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6th Forum of artisanal fisheries stakeholders in Mbour : Transparency in Senegal management of fisheries

What strategy for the sustainable development of fisheries

Concept note

1. Introduction

Transparency is a key aspect in fisheries management. It is a fundamental and essential element to ensure sustainable development of fisheries, generating prosperity shared by all. The important place occupied by transparency in the fisheries sector has led to the organisation by APRAPAM of several events on the topic, including the *“Panel on transparency and co-management in the marine fisheries in Senegal”* in November 2013 (see aprapam.org).

The Fisheries industry transparency Initiative (FiTI) was launched at the beginning of the year 2015. It is a multi-stakeholder initiative inspired, in its conception, from EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative).

Discussions about FITI started in Mauritania, with the Nouakchott Declaration signed on January 20, 2015 by Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. The FiTI will establish an international multi-stakeholders Committee with equal representation of Governments, the fishing sector of civil society. It will establish the principles, the criteria of transparency and guidelines - what information must be published and in what way.

A multi-stakeholder Committee in each country will verify the information, which will then be published through the FITI, on an annual basis.

On the 3 February 2016, at the invitation of the President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the heads of State and Governments, high level representatives of the private sector, civil society and other actors in the fisheries sector met in Nouakchott, Mauritania, to formally launch the FiTI initiative.

Mauritania is committed to become the first country to implement the FITI. The Republic of Senegal, through the voice of its President, Macky Sall, as well as the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of Seychelles have also decided to become parts of the initiative and to begin the process of forming a Multi-stakeholders National Group in 2016, applying transparency in their fisheries sector on the basis of an inclusive process.

APRAPAM, in line with this orientation, and wanting to support this initiative, will invite Senegalese fisheries sector stakeholders to reflect on how this Multi-stakeholders national Group could form, and also to identify what specific information would be necessary to publish to improve transparency in Senegal fisheries, in a way that better informs stakeholders and promotes their participation in the responsible management of fisheries in Senegal.

2. Objectives of the forum:

1. Identify the main areas where the publication of existing information about Senegal fisheries is necessary, including:

- Fishing agreements and fishing authorisations;
- The licensing: functioning of the system of licensing, publication of lists of licensed vessels¹;
- The joint ventures - the publication of the full audit of the Senegalese flag ;
- The fish products processing infrastructure agreements ;
- The system of approval for fisheries processing plants ;
- The implementation and management of the cold chain ;
- The management and operation of States infrastructure concessions to third parties : fish landing sites, artisanal processing areas, etc. ;
- The information system and the reliability of the data that contribute to the sustainable management of fisheries (assessment of fisheries resources and the potential for exploitation, statistics, data for assessing fishing capacity and effort, registration of pirogues, fishing licenses, control, surveillance and monitoring of fisheries, etc.) ;
- The implementation and execution of development programmes and projects in the sector.

2. Propose a process for the rapid establishment of the FiTI Multi-stakeholders National Group for Senegal : composition, functioning.

3. Expected result

A framework and scope for action are defined for the FiTI Multi-stakeholders National Group for Senegal, mobilising decision-makers, fishing sector professionals and civil society stakeholders.

¹ The last version of the decree for the application of the new fisheries code provides for the presence of two representatives of industrial fishing and a representative of small-scale fishing in licensing committee
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