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OECS High-Level WTO Fisheries Workshop

Date: February 24-25, 2021

Time: 9a-1p Eastern Caribbean Time (ECT) / 8a-12p Eastern US Time (EST) / 2-6p Central European Time (CET)

Location: Webex (click links below to join)

Day 1 - <https://pew.webex.com/pew/j.php?MTID=m3f9ffd53b684932d48c9df87d727898c>

Day 2- <https://pew.webex.com/pew/j.php?MTID=m33eb85cadb5941eedbed43dc6f6e3db0>

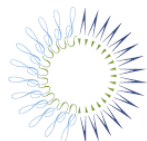
WTO members gave themselves a mandate following the Buenos Aires 2017 Ministerial Conference to reach an agreement to end harmful fisheries subsidies by their next ministerial. United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 Target 6 also tasked the WTO with reaching an agreement to end harmful fisheries subsidies by 2020. Overfishing remains an ever-present threat, with the latest United Nations State of Fishery and Aquaculture (SOFIA) report revealing that the global proportion of overfished stocks has increased to 34%. Harmful subsidies have been demonstrated to contribute to this excess fishing pressure, and with the SDG 2020 deadline missed, WTO members must work to as soon as possible secure an agreement to eliminate harmful fisheries subsidies in the year 2021 – the ocean can no longer wait.

Objective(s): Convene high-level OECS trade/foreign affairs and fisheries officials to:

- Update on the status of the WTO fisheries subsidies negotiations;
- Understand the extent of global and Caribbean subsidy spending;
- Analyze the current draft text circulated by the chair of the Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations;
- Deep dive into the areas of contention in the text for the Caribbean members; and
- Understand how a strong subsidies agreement can be used to advance OECS fisheries sustainability goals.

Audience:

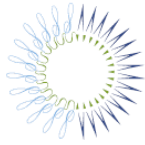
- OECS Geneva Mission (Head of Mission, delegates/negotiators)
- OECS Commission (Trade Policy Unit, Ocean Governance and Fisheries, Environment Sustainability)
- Senior trade/foreign affairs/fisheries/maritime affairs officials from:
 - Antigua and Barbuda



- Dominica
- Grenada
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Montserrat

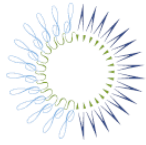
Agenda:

Day 1 –	
Theme: Overviewing Fisheries Subsidies at the WTO & Beginning Textual Deep Dive	
Time	Agenda Item
9:00am ECT	<p>Welcome Remarks & Introductions <i>A keynote address from the chair of the fisheries subsidies negotiations, followed by welcome remarks from the organizers, an overview of workshop objectives, and an introduction of participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Santiago Wills, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the WTO • Isabel Jarrett, The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) • Alice Tipping, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) • Jacqueline Emmanuel-Flood, OECS Commission
9:15am ECT	<p>Setting Context: Overfishing, Subsidies, and the Caribbean <i>A look at the state of global and Caribbean fish stocks, and an overview of global subsidy spending, with a particular focus on the types of subsidy programs beneficial for Caribbean/OECS fishery sustainability</i></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rainer Froese, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel and Dr. Deng Palomares, University of British Columbia (UBC) • Dr. Rashid Sumaila, UBC • H.E. Ambassador Stephen Fevrier, OECS Geneva Mission <p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew
10:15am ECT	<p>State of Play: WTO Fisheries Subsidies draft text <i>A brief review of the current status of the fisheries subsidies negotiations and main text elements, focusing on the key decisions needed for an agreement, with deep dives into these elements to follow</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Tipping, IISD <p><u>Discussant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Trade Negotiations, CARICOM Secretariat



	<p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew
11:15am ECT	Break
11:25am ECT	<p>Text Deep Dive: Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) fishing <i>A deep dive into the IUU section of the draft fisheries subsidies text, with particular focus on the issue of determinations, beginning with an overview from Pew/IISD of the key decisions, and including presentations of tools and technologies for combating IUU in the Caribbean</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Murray, CRFM • Bradley Soule, Ocean Mind <p><u>Discussant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Vivas Eugui, UNCTAD <p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Tipping, IISD • Reyna Gilbert, Pew
12:25pm ECT	End Day 1/Preview Day 2

Day 2 – Theme: Textual Deep-Dive (continued) & Implementation – What Would the Agreement Mean for Us?	
Time	Agenda Item
9:00am ECT	<p>Text Deep Dive: Overfished stocks <i>A deep dive into the Overfished stocks section of the draft fisheries subsidies text, including the question of SDT, beginning with an overview from Pew/IISD of the key decisions</i></p> <p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew • Alice Tipping, IISD <p><u>Discussant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustaqeem de Gama, ACP Fisheries Subsidies Focal Point
9:30am ECT	<p>Text Deep Dive: Overcapacity/Overfishing (OCOF) Part 1 <i>A deep dive into the overcapacity/overfishing section of the draft fisheries subsidies text, with particular focus on Art.5.2 and placement of the artisanal carveout (i.e. OCOF or scope), beginning with an overview from Pew/IISD of the key decisions</i></p> <p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew • Tristan Irschlinger, IISD <p><u>Discussant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustaqeem de Gama, ACP Fisheries Subsidies Focal Point



10:30am ECT	Break
10:40am ECT	<p>Text Deep Dive: OCOF Part 2 – Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) <i>A deep dive into SDT for the OCOF pillar, with particular focus on evaluating appropriate options, beginning with an overview from Pew/IISD of the key decisions</i></p> <p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew • Alice Tipping, IISD <p><u>Discussant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Richards, OECS Geneva Mission
11:30am ECT	<p>TACB Needs and Resources for Implementation <i>After a presentation of the technical assistance/capacity building needs in order for the Eastern Caribbean region to implement WTO fisheries subsidies disciplines, a review of IISD’s policy brief which presents steps and recommendations for implementation, followed by an exploration of available TACB resources and how to access them</i></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Fisheries Official, St. Vincent and the Grenadines • Alice Tipping, IISD • David Vivas Eugui, UNCTAD • Dr. Charlotte de Fontaubert, World Bank <p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyna Gilbert, Pew
12:30pm ECT	<p>Workshop Recap/Closing Thoughts <i>Closing remarks from the organizers, followed by an opportunity for participants to reflect on their key takeaways and share final thoughts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel Jarrett, Pew • Alice Tipping, IISD • H.E. Ambassador Stephen Fevrier, OECS Geneva Mission
1:00pm ECT	Dismiss