



## ASEM Forum

### "Towards enhanced cooperation and better understanding of marine fisheries"

#### Brussels

28-29 April 2009

#### Agenda

Tuesday 28 April 2009	
09:00-09:25	<p><b>Registration of participants and coffee</b>  <b>BERLAYMONT, Room W. HALLSTEIN</b>, Rond point Schuman,            B-1040 Brussels</p>
09:25-10:00	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b> by the <b>EU host European Commission</b>,  <i>Mr Fokion FOTLADIS, Director General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</i> (10')</p> <p>Followed by a short comment on the ASEM context by the European Commission ASEM Coordinator, <i>Mr. James MORAN, ASEM Senior Official, Director for Asia, DG External Relations</i> (5')</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Asian co-sponsor, <b>India</b>  <i>Mr Shri KRISHNALAH, Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board</i> (10')</p> <p>EU co-sponsor, <b>Spain</b>  <i>Mr Fernando CURCIO, Director General of Fisheries resources, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food</i> (10')</p> <p>The key purposes, which helped to shape the first ASEM Forum on Marine Fishery (Yantai, China 2008), remain at the forefront of the Brussels Forum in 2009.</p> <p>To foster on going discussions, four issues of common concern have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;</li> <li>• Tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations;</li> <li>• Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures;</li> <li>• Aquaculture.</li> </ul>

10:00 - 11:00	<p><b>SESSION 1: "Illegal, Unreported &amp; Unregulated fishing (IUU)"</b></p> <p>Chair and rapporteur: <b>Portugal</b>, <i>Ms Helena FIGUEIREDO</i>  <i>Deputy Director General of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Agriculture</i></p> <p>To answer the challenges imposed by IUU fishing, the EC adopted a new regulation in 2008, applicable from 1 January 2010, which aims at preventing, deterring and eliminating such activities. It sets up a comprehensive and rational control system, from the net to the plate, to ensure an efficient enforcement of conservation and management measures for the mutual benefit of flag States, market States and operators abiding by the rules.</p> <p>The IUU fishing is a critical issue within RFMOs, especially the adoption of efficient measures to identify those practices and to fight against the trade of IUU products and the implementation of decision-making procedures to address IUU fishing activities.</p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian actors and their view - Thailand</b>  <i>Mrs. Waraporn PROMPOJ, Director, Fisheries Foreign Affairs Division Department of Fisheries (15')</i></li> <li>• <b>European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The new EU regulation on IUU fishing &amp; current state of play  <i>Mr Jean-Pierre VERGINE, Deputy Head of Unit - Policy Officer - Implementation of IUU Regulation (7')</i></li> <li>*The role played by Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMO's) in the fight against IUU fishing  <i>Mr Staffan EKWALL, Desk Officer International Fisheries (7')</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion debate (30')</b></p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee
11:30-12:30	<p><b>SESSION 2: "Tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)" : "Future challenges for tuna fisheries"</b></p> <p>Chair and rapporteur: <b>France</b>  <i>Ms. Delphine LEGUERRIER, Head of office of European and International affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</i></p> <p>Tuna RFMOs are facing global challenges, which require common solutions in order to strengthen their action and effectiveness.</p>

	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian actors and their view – Japan</b> <i>Mr Masanori MIYAHARA, Councillor, Resources Management Department, Fishery Agency of Japan (10')</i></li> <li>• <b>European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</b> Global tuna Governance: common problems and solutions, how to strengthen RFMOs action and effectiveness <i>Mr Roberto CESARI, Head of sector, Desk Officer International Fisheries (10')</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion debate (40')</b></p>
12:30 - 14:00	<p>Buffet lunch hosted by the European Commission</p> <p>BERLAYMONT, Hall 1</p>
14:00-15:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: "Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures: Trading of high quality of foodstuffs and looking ahead to future development policies"</b></p> <p>Chair and rapporteur: <b>Vietnam</b> <i>Mr Dinh THANH PHUONG, National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department</i></p> <p>Food safety was one of the topics of the first ASEM Forum on Marine Fisheries. The European Union attaches great importance to high quality goods and sustainable trade. European standards are often perceived as one of the most important trade barriers to exports. It is an issue of common concern, which requires further discussion.</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian actors and their view – Indonesia</b> <i>Mr Martani HUSEINI, Director General of Processing and Marketing of Fish Products, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (10')</i></li> <li>• <b>EU actors and their view -Ensuring the delivery of high quality goods and sustainable trade</b> * <b>The Netherlands, Mr Gerard ROESSINK, Senior Scientific Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality(7')</b> * <b>European Commission DG Health and Consumers</b> <i>Mr Jacky LE GOSLES, Advisor (7')</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion debate (35')</b></p>

15:00 - 15:30	Coffee
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>SESSION 4: Aquaculture "Tools for sustainable development "</b></p> <p>Chair and rapporteur: <b>China</b>  <i>Mrs Kaiyuan WANG, First Secretary, Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Communities</i></p> <p>Asian and European countries agree on the growing importance of aquaculture to supply world markets. In other words, it is an important element for the future. Asians and Europeans should work in close collaboration, especially to achieve a sustainable development of this activity.</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian actors and their view - India</b>  <i>Mr Shri KRISHNALAH, Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board (10')</i></li> <li>• <b>European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</b>        Overview of the EU legislative framework for aquaculture with reference to environmental integrity and social responsibility  <i>Mr Richard BATES, Policy Officer - Health Issues (10')</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion debate (40')</b></p>
16:30-17:30	<p><b>Plenary session:</b>        Chaired by: <i>Mr. Pierre AMILHAT, Director B "International Affairs and Markets", European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</i></p> <p><i>Mr Masanori MIYAHARA, Councillor, Resources Management Department, Fishery Agency of Japan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of conclusions of panel discussions (delivered by chair of each panel)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Session I "IUU fishing" (10')</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Session II "Tuna RFMO's" (10')</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Session III "SPS Measures" (10')</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Session IV "Aquaculture" (10')</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- General conclusions on the conference and lessons learnt– (10')  
 ASIAN co-sponsor, **India**  
*Mr Shri KRISHNALAH, Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board*
  
- EU co-sponsor, **Spain**  
*Mr Fernando CURCIO, Director General of Fisheries resources, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food*
  
- Concluding remarks - *Pierre AMILHAT, Director B "International Affairs and Markets", European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (10')*

**Wednesday 29 April 2009**

10:00	<b>Departure of coach from</b>
11:00- 13:00	<b>CHARLEMAGNE (170, Rue de la Loi, Brussels) for tour to Seafood Exhibition, the largest seafood event in the world. Possibility of exchange with other participants.</b> <a href="http://www.euroseafood.com/09/public/enter.aspx">http://www.euroseafood.com/09/public/enter.aspx</a>
13h30	<b>Cocktail reception hosted by Spain</b>
Afternoon	<b>Free time</b>
15h00	<b>Departure of coach back to city centre</b>