two other FAO Member Nations, by representatives from six specialized agencies of the United Nations, and by observers from 64 intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations

WFF facilitated the participation of 4 members representatives drawn from North America, Europe, Asia and Africa to participate in the COFI. The 5th participant representing Latin America was supported with the funding from International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) We thank ICSF for the support.

Before the COFI the 5 WFF representatives joined the representatives from civil society from all over the world to build a deeper

understanding of the international guidelines for securing small scale fisheries and updating participants on the development achieved to date. The meeting provided a better understanding of the guidelines to members, and what the civil society is doing to ensure that the voices of small-scale fishers are included in the guidelines.

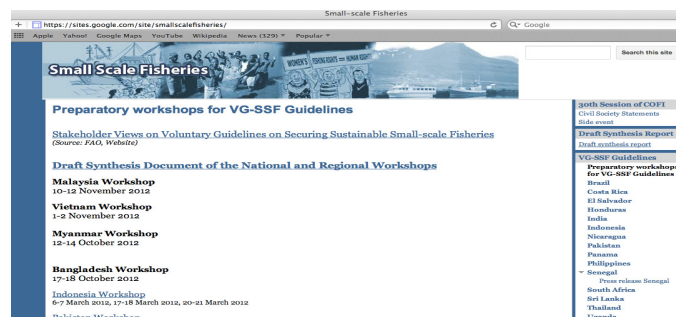
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011 AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

WFF annual reports for the year 2011 are available on the WFF website in all the three languages (English, French and Spanish)

Upcoming Events;

1. Development of the principles of responsible agricultural investment (rai)
2. Ongoing National consultation on the development of the international guidelines for securing small-scale fisheries. (Tanzania and Kenya)

<https://sites.google.com/site/smallscalefisheries/>



3. 39th UN Committee on the World Security (CFS) Plenary Session. (15th – 20th October 2012)
4. Annual Civil Society Mechanism Forum (13th & 14th October 2012)

Update yourself on the work of civil society and on what is going on at the UN Committee on World Food Security by paying attention to the regular briefs “ Latest activity of the CSM” and on CSM website at www.csm4cfs.org . Next time it will be you representing the WFF on the CSM!

Global Right to Food Network. (GRtF)

Final discussion on the establishment of the network “Global right to food Network” will be taking place in September organized by FIAN. We at the secretariat think that this is an opportunity for the WFF to secure membership in such a global network. However members are free to express their views on whether or not the WFF should become members to this global network.

